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AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES *Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers* *Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marks called the meeting to order at 7:00 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*

All Council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Special Session held on January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the minutes from the special session held on January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for January/February

Councilman Ramirez questioned the invoice to Allgeier Martin and Associates. He asked if any part of the bill was for the Community Center parking lot. City Manager Randall stated that the invoice was for storm water drainage and not engineering. The city had approved Great River Engineering to do the design work on the parking lot. Councilman Ramirez requested a copy of the invoice to be sent to him for review.

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

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Rentfro, Marks

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilwoman Henderson stated the flag at the south entrance of the park needed to be replaced. Councilman Ramirez stated he would pass the word along to the park board.

Mayor Marks spoke about the stop lights at Church and Elliott Streets. He felt it was confusing for travelers going to the East with three lanes of traffic. He felt for a stranger

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it would be clearer if an arrow was installed in the light pointing right when you are in the right turn lane and a straight arrow pointing forward when you are going straight. He asked if it would be feasible to inquire into this. City Manager Randall will check with MoDOT.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3021 making Ordinance No. 2015-3021 An Ordinance allowing the "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday" to apply to the local sales taxes of the City of Aurora between April 19, and April 25, 2015*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3021, this will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3021. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution No. 2015-1387
A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement RGG Law for a Municipal City Attorney*

Councilwoman Rentfro asked to table this matter until the city could determine if it was a conflict of interest to hire Mr. Reynolds while he was city attorney for Marionville. Mayor Marks said he saw no problem with it. He had spoken with Marionville's Mayor and she had no issue with it. City Manager Randall stated the only problem he saw was when the police service agreement was going to be negotiated the city would need to farm the negotiation over to another attorney.

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1387 appointing Ken Reynolds of RGG Law as the city attorney. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

- B. First Reading of Bill No. 2015-3023
An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title I "Government Code" Chapter 110 "City Council", Article I "General Provisions", Section 110.060 "Meetings – Location, Time" of the Municipal Code*

With the placement of a new city attorney council's normal meeting date of Monday night is in conflict with another meeting for the attorney. Council is changing their meeting date to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to accommodate the city attorney's schedule and will be changing the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2015-3023. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

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- C. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2015-3023 making Ordinance No. 2015-3023 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending Title I "Government Code" Chapter 110 "City Council", Article I "General Provisions", Section 110.060 "Meetings – Location, Time" of the Municipal Code*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2015-3023 approving the change of the council's meeting date to the second and fourth Tuesday's of each month. This will now be known as Ordinance No. 2015-3023. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

- D. *Request from Empire to change out street light at 306 S Park from a 175W MV to a 150W HPS*

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Empire's request to change out the street light at 306 S. Park. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

- E. *Request from Empire to change out street light at 408 W St. Louis from a 175W MV to a*
- Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Empire's request to change out the street light at 408 W. St. Louis. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion.

Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

150W HPS

- F. *Share a Heart Proclamation claiming February 9th through February 15th as "Ronald McDonald House Week"*

Councilman Ramirez moved to proclaim that February 9th through February 15th as "Ronald McDonald House Week". Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

- G. *Resolution No. 2015-1388
A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide a Soccer/Flag Football Program*

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1388 authorizing an agreement with eh YMCA to provide a Soccer/Flag Football Program. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

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

- H. *Resolution No. 2015-1389
A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide an Adult Softball Program*

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1389 authorizing an agreement with the YMCA to provide an Adult Softball Program. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Rentfro, Barton, Marks, Henderson

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NAYES: 0

I. *Resolution No. 2015-1390*

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Aurora Babe Ruth

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-1390 authorizing a User Agreement by and between the City, the Park Board and Aurora Babe Ruth for use of the ball fields in White Park. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Rentfro, Barton

NAYES: 0

J. *Resolution No. 2015-1391*

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Aurora R-8 Schools

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1391 authorizing a User Agreement by and between the City, the Park Board and Aurora R-8 schools for use of the tennis courts, and baseball and softball fields. Chairman Pro Tem Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Rentfro, Ramirez, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

K. *Resolution No. 2015-1392*

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a User Agreement by and between the city of Aurora, the Aurora Park Board and Aurora R-8 Schools for use of the Swimming Pool

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-1392 authorizing a User Agreement between the City, the Park Board and Aurora R-8 Schools for use of the swimming pool. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Rentfro, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

X. **REPORTS**

A. *Board Liaison Reports*

Park Board

The park board met last Monday evening. Financials and the budget were reviewed and approved. The board is looking for donations through Cause Momentum for items they wish to purchase for the parks. An \$800 grant was received from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for park improvements. Safety issues on Phase I of the Walking Trail Project are presently being addressed. A hand rail will be installed on a walking bridge that has a deep drop off area. Councilman Ramirez has been assisting the park board with looking into grant prospects. A couple of ideas have been presented to President Pettit for review. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be planned in conjunction with the Run for the Parks in May. It was Councilman Ramirez's opinion that the city needed to look into a park activity director. The park board has no authority to put together activities without the city's permission. An activity director could manage those types of things. Park improvements for each park were discussed. Break ins are continuing to happen in Baldwin Park. The camera photos are not

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clear enough to recognize who the perpetrator is so the board is looking at installing motion lights.

President Pettit reported that the park board had received Phase II of the Walking Trail Grant. Estimates were higher than anticipated. Depending on whether the board wanted to refurbish the concrete culvert (\$40,000) going under Carnation or to just replace it (\$100,000) would depend on the final cost. The board voted to completely replace the culvert which will be an additional cost of \$54,000 to the park board.

The board looked into additional funding to no avail. The park board will absorb the additional cost of the grant by deferring projects to a later date.

Notice to Proceed was received from MoDot to move forward with Phase II. Several options will be presented for concrete and asphalt when bids proposals are put out.

Virtual Consolidation

Councilwoman Rentfro asked if anyone found out what they meant. Chief Witthuhn explained that no one could actually define what it means. Monett is using the term as it relates to legislation. They feel that all entities in the county need to band together so they will be eligible for funding in the future when the government mandates a single dispatching location for the county.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Reynolds was not present.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- Wanted to clarify that Allgeier Martin & Associates was hired to review the storm water drainage around Jim Carr's station and across the street. That could potentially include run off from the community center parking lot.
- Good news was received on the hot water heaters at PFF. An estimate of \$2,500 was received to fix both heaters.
- The Animal Control Officer/ Code Enforcement Officer has been on board for a month and is working out well. City Manager Randall meant with the Building Inspector and the Code Enforcement Officer today in hopes of getting both to work closely together in enforcement issues.
- Public Works has finished picking up brush and filling in holes in alleyways.
- The street sweeper will sweep around the square every Friday.
- The broken heads stones that occurred during a traffic accident have all been replaced.
- The fire department will be losing a firefighter to Nixa.
- Bootlegger's Restaurant final inspection was done and they are now open for business.
- Councilman Ramirez asked if Morgan Street had been looked at. He felt the road was in need of being redone. He had spoken to several individuals that have dealt with asphalt and they thought the asphalt was

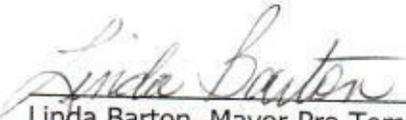
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laid when it was entirely too cold thus causing a wavy effect. It doesn't adhere properly. City Manager Randall stated that he would look into the matter.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

APPROVED:



Linda Barton, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMc/MPCC

Posted February 6, 2015 by Kathie Needham, City Clerk