

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall

City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 - Upon completion of Regular Session

1/24/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - Present

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Present

Councilwoman Oplinger - Present

Councilwoman Pettit - Present

Council Seat - Vacant

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1. DISCUSSION - ABC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

City Manager, Jon Holmes, City Council and the ABC (Aurora Beautification Company) Partners were present. This meeting was held to clarify the \$30,000 request and how the money would be used and if this is a yearly request or a one time request. Kelly Johnston with ABC spoke about their request and how the money would be utilized and their plan to keep it sustainable. This is a one time request with the hopes of doing one project at a time and profiting off the project to start another project and repeat the process to help clean up and beautify the City of Aurora, one house at a time. Since this organization came together in 2015, they have torn down 7 houses and lost around \$20k over this time span. They have partnered with Habitat for Humanity and Project Rise for a new project. They acquired a home at a tax sale, plan to demo and salvage what they can and get it ready for Habitat for Humanity to come in and rebuild a home and then a family from Project Rise will be able to purchase it through Habitat for Humanity at an affordable price. This is their plan moving forward to help clean up the houses in Aurora and to help a family own an affordable home. They believe that with the \$30,000, it would start this process and rehab a home and get a family in it along with a possible "Brush with Kindness" that Habitat for Humanity also does, which is where Habitat cleans up the exterior of a home to help beautify homes and neighborhoods. ABC would acquire the property, help demo/salvage the home, sell to Habitat for Humanity to reconstruct with energy saving materials, then Habitat mortgages to Project Rise families that buy the home. With the money ABC would get from Habitat for Humanity, they would take that money and start the next home project. City Manager, Jon Holmes asked City Council to send him their recommendation for funding and he will take that average and bring it back to City Council in a resolution. Theresa Pettit will abstain from this request.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED

Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kamy Kulow, City Clerk