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AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 26, 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 except Chairman Pro Tem Boyer who was absent.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session held on January 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the regular session minutes from the meeting held on January 12, 2016. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton, Marks, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for January

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

AYES: Ramirez, Henderson, Marks

NAYES:

ABSTAIN: Barton (Invoice in bill list)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Councilman Ramirez stated that the public works department had purchased a hydraulic lift last year and he felt that they should take over the maintenance of all city vehicles instead of having it done by an outside source unless it was something they could not handle.

Councilman Ramirez thanked Editor Judy Dingman for her service to the city and community as she is retiring her position with the Advertiser effective January 29, 2016.

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2016-3056 making Ordinance No. 2016-3056 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri, amending Title V "Building Codes" Chapter 540: "Excavations", by adding Section 540.160 "Missouri One Call" to the Municipal Code of Ordinances*

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill NO. 2016-3056 this bill will now be known as Ordinance No. 2016-3056.

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

AYES: Barton, Henderson, Marks, Ramirez

NAYES:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *First Reading of Bill No. 2016-3057 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) Section 130.240 "Promotions"*

City Manager Randall explained the changes were coming from Councilman Ramirez's recommendation to ensure that an employee could expect a minimum of a 2.5% increase when receiving a promotion.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-3057. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion failed by a 2-2 vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Barton, Henderson

NAYES: Ramirez, Marks

This matter will come back on the next council agenda.

- B. *First Reading of Bill No. 2016-3058 An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) Section 130.540 "Resignations"*

Councilman Ramirez commented that in the second paragraph it referred to the City Manager being able to waive a 4 week resignation notice. He felt council should be the one to waive that requirement and not the City Manager.

City Manager Randall replied that according to state statutes it would fall within the purview of his job according to the statutes under Optional Forms, Third Class Cities, City Manager Form of Government.

Mayor Marks felt the City Manager could make recommendations to City Council but city council should have the final say.

Councilwoman Henderson moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-3058. Councilwoman Barton seconded the motion. Motion failed by a 2 to 2 vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Henderson, Barton

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NAYES: Ramirez, Marks

This matter will come back on the next council agenda.

C. *First Reading of Bill No. 2016-3059*

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, 2016

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-3059. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Barton, Henderson, Marks

NAYES: 0

D. *First Reading of Bill No. 2016-3060*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora Missouri amending the Personnel Policy (Chapter 130) all sections by striking the word permanent and adding the word regular when referring to employees

City manager Randall explained that the city's insurance carrier made the recommendation to change the wording in the personnel policy when referring to employees as permanent employees to regular employees because of the contractual implication it implied.

Councilwoman Barton moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-3060. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez, Barton, Henderson

NAYES: 0

E. *Vote/Set Time to do a six month evaluation on the City Manager*

Mayor Marks stated that he felt the council needed to set a date and time for another evaluation on the city manager. Councilwoman Barton stated that all employees were evaluated annually and the city manager should be no different. Councilman Ramirez stated why not it won't hurt anything. Councilwoman Henderson agreed with Councilwoman Barton that it was only needed annually.

Councilman Ramirez moved to set the date and time for another evaluation on the city manager. Mayor Marks seconded the motion. Motion failed by a 2 to 2 vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Ramirez

NAYES: Barton, Henderson

This matter will be on the next council agenda.

F. *Resolution No. 2016-1446*

A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA to provide a Soccer/Flag Football Program

Councilman Ramirez moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-1446 which authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the YMCA to provide

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a soccer/flag football program. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:
AYES: Henderson, Ramirez, Marks, Barton
NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Airport Board

The board met with Lochner Engineering Services to discuss the Airport Layout Plan. The Engineer informed the board that there was 2012 90/10 grant funding available to replace the old hangars. It would take a \$100,000 commitment on the city's part which the engineer felt could be contributed over the 2017 and 2018 budgets.

Hospital Board

The board has temporarily put the new hospital on hold. It has not been canceled but put on hold. They want to wait until 2017 to review and hope that within the next five years it would become a reality. The hospital has a new ER Physician coming and they are presently looking for an Education Coordinator. The property on Porter will be put on the market for sale.

B. City Attorney Report

No report was given.

C. City Manager Report

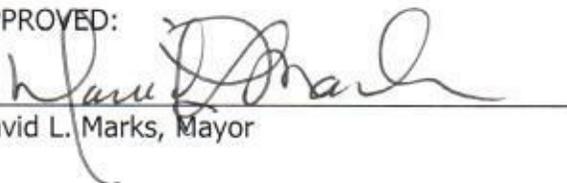
City Manager Randall reported on the following items:

- The City Manager and the Police Chief attended a 911 exploratory meeting. It was reported that expenses have exceeded revenue by \$220,000. The City of Monett has picked up that cost. They have had an overall 32% increase in call volume so they need to hire 2 more dispatchers. They are asking their participants to chip in according to their call volume.
- Public Works used 15 to 20 tons of salt during the last ice event.
- Bids for asphaltting and rock are due by Feb. 1.
- The trees that were ordered as part of the cemetery memorial are ready to be picked up and planted. The stones were previously received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Barton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Councilwoman Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



David L. Marks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC