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AURORA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers Tuesday, September 10, 2013 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:

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL: Mayor Linda Barton

Chairman Pro Tem Steve Ramirez

Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro

Councilwoman Doris Colwell

Vacant

All council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on August 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on August 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Colwell, Barton

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Rentfro Due to absence

Regular Session held on August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Colwell

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton Due to absence

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for August/September

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez moved to approve the appropriations as submitted. Councilwoman Colwell seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Colwell, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton Due to invoice in bill list

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet and Jackie Cline met with the council on a business being operated from their neighbor's garage. This has went on for at least 10 years but it is getting worse. The business was licensed as a mobile repair shop and was not to be operated from his residence. When the business started years ago it was small but has escalated over the years. They don't want to be bad neighbors but the noise is keeping them up at all

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hours of the night. Air tools can be heard as late as midnight to one o'clock in the morning. He is now working on boats, trailers and ATV's in his front yard. His business is being operated from his garage. He always washes everything before he returns it to his clients and this water runoff is causing grease and oil to come into the Cline's driveway. When approached with this problem it was stated they could just use a power washer to remove the grime.

Mayor Barton agreed as she lives on the same street and said she has had a conversation with him about the situation. The Building Inspector will check out the matter and work to find a solution for this matter.

Niki Hampton, WCA

Nikki spoke with the council about potential recycling in Aurora. She understood the city's bid was upcoming and wanted to know what the city's needs were for recycling. She stated they were looking forward to helping us with our needs. She was informed that the bid the city was preparing was only for trash removal for city properties and not for a mandatory trash bid.

They had several programs they could offer one of which was a comingle program. They could drop off a recycle container at the residence of the participant where all recyclables could be placed without sorting. It would be picked up separately from their trash.

The question was asked if the recycling was contingent on the city having mandatory trash with the company. She stated not necessarily. They might be able to offer the service if they were found to be a preferred hauler in town. Interested parties would have to be a client of the company before recycling could be offered. She asked if a question could be put on the sewer bills to see if there is a true interest in town for recycling. She asked that two questions be put on the bill:

1. Are you interested in recycling?
2. Are you willing to pay a small fee for recycling?

Nikki was asked what a nominal fee was that other cities paid for recycling. She stated \$4 to \$5 per month.

Theresa Pettit stated that the park board was getting ready to put out a survey with the tax billing and if the city would like they could dovetail with them and put something on their survey about this matter.

Councilwomen Colwell and Rentfro liaisons with the Solid Waste Management District are working to get recycling reinstated in the city. There is an avenue for most recyclables in the area except glass.

VII. COMMUNITY FORUM

Councilwoman Rentfro mentioned that Jeremy Orr who lived at the corner of Pleasant and Harrison had a storm drain fall in which took out his air conditioning. It presents a liability for the city if anyone gets hurt. She felt someone needed to look into the matter.

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Mayor Barton introduced the city's new Deputy Chief Garry Earnest who comes to the city from the City of Mount Vernon.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on MFA Bio Mass dust issues with Dustin Dover, General Manager

Dustin Dover, Area Manager of MFA Bio Mass was present to discuss their business and what measures they were taking to put a solution in place for the dust issues.

As the dust issues arose he had met with Trent and Interim City Manager Price about the problems. Initially they tried a sock containment system which did not make any notable difference with the problem.

In June production increased to 24 hour days, five days a week. Production ramped up harder, faster and more material was being ran through. They worked with an air quality company which recommended two things. One, they install a cyclone to separate the dust from the air and two, to add water. Neither recommendation fixed the problem.

In August they contacted another Engineering Company, THA Company, who came down and assessed the problem. They recommended a bag house which should have a rating of 7,000 cfm. The engineer recommended several vendors who had products that would meet the requirements of the system they recommended. MFA Bio Mass contacted one of the companies out of Cleveland, Ohio and purchased a bag house rated for 10,000 cfm off the floor. It plans to be shipped on 9-11-2013. This will allow Bio Mass capacity for 30% growth in the future. The bag house is a system like cabinet shops use. It is more like a flour mill that collects particulant matter together to make pellets. The plant will need to be rewired from the North end of the plant to the south end. Linco a local company will be doing the rewiring once the equipment arrives.

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez wanted the public to understand that MFA has tried several different avenues to correct the problem. They haven't just sat back and did nothing. Dustin Dover stated they couldn't just shut down to fix the problem.

They are happy to be located in aurora and look forward to doing business for many more years. They do not employ a single minimum wage employee. They value their employees and the work they do for the company. Nine new jobs were created with increase in production.

Interim City Manager Price thanked MFA Bio Mass and stated his appreciation for everything they had to go through to find a solution to the problem. The general public would not have understood the channels that had to be gone through to gain approval to order the new equipment and get it here and installed.

B. Resolution No. 2013-1272

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA

Councilwoman Colwell moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-1272 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide a youth

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basketball program. Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Rentfro, Barton, Ramirez, Colwell

NAYES: 0

- C. *First Reading of Bill No. 2013-2969*
An ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the infrastructure in Brookside Estates

Brookside Estates did not request an inspection when the streets were asphalted. City staff recommended Gardner Capital be made to be responsible for the streets for an additional two years. Gardner Capital was agreeable to the request. The streets will be accepted after the two year waiting period providing they are in good condition.

Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2013-2969. Mayor Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye on the motion:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Colwell

NAYES: 0

X. *REPORTS*

A. *Board Liaison Reports*

Park Board

Park Board was postponed until next Monday, September 16, 2013.

Solid Waste Management District

Councilwomen Rentfro and Colwell attended a meeting at Four Points Recycling in Cassville. They toured the facility and saw how they melt Styrofoam into bales. The company has a contract with someone in Oklahoma for the bales and another contract with Walmart for a sponge type material they manufacture. They don't have much money invested in equipment which makes it more feasible for the company.

Airport Board

Airport Board meets tomorrow evening.

B. *Interim City Manager Report*

Interim City Manager Price reported on the following items:

- The property at 1502 Highland Street was purchased off the court house steps for the Airport for \$76,000. This resulted in a savings to the city of \$24,000. It will be the last acquisition of land necessary for navigational easements except possibly on the West side. Went and inspected the inside of the home where several useable items were found i.e. well pumps, air conditioning unit, dishwasher etc. All items will be removed prior to demolition of the property. None of the items can be resold but can be utilized by the city since it was purchased with federal funds.
- The airport will need a new master plan and aeronautical GIS in order to receive any further funding from the federal government. This service comes with a price tag of \$75,000 to \$200,000. Engineers will be at the meeting to discuss the new requirements.

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- Four of the city's five flood plain committee members attended training in Jefferson City. They found that any asphaltting done in the flood plain area needed to have a permit filed and all paperwork kept for future audits.
- Final inspection of the new Casey's General Store has been completed.
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- Mr. Richardson has purchased the old Clayton Upholstery Shop on the square and is in the process of renovating it. The city is assessing what they can do to assist this property owner on his sidewalk since it was partially destroyed with the new sidewalks around the square.
- The city has been contacted, again, by Verizon looking for a new location for a tower.
- Playground equipment in the parks is going to be repainted as time permits.
- Met with City Attorney Woodard and City Collector Sherri Woods on a procedure for the city to acquire old derelict properties.
- The federal government is moving from one system to another. CCR numbers used to be required now they are requiring SAM numbers in order to get an federal funding from grants. This is being used as a tool to eliminate city's from the grant process that have not come into compliance.
- Through an email asking for an annual report on the Enhanced Enterprise Zone we found out that our taxing district was out of compliance. The board will need to be re-established and meet to get things moving before any new business could take advantage of the tax abatements for the zone. Aurora has established a 50% tax abatement for an qualifying business. The zone is comprised of Aurora, Pierce City, Marionville and part of Monett.
- Sales tax figures for the month are up 2% for the General Fund and Transportation Fund and 16% for the Local Use Tax.
- The public Works Department has started mowing city right of ways.

C *City Attorney Report*

City Attorney Woodard reported on the following items:

- Worked with the City Manager and City Collector to establish a procedure where the city could acquire delinquent tax properties and demolish them.
- Worked with Walmart to establish a new procedure for convicting stealing cases.
- Worked on a complaint form for anti-tethering cases. Melissa Briggs asked if the city was going to put anti-tethering on the agenda to discuss. John stated we had ordinances in the code book dealing with vicious dogs. John stated he would love any information that the public had on the matter so he could study it before he would make any recommendation for moving forward on an ordinance.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Colwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with all council members voting in favor.

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APPROVED:



Linda Barton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC