

AURORA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Aurora City Hall, Council Chambers
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE AND PRAYER:** Councilwoman Oplinger led the council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL:** *Mayor Rick Boyer*
Chairman Pro Tem Larry Marks
Councilman Steve Ramirez
Councilman Stephen Wiles
Councilwoman Dawn Oplinger

All council members were noted present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Session held on July 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the minutes from the regular session held on July 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Wiles seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Wiles, Ramirez, Oplinger, Boyer, Marks

NAYES: 0

Special Session with staff held on August 2, 2017 at noon

Councilman Wiles moved to approve the minutes from the staff/council meeting held on August 2, 2017 at noon. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Wiles, Boyer

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: Oplinger, Marks (not in attendance)

V. APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS for July/August

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the appropriations for July/August as submitted. Councilman Wiles seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Boyer, Ramirez, Oplinger, Marks, Wiles

NAYES: 0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. COUNCIL FORUM

Mayor Boyer asked council if they were aware of the cost per year for each of the benefits the city provides. He stated that after signing the monthly remittances and putting a pencil to them the cost astounded him. He felt council should review the benefits and what the city paid toward each before the next renewal. Next Wednesday

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council will be meeting with staff and will need to be prepared to vote on insurance renewals.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. *First Reading of Bill No. 2017-3117*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2017-3117. Councilman Wiles seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Wiles, Boyer, Oplinger, Ramirez

NAYES: 0

B. *First Reading of Bill No. 2017-3118*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 on the Obstruction Removal Project 16-091B-1 at the Jerry Summers Municipal Airport

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2017-3118. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Oplinger, Ramirez, Boyer

NAYES: Wiles

C. *Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 2017-3118 making Ordinance No. 2017-3118*

An Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 on the Obstruction Removal Project 16-091B-1 at the Jerry Summers Municipal Airport

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to approve the second and final reading of Bill No. 2017-3118 which will now be known as Ordinance No. 2017-3118. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Marks, Oplinger, Boyer

NAYES: Wiles, Ramirez

D. *Discussion on location for a new sand volleyball court*

Paul Ward president of the park board informed council that the park board discussed a new sand volleyball court during the last budgetary session. There is not enough room in White Park to build two competition style courts. The board is requesting council's permission to relocate the new courts to Crosby Park. The location does sit in a flood plain but if it is built up it should alleviate some drainage issues in the area as it will filter down through the base of the court. The process has been delayed for a while as a vendor for the type sand needed could not be located. One of the newest board members had a contact for it and a quote has been obtained. Fencing on the baseball field may need to be moved ten feet. Empire has agreed to donate the poles for the lights however no lighting is planned for this year's budget. The board has not planned on exactly

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where to place the poles at this time. Council thought Crosby Park would be an excellent location for the courts.

E. Discussion on future courtesy limb pickups for citizens

Jason Jordan, Interim Public Works Superintendent informed council that he would like to start doing a courtesy limb pickup on a regular basis for the citizens of the community. There are a lot of people that are unable to haul their debris away and it would be a great service to the community to reinstitute the service. He asked for a set date to be determined by council and to be advertised so people know exactly when the pickup would occur. He stated there are always people who haven't gotten their limbs to the curb that call after the fact that say they were missed. If word is circulated and people know when to expect the pickup there should be no more of that. If abuse does occur then council could reconsider what to do at that time. Council asked Jason to bring a schedule of what he felt would be appropriate and they would talk again.

F. Resolution No. 2017-1591

A Resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri adopting the Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Robert Ward, Fire Chief has worked with the county and all surrounding entities on updating the Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Southwest Local Government Agency is facilitating the update and has asked each jurisdiction to get buy in from each community before it is remitted into FEMA for final approval. Once approved by FEMA each jurisdiction will have to individually adopt the plan.

Councilman Wiles moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-1591. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Ramirez, Boyer, Marks, Oplinger, Wiles

NAYES: 0

G. Discussion of future Junkapalozza event, requested by Kella Witte

Kella Witte was not available for comment however her husband was in attendance and addressed council by asking for permission to hold another Junkapalozza on September 15th. Council Ramirez stated that there was some confusion on insurance and paperwork issues over the last event. He asked City Clerk Needham what problems occurred. City Clerk Needham responded that a requirement of the Special Event Permit was the Witte's were to provide the city with a copy of their liability insurance for the event. Also a list of all vendors who participated in the event as well as their contact information for taxation purposes was to be submitted to the city prior to the event taking place. None of the required items were ever submitted to the city. A phone call was received on the Thursday before the event was to take place from one of the out of state vendors asking if the city was going to be liable for any accidents. He said he was told by the event promoter that the city was going to be held responsible. After a call to the city's insurance provider the insurance company provided a waiver form for every vendor to fill out and to be returned to the city after the event by the promoter. Those were delivered to the promoter with explicit orders they were to be filled out by each vendor and returned to the city. To date none

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of the requested documentation was ever remitted to the city. Mayor Boyer felt the event should have been canceled due to the inclement weather that was occurring at the time. Mr. Witte stated that a show could not be canceled because it had already been advertised. The Mayor also stated that the police and fire departments were never contacted in advance of the event. Councilman Ramirez felt it was a good thing to have just not on city property. Permanent damage is still evident today from the last event.

Councilman Ramirez moved to not allow Junkapalozza to be held on city property. Chairman Pro Tem Marks seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Wiles, Ramirez, Boyer, Oplinger, Marks

NAYES: 0

X. REPORTS

A. Board Liaison Reports

Airport Board

The Airport Board met last week with Councilwoman Oplinger in attendance.

Main Street

The Main Street Committee has been working with Jason on new Christmas Decorations and replacing flags and brackets on poles that were damaged or worn out. Thanks to AFB for purchasing the replacement American Flags.

Park Board

Paul Ward informed council that the board had already begun working on its next year's budget. Concrete benches in the park are in very bad shape many with rebar showing. The worst of those benches are being removed. Justin Janes from the Park Department will be using parts from the damaged bleachers to put with the frames the board ordered to make complete tables and benches. The board's main goal is to keep the tables and benches serviceable and ensure they are safe for public usage.

B. City Attorney Report

Report will be given during closed session.

XI. CLOSED SESSION pursuant to 610.021 (1), (3)

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

Hiring, Firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

Councilwoman Oplinger moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 610.021 1,3 time noted 7:15 p.m. Councilman Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Wiles, Oplinger, Ramirez, Marks, Boyer

NAYES: 0

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Councilwoman Oplinger moved to come back into Open Session time noted 7:59 p.m. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote with the following council members voting aye:

AYES: Oplinger, Boyer, Marks, Ramirez, Wiles

NAYES: 0

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting time noted 8:00 p.m. Mayor Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED:



Rick Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kathie Needham, City Clerk, MMC/MPCC