

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes  
Aurora City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
2 W. Pleasant  
Aurora, Missouri  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 6 P.M.

2/22/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 06:00 p.m.*

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

*Doyle Ferguson led the Council in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.*

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Jason Lewis - *Present*  
Chairman Pro Tem Dawn Oplinger - *Present*  
Councilman Doyle Ferguson - *Present*  
Councilwoman Theresa Pettit - *Present*  
Councilman Tony Kennedy - *Present*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A citizen desiring to speak on an item not on the agenda may do so at this time. Each citizen is limited to three minutes and the Council will not take action or discuss items at this time. Discussion should be limited to matters of City business and public comment is not permitted in regard to personnel matters or on pending legal matters. Items introduced under "Public Comment" may become agenda items at a later date.

*None*

5. COUNCIL FORUM

Council Forum provides an opportunity for Council Members to share information with the rest of the Council regarding communications with constituents, meetings attended, request items to be put on the agenda, make requests of staff, or direct questions to staff regarding issues that are not on the agenda.

*Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger attended the health insurance meeting. Councilwoman Pettit attended the Southwest Solid Waste Management meeting and learned of Purdy's recycling program. Councilman Ferguson attended the Create Here meeting through the GRO program and learned about the tools for new and existing business owners. Most of those tools are free. You can get access to that through the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Kennedy also attended the health insurance meeting. Mayor Lewis attended the Romeo Group meeting, Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation meeting and the health insurance meeting.*

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the 'Consent Agenda' are considered routine and shall be enacted by one motion of the City

Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired by a member of the Council, that item will be removed from the 'Consent Agenda' and placed on the regular agenda as a final item under 'New Business'.

6.I. Approval Of Minutes-City Council Regular Session February 08, 2022

6.II. Approval Of Minutes-City Council Work Session February 15, 2022

6.III. February Appropriations

*Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following members voting aye:*

*AYES: Oplinger, Lewis, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy*

7. OLD BUSINESS

*None*

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Special Event Application - Loving On Our Town

*Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director, spoke to Council on behalf of Sabra Durham regarding trash pickup like last year. Same map as last year but moving the event back two weeks from last year in hopes of warmer weather. April 23, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 01:00 p.m. She has talked to the departments of Police and Fire and there is no problem with them for this date and time. Plans to use the dumpsters at the park facility with Doty Trash to assist in the pickup. City donated vest and trash bags last year and still have them from last year since not many showed up due to the weather. So will use those again this year.*

*Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the Special Event Application. Councilman Ferguson seconded that motion. Motion passed with the following members voting aye:*

*AYE: Oplinger, Lewis, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy*

8.II. Resolution 2022-1835

A resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA for Youth Basketball. City Manager spoke with Council regarding all four resolutions with the YMCA and that they are usually done in October/November but due to staffing changes on both ends, it is just now getting implemented.

*Councilman Ferguson made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-1835, 2022-1836, 2022-1837, 2022-1838. Councilman Kennedy seconded that motion. Motion passed with the following members voting aye:*

*AYE: Oplinger, Lewis, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy*

8.III. Resolution 2022-1836

A resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute and agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA for Adult Basketball.

See item 8.II

8.IV. Resolution 2022-1837

A resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute and agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA for Adult Softball.

See Item 8.II

8.V. Resolution 2022-1838

A resolution of the City of Aurora, Missouri authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute and agreement with the Ozarks Regional YMCA for Youth Soccer and Flag Football.

See Item 8.II

8.VI. Discussion - Building Permit Fees

*Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director, addressed Council with Building Permit Fees discussion regarding Silver Maple Estates. Jeff Morris with Cronkite homes has come to Carrie asking if she would waive or discount the building permit fees. Surrounding cities have waived all fees and some have waived a percentage of fees for the incentive to build in their community. Carrie is asking for direction from Council to see how they would like to go about this request. Through discussion, they have come to the conclusion of offering 50% discount on building permit fees for a specified time frame to help with the current housing boom. Council agreed to bring it back as a resolution.*

8.VII. Discussion - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Dates

*Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director, addressed Council on Planning and Zoning Meetings. Right now they are on a as needed basis and she is requesting that they become a once a month scheduled meeting. With everything going on in Aurora and the new growth of the town, it is much needed. Council is all on board with that idea. Also, Carrie discussed with Council about posting positions for any openings for the Planning and Zoning boards as they become available. Anyone interested would fill out an application and it would be brought to the City Council for approval.*

8.VIII. Discussion - Monument Sign Bids

*Jon Holmes, City Manager, addressed Council wanting their thoughts on the proposed Monument Sign Bids. Mayor Lewis asked if there would be more than one sign eventually and Jon replied yes. Two on Hwy 60 (West and East) and Two on 39 (North and South). Mayor Lewis liked the Sign Design one but would rather use our current logo instead. That was also the only one the rest of the Council liked. Councilman Kennedy is not a fan of the electronics part of the sign. Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger showed concern regarding the placement of the electronic sign, stating that there is already several accidents at that location. Council agreed that they would like to see the design with the new logo and no electronic sign on it.*

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Board Liaison Reports

NONE

2. City Manager Report

Full City Manager Report attached.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to RSMo 610.021

(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving public government body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or  
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.(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire, promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting where such action occurs; provided, however, that any employee so affected shall be entitled to prompt notice of such decision during the seventy-two-hour period before such decision is made available to the public. As used in this subdivision, the term "personal information" means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees;

*Councilman Ferguson made a motion to move into Closed Session at 07:15 p.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:*

*AYE: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy*

*Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to move out of Closed Session at 08:47 p.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:*

*AYE: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy*

## 10.I. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilman Kennedy made a motion to adjourn, time noted 08:47 p.m. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:*

*AYE: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy*