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**AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers*

*Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.*

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:** Councilwoman Henderson led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL:** *Mayor David L. Marks*  
*Chairman Pro Tem Rick Boyer*  
*Councilman Steve Ramirez*  
*Councilwoman Linda Barton*  
*Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson*

All Council members were noted present. Councilman Ramirez entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Session held on October 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.*

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Boyer, Barton

NAYES: 0

**V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for October/November**

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations for October/November as submitted. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Boyer, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. COUNCIL FORUM**

Councilwoman Barton stated something has to be done about people raking their leaves into the street. Residents are burning them. We need to get some kind of schedule in the newspaper and on the radio so people will know when their leaves will be picked up.

Carol Pena, 404 S. Lincoln spoke up and said that she had been putting up with the worst burning from surrounding neighbors she had ever endured. The smoke was overpowering. Gasoline has been used to ignite the leaves causing one explosion. It's too dangerous and needs to be stopped.

City Manager Randall stated that we do have an ordinance on file. It's not in accordance with the ordinance to use gasoline. Chief Ward stated that leaves can be burned from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in an approved container. Not on the street.

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City Manager Randall stated that when public works is done building sidewalks in Oak Park he will get them on leaf collection.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3044 making Ordinance No. 2015-3044  
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the 2015 Budget*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3044. This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3044.

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

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks, Boyer

NAYES: Ramirez

- B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3045 making Ordinance No. 2015-3045  
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) Section 130.420 "Holidays"*

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3045. This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3045. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

- C. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3046 making Ordinance No. 2015-3046  
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) Section 130.340 "Overtime Work"*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3046. This bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3046. Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Barton, Boyer, Henderson

NAYES: 0

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. *Approve/Deny recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a request from Robert Meyer for a lot split on his minor subdivision located at 704 Windsor*

This item comes to council with a positive recommendation from Planning and Zoning.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the request from Robert Meyer on his lot split for 704 Windsor. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Boyer, Marks

NAYES: 0

- B. *Approve/Deny request from City Collector to write off adjustment for 619 Oak Knoll Apartments A,B,C,D*

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This is a routine write off as a courtesy to citizens when they have a water leak. City Manager Randall felt the amount was too large to sign off on. He asked Council to make that decision.

With many questions that could not be answered Councilman Ramirez moved to table this matter until the next council meeting so the city collector could be present to explain the matter. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye on the motion:  
AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Boyer, Barton  
NAYES: 0

### *C. Discussion/Vote on 2015 Demolitions*

A list was previously distributed to council on the homes that are slated for demolition. One of the homes on the list located at 546 Rinker caught fire. There was a call reporting that someone was seen in the house.

Scott Pettit, Aurora Beautification Group, understood there was a list of over 200 distressed properties in town. He said that \$40,000 seemed an excessive amount but again it isn't. These buildings have been neglected for so long they need to be chipped away at. All of them will require something. He felt it was a minimum to put toward cleaning them up. If the citizens in this community don't think the city is serious they will let their properties go. We need to get these properties back in shape. We want to partner with the city in this effort.

Aurora Beautification is planning on doing their second home by the end of the year. He urged council to continue their commitment to the future of our community. Don't back away.

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to allow City Manager Randall to go ahead and use the \$40,000 budgeted in the 2015 budget for demolition. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Boyer  
NAYES: Marks, Ramirez

### *D. Resolution No. 2015-1435*

*A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri awarding the bid for roof replacement on the Police Fire Facility to Innovative Construction & Roofing*

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1435 awarding the bid for roof replacement on the police fire facility to Innovative Construction and Roofing for \$146,701.65. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Boyer, Marks, Ramirez  
NAYES: 0

City Manager Randall brought up the issue that Empire District Electric was going to charge the Park Board \$3,500 to move a water line that was in the path of Phase II of the walking trail. Judy Dingman of the Advertiser voiced her opinion that this item could not be voted on as it was not an emergency. City Attorney

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Reynolds stated that the council could add anything to their tentative agenda they wanted.

Councilman Ramirez moved to authorize the City Manager to approve the water relocation expense of \$3,500 from Empire District Electric on Phase II of the walking trail project. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Judy Dingman again stated that citizens needed to be alerted to things that were going to be on the agenda in advance. City Manager Randall stated this was a necessity to the grant that had already previously been accepted.

### **X. REPORTS**

#### *A. Board Liaison Reports*

##### Park Board

The park board went over budget numbers. The board is still waiting on final paperwork on Phase I of the Walking Trail Project. Theresa Pettit, Park Board President that USTA will be holding another tournament on May 21, 2016. It will be advertised nationally. The skate park is getting repainted. They are anticipating doing a competition on May 21<sup>st</sup> as well. The skate park will hold a concession stand that day to benefit the tennis tournament. It is anticipated that the bid will be put out in December for Phase II of the walking trail. That would put the project completion date in May.

##### SWMD

Linda and Mike attended a meeting in Branson. Payout sheets from Crane were received.

##### Planning and Zoning

The board met and recommended the appointment of Darold Farless to a term on the board.

#### *B. City Attorney Report*

None

#### *C. City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following:

- Spoke with several companies in regard to picking up large items for their customers. Most companies for a fee will pick up those items for their customers. City Manager Randall proposed keeping the city out of the cleanup as a middle man. The city could still do the cleanup just let citizens be responsible for their own removal of large items to the drop off.
- Terra Con has been retained by DNR to inspect Radio Shack.

### **XI. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to add \$200 per month for utilities for the American Legion Building in the Public Facilities Budget. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

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Councilwoman Henderson moved to hire two additional seasonal employees in the park. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion failed due to a lack of a quorum vote.

AYES: Barton, Henderson

NAYES: Marks, Ramirez

Councilman Ramirez moved to hire a Maintenance I position in the Park. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilwoman Barton moved to remove from the Park Stormwater Budget the following items to balance the budget in regards to the additional Park Maintenance I position:

- The \$25,000 set aside for the Community Center #7016
- \$30,000 for road pavement in Baldwin Park #7015

Motion passed with the following members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Boyer, Marks

NAYES: Ramirez

Councilwoman Barton moved to add up to \$3,000 in the Fire Department Budget for the purchase of a flatbed for their brush truck. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilman Ramirez moved to add \$10,000 in the budget a city wide cleanup. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to submit the draft budget for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next meeting. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Boyer, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez

### ***XII. ADJOURNMENT***

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC