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AURORA CITY COUNCIL TENTATIVE AGENDA
Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 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 February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Boyer, Marks

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Ramirez (Not in attendance)

Regular Session held on February 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on February 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Boyer, Barton

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Boyer and Marks. (Not in attendance)

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for February/March

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the appropriations for February/March. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Barton, Boyer, Marks

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Creasy addressed the council regarding stop signs near Pate School on Terrace Drive and College Street. He also presented a drawing showing council the area of concern. Mr. Creasy stated the stop signs that are placed in those areas are only 3' 1" in height and MODOT guidelines are for 7' in height in urban areas and 5' in rural areas. When cars

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line up in the area the stop signs cannot be seen and he was concerned that it could be a matter of time before someone got hurt. Mr. Creasy had spoken with the Principal at Pate School regarding this and he was referred to the City. City Manager Randall had spoken with Public Works Superintendent Steve Woods and he had said the school had placed those signs but he would have no problem raising them. However, those streets had never been dedicated to the City, so it is unclear if it's the city's or school's responsibility. City Manager Randall asked the council if the school gives the approval to the city to raise them would they be in agreement. Council agreed they would not have a problem with it.

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer brought up the traffic flow around the square. It had been brought to his attention that frequently cars are observed to be going the wrong way around the square. Police Chief Rick Witthuhn agreed that it is a problem and some citations have been issued. The signage needs to be looked at as well as re-marking the area.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2016-1451

A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide an Adult Softball Program

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1451 to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide an Adult Softball Program. It was noted this is a renewal of an existing program. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Boyer, Barton, Marks, Henderson

NAYES: 0

It was agreed to move New Business Item C Resolution No. 2016-1452 on the agenda to Item B. *Resolution No. 2016-1452*

B. A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of aurora and the Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1452 to execute a User Agreement by and between the City of aurora and the Lawrence County Youth Soccer Association. This is also a renewal to an existing agreement. Chairman Pro Tem Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Boyer, Barton

NAYES: 0

C. Discussion/Vote on Allgeier Martin Engineering Wastewater Rate Study

City Manager Randall introduced Mr. Gene Spears Senior Vice President from Allgeier Martin & Associates Inc. Mr. Spears is the author of the presented rate study. (study attached). Mr. Spears went thru the report page by page noting the highlights on each page. As a part of the study he noted information from Empire District Electric shows the level of water sold and billed has been decreasing which has also had the same effect on the city sewer utility billings. He strongly suggested the city should make changes in

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order to maintain the operating level as well as address replacement and upgrade and inflow and infiltration. A survey was also shared showing how Aurora compares with other communities in Missouri for their monthly sewer billing rates. The study shows Aurora currently has the 5th lowest rate of the 34 communities reported in the survey within a population range of 6,000 to 9,999. In his letter of recommendation (see attached) he emphasized that expenditures for improvements to the wastewater system are anticipated being required over the next five to ten years in order that forthcoming state and federal regulatory requirements may be met. It is his recommendation that the City immediately amend the wastewater service rate to \$8.65 base, plus \$5.50 per one thousand gallon usage. He further recommended that the use rate be adjusted upward annually an average of \$.44 per one thousand gallon in order that the use rate of \$7.25 be in effect by the year 2020. By using this method for gradual upward adjustment; it should provide revenues for replenishment of funds previously drawn from reserves and revenues for major improvement programs.

Wastewater Superintendent Orvil Maples gave the council an idea of how expensive items are. He is looking at replacing two pumps this year and those alone are \$50,000. Also, there are no funds for any future growth if property was annexed in.

Council was in agreement to have an ordinance presented at the next council meeting for action which would include the recommendation of Mr. Spears.

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Councilwoman Barton had attended a Solid Waste Management meeting and noted that two grants had been extended.

No other reports presented.

B. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Reynolds noted he has just completed his first year as City Attorney and thanked the council for the opportunity to work with them and staff.

C. City Manager Report

- Trees have been planted at the Maple Park Cemetery.
- Police Chief Witthuhn and City Manager Randall had been invited by the County Commissioners to attend a meeting regarding Aurora taking on the 911 dispatching for the county. Monett is currently dispatching for Lawrence County. An evaluation has been done of our system to see if it could handle the added load.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Pro Tem Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with all council members voting aye on the motion.

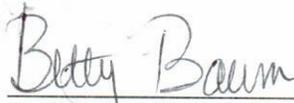
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APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Betty Baum, Treasurer, Deputy City
Clerk, MRCC