# **Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes**

# Aurora City Hall - City Council Chambers 2 W. Pleasant St. Aurora, Missouri 65605 Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - 6 P.M.

4/4/2023 - Minutes

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - Present

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Present

Councilwoman Oplinger - Present

Councilwoman Pettit - Present

Council Seat - Vacant

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### 3.I. Missouri Mainstreet Connection - Information Session

City Manager, Jon Holmes started the meeting by having everyone introduce themselves and who they are with. Ben White and Gayla Roten were present from Missouri Main Street Connection, Brian Fogle with Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Ashley Kennedy, Community Member, Kelby and Hannah Radar, owners of the Garden Exchange, Shannon Walker, Executive Director for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager for the City of Aurora, Kamy Kulow, City Clerk and Aurora City Council.

Gayla and Ben with Missouri Main Street Connection presented a slideshow of how Missouri Main Street Connection program works and the Four Point Approach to achieving a successful revitalization of cities downtowns. The slideshow is attached.

## 3.II. Discussion - Main Street/Downtown Revitalization Programs

Discussions were had about the current Main Street group and the Main Street Connection Program. The current Main Street group in Aurora has been a vital part of the community. The money they have raised has been donated to a variety of great programs. While the Main Street group in Aurora is not part of the current Main Street Connection Program, we need to decide if revitalizing the Aurora Downtown is what everyone wants. It takes everyone to be an intrical part of the Main Street Connection Program for it to be successful and to work together towards the revitalization of the Aurora Downtown. Mayor Lewis would like to hear from the current Main Street group to see what direction they are planning to go.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED	
ATTEST:	Jason Lewis, Mayor
Kamy Kulow, City Clerk	