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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers
Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:

Councilwoman Colwell led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: *Mayor Linda Barton*

Councilman Steve Ramirez

Chairman Pro Tem Lisa Rentfro

Councilwoman Doris Colwell

Councilwoman Henderson

All council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as submitted. Mayor Barton seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Colwell, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for March

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the appropriations for March as submitted.

Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Colwell, Rentfro, Barton, Ramirez, Henderson

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilwoman Colwell met with the Solid Waste Management District and helped grade seven (7) grant applications. She was not able to help grade the City of Aurora's application. She will attend a Hospital Board meeting on April 10th.

Councilwoman Henderson asked for a remembrance for Betty Hall who recently passed away.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Resolution No. 2014-1312*

A Resolution appointing membership to the Aurora Municipal Airport Board (Barton)

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Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1312 which appoints Darrin Barton to the Airport Board. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Ramirez, Colwell

NAYE: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton abstained due to the candidate for office being her son

B. *Resolution No. 2014-1313*

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Lamar Companies (I-44 Billboard)

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-1313 which approves the contract with Lamar Companies for the I-44 billboard. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Rentfro, Colwell, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

C. *Discussion/ Approval on negotiating a possible agreement with Briggs/Fulp to provide reimbursement of the cost to install city sewer to their property on Missouri Highway 39 in conjunction with annexation of their property into the city*

Planning and Zoning recommended negotiating an agreement to put in the sewer connection for the Briggs/Fulp development in return for annexation of their property into the city.

Briggs/Fulp is building a strip mall that sits just outside the present city limits. They presently have a contract with Sears to move outside the city limits to their facility when it is finished. They are asking the city to provide the sewer connection for them in return for their annexation into the city.

It was suggested that tax money Sears generates in a year would pay for the sewer connection. City Manager Randall stated the city could not afford to lose the sales tax revenue generated by Sears. Upon advisement from City Attorney Petrus it was established that if the city reimbursed Briggs/Fulp for the cost of labor and materials the city would still have to pay prevailing wages so it would be a much better option for the city to bid out the project and put the sewer to their property line.

Councilwoman Colwell was concerned that if this project was approved the hospital could come and ask the city to fund putting sewer to their property at the city's expense. City Manager Randall explained that money that belonged to the city years ago was put aside by the hospital that will provide the matching funds for that project.

Councilman Ramirez was afraid of the precedent it would set for other individuals to make the same requests. He felt there was not enough information to make a determination.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro wanted to give an incentive to encourage business within the city. Mayor Barton felt that the city needed to provide the service so Sears. The city needs the tax revenue they generate.

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Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro made the motion for the city to run the city sewer line to the Briggs/Fulp property line in exchange for their annexation into the city. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Colwell, Rentfro, Henderson, Barton

NAYES: Ramirez

D. First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2987

An ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the request from Paul Leitle for a Re-Plat of the Leitle Minor Subdivision

Leitle's Minor Subdivision requested approval from Planning and Zoning to move their lot line between their business and their house. This would give them flexibility in the future if they decide to sell off the house. Presently the lot line runs through the corner of the business. Planning and Zoning approved the request and forwarded their recommendation for passage.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the First Reading of Bill No. 2014-2987. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Colwell, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

E. Discussion on Southwest Regional Solid Waste District Grant

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro is the liaison to the Southwest Regional Solid Waste District with Councilwoman Colwell being the alternate. The primary grant call was done earlier in the year with a few funds being left over for the second round grant competition. City Manager Randall submitted a grant for ½ of the cost (\$15,500) for a leaf vacuum and collection box (\$31,000).

The public works department is presently using the street broom, loader and backhoe to load leaves and haul them to the compost pile. The process presently takes three (3) employees to operate. By using this equipment it is really wearing out the equipment that was originally purchased for a completely different purpose. On the plus side if the vacuum was purchased it would cut down on one person needed to do the job.

Aurora was offered \$5,000 toward its project. Questions were asked as to whether the money could be held over and the grant be submitted again for the same thing. The answer was no funding could be held over from one year to the next.

The total purchase price of the vacuum and collection box would be \$31,000. With the grant award of \$5,000 that would leave a total cost left for the city to absorb of \$26,200. The question left was did the city want to fund the other portion not funded through the grant for the equipment.

Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro moved to accept the \$5,000 grant from the Southwest Regional Solid Waste District Grant to be put toward the purchase price of the leaf vacuum and collection box with remaining funds to come from

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the Transportation Department. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Rentfro, Barton, Henderson
NAYES: Ramirez, Colwell

X. **REPORTS**

A. *Board Liaison Reports*

Park Board - Ramirez

The park board is looking at ways to refurbish their bleachers and benches.

White Park - Ramirez

The board is ready to submit their application for Phase II of the walking trails. Phase II will extend from present trail down Lewis Shaw to the football field.

The board is looking into burying electrical lines in the park in the area the trail will be located. The project would increase their electric bill by \$83 a month. The meter by the basketball court would need to be moved by the ball field.

Airport – Henderson

Hangar damage was discussed. Board nominated new member.

Planning & Zoning – Barton

Increased square footage for home occupational use was discussed and turned down. No decision was made on storage of vehicles on personal property. Staff will bring back a recommendation. Diane May was not able to attend the meeting. Discussed request from Leitle Minor Subdivision and approved.

Bright Futures – Barton

The Junior High is requesting the need for donations of cutting boards. The 5K run will be held on April 26. Entry fee will be \$20 per applicant. Scholarship forms are available.

B. *City Attorney Report*

City Attorney Petrus reported on the following items:

- Supreme Court case is pending relating to prayer in a public meeting place.
- Bill pending in legislature that will clarify and fortify the Sunshine Law. If passed will be effective in August.

C. *City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- The sale of the old creamery has fallen through. Ownership has gone back to the bank. The bank has contacted a contractor to do some work on the outside brick problem to bring it up to code.
- Water is on in the parks.
- A vandal crashed into an old Airport Hangar causing damage to several posts. A temporary post was put in by a contractor to help stabilize the hangar. In reviewing the facility it appears that other posts are rotting off at ground level. Council was asked for input on whether they wanted to order Justin Richmond FBO at the Airport to remove all the planes from

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the hangar until repairs could be made. It was noted Richmond relies on the income from the hangars. The insurance broker has recommended all planes be removed until repairs can be made. Any further collapse of the structure would be the city's responsibility if the planes are not removed. Council's feelings were to leave the planes until repairs could be made.

City Manager Randall asked if Council wanted the city's engineer to do a structural review before the job was bid out. Several options were discussed and it was left that if the City Manager did not hear anything from council he would pursue getting a structural review. In a previous communication from the engineer he too recommended removing the planes. City Attorney Petrus felt the plane owners should have their own planes insured.

- A conference call was held by MoDOT. A 1955 agreement was signed with them stating that if MoDOT would keep up the maintenance on the streets and roads then the city agreed to keep up all the sidewalks within the scope of the city limits during the time frame of that agreement. MoDOT explained they were getting pressure from the federal government to bring all sidewalks up to ADA compliance. They proposed using the city's STP funds (\$80,000) and anticipated funds for the next three years (\$30,000 annually) (\$90,000 total) and would not require a match from the city to do the project. It was suggested by the city that we had other projects that we wanted to earmark those funds for but were told MoDOT would be hard pressed to make any further agreements, as they have no funding, until such a time as the sidewalk project was finalized.

The boundaries they spoke of were East Hadley on the South, Olive on the North, Hudson on the East and Lewis Shaw Drive on the West.

Where no sidewalks presently exist they would not require one to be put in. MoDOT will draft an agreement for council's consideration.

XI. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Eddie Breeding asked if the leaf vacuum would be used for residential pickup. It would be. He had a friend with a smaller unit and implied the city might be better off to purchase a smaller unit than the one proposed and still get the job done.

Councilwoman Colwell reported that 5.8 tons of paper had been picked up in the green recycling bins this past week.

Councilman Ramirez asked if the city could not get someone to clean up the bricks around the creamery and bill it to the holding bank on the property. It was explained that the property is presently being pursued under the dangerous building ordinance and the bank has hired someone to start work on the necessary repairs.

Councilman Ramirez stated he had not heard any report from the Mayor on the Economic Development meeting she had attended. Mayor Barton stated it was not really an Economic Development meeting. The group she had met with were not really actively pursuing economic development but rather were in the background for support. They

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are trying to promote Aurora. She heard their objectives and urged them to partner with the city by meeting with city council to help promote the city. The group does not regularly meet unless there is a reason.

Councilman Ramirez stated then there is no movement in economic development. City Manager Randall stated that was not true. Economic Development takes place in many different forms. New development comes from existing businesses such as the action taken tonight by the city council extending sewer usage to businesses to be part of the community. Potential expansion for old and new businesses that's what it's all about.

Judy Dingman, Aurora Advertiser, inquired what was happening on the corner of Church and Elliott. Gasoline tanks were being removed from the property.

Mayor Barton stated she had received a thank you card from Judge Any Hager.

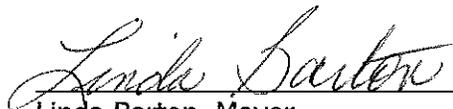
Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro reminded everyone of the City Forum that would take place with the debate squad from the High School interviewing potential city council candidates this Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Rita Engeldinger, potential candidate, stated she would have preferred to have the questions that were going to be asked of the candidates in advance of the meeting so she could respond better if she was more prepared. Chairman Pro Tem Rentfro stated if would just be questions that could be answered with common knowledge.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:23 p.m. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed by all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



Linda Barton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC