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**AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

*Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers*

*Tuesday, December 8, 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:** Councilman Ramirez 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.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Session held on November 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the amended minutes for the meeting held on November 24, 2015. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

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

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the appropriations for November/December as submitted. Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Boyer

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Barton (Invoice in bill list)

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rita Lauffer, resident on Lover's Lane registered her complaint about Thomas Guess's request for rezoning. She wanted an exact reason why they wanted the rezoning. It was stated the only reason given was to increase the value of their property when they want to sell it. She was concerned about traffic flow. She was informed that more conversation would be held on the matter when the item comes up on the agenda.

**VII. COUNCIL FORUM**

Councilwoman Henderson stated that Steve Snyder who was doing the economic development video was present and wanted council to preview his video even though it was not totally completed. Council viewed the video.

Councilwoman Barton stated she had received a complaint on semi traffic down Carnation. She thought that discussion had been held in the past to put signs down Carnation prohibiting semi traffic. She also indicated that she knew that MoDOT would

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be providing assistance with this matter when they install the overpass however there are several years in between that she felt council needed to consider doing something.

City Manager Randall stated that during his first term of duty with the city he had drafted an ordinance to prohibit semi traffic however the council at that time decided not to take any action on the matter.

Council asked City Manager Randall to draft something for their consideration.

Mayor Marks stated Bright Futures had applied and would be receiving a \$2,500 grant from the Walton Foundation.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3048 making Ordinance No. 2015-3048 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) by adding Section 130.310 "Call Out"*

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3048 making Ordinance No. 2015-3048. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Boyer, Marks

NAYES: Ramirez

- F. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3049 making Ordinance No. 2015-3049 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri approving and adopting the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget*

Councilman Ramirez made the following statement. "I am not in favor of passing the budget as the city has deficit spent for three years in a row. I felt council needed to be better stewards of city funds and was against passing the budget that way. How long can we go on passing a deficit budget, before the City goes bankrupt? Using City reserves funds (Saving) is NOT how you balance the budget. You would not do this to budget your personal funds, so why do it with the City. This is not typical on how to balance a budget."

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3049 making Ordinance No. 2015-3049. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Boyer

NAYES: Marks, Ramirez

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3050 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the request from Robert Meyer for a lot split of a Minor Subdivision by dividing one lot into two lots at 704 Windsor*

This matter was previously approved at council's last meeting however it was found that in order to record the plat the matter needed to be put into the form

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of an ordinance. That is the reasoning for bringing this matter back for council consideration.

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3050. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Boyer, Ramirez, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

- B. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3050 making Ordinance No. 2015-3050 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the request from Robert Meyer for a lot split of a Minor Subdivision by dividing one lot into two lots at 704 Windsor*

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to approve the second and final reading making Ordinance No. 2015-3050. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion.

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

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Boyer

NAYES: 0

- C. *First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3051 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the Police Service Cooperative Agreement with the City of Marionville*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3051.

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

- D. *First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3052 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Marionville for dispatching*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3052.

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Ramirez, Marks, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: 0

- E. *First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3053 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the request from Ken Madison for a lot split on his minor subdivision by dividing one lot into two lots at the corner of Business 60 and Carnation*

This item comes to city council with a negative recommendation from Planning and Zoning. Mr. Madison stated his property had been surveyed and platted and recorded back in 2003. Until he recently talked with Building Inspector White he had no idea it was not legal until it had been taken to Planning and Zoning and then on to city council for final approval. Planning and Zoning was concerned with drainage issues as the property had to be raised 3-4 ft. to level it. He stated he would be installing guttering on the storage shed. Drainage should travel to the West.

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Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3053. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez

NAYES: Boyer

- F. *First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3054*  
*An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri accepting and approving the rezoning of property located at 1101 Lovers Lane from "R-1" (Single Family Residential) to "M-1" (Light Industry)*

This item came with a negative recommendation from Planning and Zoning. This item died from lack of a motion.

- G. *Resolution No. 2015-1439*  
*A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri awarding a contract for demolition to MDP Contracting*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1439 which awards the contract for demolition of six homes to MDP Contracting for \$29,750.00.

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Henderson, Barton, Marks

NAYES: Ramirez

- H. *Resolution No. 2015-1440*  
*A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri awarding a contract for demolition on 11 W Crescent to MDP Contracting*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1440 awarding one additional house located at 11 W Crescent to the list of homes to be demolished for the contract amount of \$5,900.00. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez

### **X. REPORTS**

#### *A. Board Liaison Reports*

##### SWMD

The board approved the transfer of funds from one line item to another to balance the annual budget.

##### Planning & Zoning

Council dealt with several issues on the agenda that the board reviewed at its last meeting.

##### Airport Board

The board will meet tomorrow.

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**Park Board**

The board has not met since last month.

*B. City Attorney Report*

No report was given.

*C. City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- The light that council reported that was out around the square has been repaired.
- Christmas decorations are up.
- The sidewalk in Oak Park has been started.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 610.021 (2)**

*Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor*

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 (2).

Time noted 7:20 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Boyer, Marks, Barton

NAYES: 0

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to come back into open session at 7:40 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Marks, Boyer, Barton

NAYES: 0

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Time noted 7:41 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