

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall

City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 - 05:30 P.M.

3/1/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 05:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Jason Lewis - *Present*

Chairman Pro Tem Dawn Oplinger - *Present*

Councilman Doyle Ferguson - *Present via Zoom*

Councilwoman Theresa Pettit - *Present - arrived at 05:35 p.m.*

Councilman Tony Kennedy - *Present*

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.I. Discussion - ARPA Funding

City Council, City Manager and City Staff discussed the APRA funding. First disbursement was in August of 2021 in the amount of \$751,348.50. The second disbursement will be around August of 2022 in the same amount, making a total disbursement of \$1,502.697.00. Initial report due April 30, 2022. Will need detailed accounting of where and how the funds were/will be used. Discussions regarding ideas of where we could use this money to help a broader range of people in our community. Possible one time funding to certain organizations and working on improvements for stormwater, sewer, street and broadband. Discussions on doing an assessment of bridges around town that need work, start expanding the walking trail, etc. Mayor Lewis discussed a few ideas such as: one time projects and to keep in mind how it will impact the community, net positive budget (ex. solar, broadband), risk of projects we do, keep funds in the community and try to find organizations that may match our donations. Councilwoman Pettit discussed an idea of giving money in stages, like so much per year over the course of say 5 years so that maybe as new things arise, we would be able to help. She also discussed about talking at the GRO meeting to get more ideas of where the money would help the most. Mayor Lewis asked to do homework and get ideas together by April 1, 2022 and continue on the discussion. The City Council Workshop American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Project Sheet are attached to these minutes.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 07:04 p.m.