

# "Improving the quality of life for Aurora"

## *AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.*

### ***I. CALL TO ORDER:***

Mayor Pro Tem Barton 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 Linda Barton*

*Councilman Steve Ramirez*

*Councilwoman Lisa Rentfro*

*Councilwoman Rosemary Henderson*

Mayor Marks was absent. All other members were noted present.

### ***IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

*Regular Session held on February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

### ***V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for February***

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the appropriations for February as submitted. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

### ***VI. PUBLIC COMMENT***

None

### ***VII. COUNCIL FORUM***

Councilman Ramirez thanked City Manager Randall and staff for looking at Morgan Street.

Council Ramirez spoke to council on the following items:

- Inquired previously about wanting a copy of the Allegeir Martin's invoice on the Community Center parking lot which he did receive. However, he wanted to see the reports that went along with the invoice.
- Inquired why the comprehensive plan was not being updated. City Manager Randall stated he was attending a meeting the next day and hoped to see Diane May from the Council of Governments to talk with her about getting the maps and information she was supposed to have done for the city before he started working on the plan.
- During the budget workshops he had initially asked for a financial statement to see where the city stands financially and had never received one. City Manager Randall stated council was provided with a revenue versus expense report every month and that a fund balance report could be provided.

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- During the budget workshops the city approved money for aayscale evaluation and he wondered where the city was in the process. City Manager Randall replied that the Request for Proposals was out and was due back on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Information was received showing a cost scenario on hiring an activity director for the park. He felt the city was missing the boat and should continue to look into the possibility. The director could be used in other areas of the city and not just in the park department. City Manager Randall replied that it was not budgeted for 2015 and in addition the YMCA contracts had already been let for the year. Councilwoman Rentfro handed out a publication she had received from another city and what programs they offered. Mayor Pro Tem Barton stated she couldn't think of anything other than park activities to offer.

Councilwoman Rentfro asked if anything had been resolved on the way the city charged for sewer. City Manager Randall stated he had been doing some research on the matter and found that other cities do other things which would be more difficult for us since the city did not own their own water. State Statute provides that the sewer charge shall be based on water consumption. The theory behind the way the city does an average was a decision made by a previous council years ago not wanting customers to pay for additional water usage through the summer months. Mayor Barton Pro Tem stated if the city charged for actual usage per month there would be far more unhappy customers than the present way where the city is charging for an annual average.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*A. Resolution No. 2015-1393*

*A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Lamar Companies for a billboard on I44*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1393 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for a billboard on I-44. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

*B. First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3024*

*An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 on Airport Project 13-091B-3 for demolition*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3024. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

*C. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3024 making Ordinance No. 2015-3024*

*An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 on Airport Project 13-091B-3 for demolition*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3024 which will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3024.

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

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Barton, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

D. *Resolution No. 2015-1394*

*A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a 35 H.P. Diesel Mower for the Cemetery*

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1394 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement to purchase a 35 H.P. diesel mower for the Cemetery. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

E. *Consideration/ Approval to change Section 130.050 "Employee and Employer Contributions" of the Personnel Policy*

The city changed the benefit program through Lagers from the L-7 (1.50%) plan to the L-12 (1.60%) plan effective February 1, 2015. This action denotes the change in the retirement plan.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the change to Section 130.050. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: Rentfro

F. *Consideration/ Approval to change Section 130.140 "Insurance Coverage" of the Personnel Policy*

This change will remove Section G from Section 130.140. The city no longer offers the prescription reimbursement plan to its employees.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the change to Section 130.140. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

G. *Consideration/ Approval to change Section 130.230 "Qualifications for Employment" of the Personnel Policy*

This change removes the requirement for an employee to fill out a medical history form when they apply for employment with the city.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the change to Section 130.230. Chairman Pro Tem Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Ramirez, Henderson, Rentfro

NAYES: 0

H. *Consideration/ Approval to change Section 130.320 "Paydays" of the Personnel Policy*

This change defines the exact work week that overtime will be counted for regular employees (excluding police and fire).

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Councilwoman Henderson moved to exclude police and fire from the changes to Section 130.320. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: 0

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the change to Section 130.230 as amended. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

### X. **REPORTS**

#### A. *Board Liaison Reports*

##### SWMD

An electronic disposal will be held in Crane on April 25<sup>th</sup> and in Monett on May 2 at EFCO.

#### B. *City Attorney Report*

Mr. Reynolds thanked the city for allowing him the opportunity to serve the city as their city attorney. He stated he had the opportunity to meet with City Manager Randall in his office to discuss several issues and he had done some research for the Mayor on another matter.

#### C. *City Manager Report*

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- The Interceptor project has come to a halt for the time being due to extreme weather conditions.
- Damage was reported in White Park due to someone doing donuts in the park.

### XI. **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 610.021 (1), (2)**

(1)

*Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.*

(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*

Councilman Ramirez moved to go into Closed Session; time noted 7:10 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Rentfro, Ramirez, Henderson

NAYES: 0

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to go into Open Session; time noted 7:55 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

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AYES: Henderson, Barton, Ramirez, Rentfro  
NAYES: 0

*XII. ADJOURNMENT*

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Councilwoman Rentfro seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:

  
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Linda Barton, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC