

"Improving the quality of life for Aurora"

AURORA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA *Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers* *Tuesday, March 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:

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*

Roll call was taken and all members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session held on February 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following members voting aye on the motion.

AYES: Barton, Ramirez, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Marks who was not present at the February 24, 2015 6:30 p.m. meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for February/March

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

AYES: Henderson, Marks, Ramirez, Barton

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Rentfro (bill to MML was for Councilwoman Rentfro)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. COUNCIL FORUM

Chairman Pro Tem Barton spoke to the council regarding the Farmer's Market. She had been contacted by someone asking if people can set up on the east side of Oak Park if they have a license. The group that was using the east side has moved to the Sutherland's parking lot. The Farmer's Market and the Open Farmer's Market have both been using Oak Park but setting up on opposite sides of the park. City Manager Randall suggested council have a workshop and set a firm policy in regard to this. There have been hard feelings developed between these groups and a policy needs to be established. It was consensus of the council to have an agenda item at the end of the next regular session on March 24, 2015 and invite parties involved from both groups.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Consideration/ Approval to change Section 130.070 "Purpose" of the Personnel Policy

Councilwoman Rentfro moved to accept a change to Section 130.070 "Purpose" of the Personnel Policy. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion.

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Barton, Rentfro, Henderson

NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Park Board

The Aurora High School has Senior Volunteers that will be helping the Park Board with some small repairs in the parks on April 28th.

The Eagle Scouts will be starting a project in White Park.

Two more recycling containers will be purchased for the trails. High School students will be assisting with the program by picking up the bags and sorting the items. The only thing City Staff will need to do is take the bagged items to a certain designated area for the students. Last year the bags got picked up with the regular trash in error.

The Park Board will be applying for various grants.

The softball field in White Park has some ruts and holes and Singer Construction will be filling those and donating the labor.

B. City Attorney Report

Mr. Reynolds reported demand letters had been sent to two businesses for business license revocation because state sales tax had not been paid with one business closing last Saturday. He also reported he had attended Municipal Court sessions.

C. City Manager Report

City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

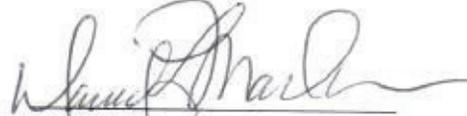
- Some of the Fire Department staff had recently received training for bomb threats and radiological and nuclear disaster.
- Air bags are in at Fire Department.
- Police Department had two vehicles in for repairs.
- City Hall has a vehicle that is not being utilized except by staff when attending training sessions. He asked council to consider transferring the car to the Police Department for their use but still allowing City Hall staff to use it if scheduled in advance.
- A permit has been pulled by Walmart for remodeling.
- The Street Department still has approximately 65% of salt supply remaining.
- The truck lift is in at the Street Department.
- A proposal from Arvest Bank for payment by credit card is being reviewed. Since there are fees involved, the City Attorney is reviewing to see if it is lawful to pass on a tax without a vote of the people. A flat fee was also discussed instead of a percentage and only those using the convenience would be charged. Or another consideration was for the city to pay the fees.
City Attorney Reynolds will check with the City of Willard to see how they have addressed this.
- A handout was provided to Council regarding bonding indebtedness. The Police/Fire Facility was refinanced in 2011 with significant savings. In as early as 2016, the City could look at this again.

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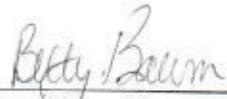
XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pro Tem Barton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:


Larry Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Baum, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk