

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall - City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant St. Aurora, Missouri 65605

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 - 6 P.M.

4/11/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

City Manager, Jon Holmes led the Council in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lewis - Present

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Present

Councilwoman Oplinger - Present

Councilwoman Pettit - Present

Council Seat - Vacant

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Ash and Rhonda Brantley addressed Council about establishing a recreational marijuana public consumption place. Rhonda Brantley, owner of Sublime Hippie, would like her place of business to be a public consumption place for marijuana usage. She wants to establish a safe haven for people to come and consume marijuana while in the company of others. She stated that this would be an outdoor area only and not inside the business.

James Ash addressed Council with his reasons why he feels a safe consumption area would be beneficial. James is a war veteran and has been addicted to prescription pain pills due to his injuries sustained in the military. He broke that addiction and found relief with marijuana. James feels that if there is a safe consumption place for people to smoke marijuana legally, it would give an outlet for people to be in a safe and judge free area.

5. COUNCIL FORUM

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy attended the Main Street - City Council work session.

Councilwoman Pettit also attended the Main Street - City Council work session.

Councilwoman Oplinger also attended the Main Street - City Council work session

Mayor Lewis also attended the Main Street - City Council work session.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

6.I. Approval Of Minutes-City Council Regular Session Minutes March 28, 2023

See Consent Agenda

6.II. Approval Of Minutes-City Council Work Session Minutes April 4, 2023

See Consent Agenda

6.III. April 2023 Appropriations

See Consent Agenda

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2023-3282 Adding Section 520.140 Cost Recovery For Non-Residents

Mayor Lewis made a motion to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-3282 Adding Section 520.140 Cost Recovery for Non-Residents. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Discussion - March 14, 2023 City Council Regular Session Approved Minutes - Recommendation To Amend

City Manager, Jon Holmes addressed Council with a concerned citizen regarding closed session from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The concerned citizen thought the interview process for the vacant council seat was done in closed session and it was not. The minutes taken for that meeting appeared in the section of the Interview with Bill Baker, however, City Council went into closed session prior to the interview and came out of closed session and then went into the interview with Bill Baker. City Manager, Jon Holmes is asking Council to amend the minutes from that meeting to reflect as it truly happened and to move the closed session information after the Roll Call and before the Section of the Interview with Bill Baker so it doesn't cause any future confusion.

Mayor Lewis made a motion to amend the minutes from the City Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Councilwoman Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

8.II. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2023-3284-Declaring Election Results Of General Municipal Election

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-3284 - Declaring Election Results of the General Municipal Election. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

8.III. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2023-3284 Declaring Election Results Of General Municipal Election

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-3284 - Declaring Election Results of the General Municipal Election. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

8.IV. Special Recognition Of Service To The City Of Aurora, Doyle Ferguson.

City Manager, Jon Holmes presented Doyle Ferguson with an Appreciation Plaque for his dedicated service to the Aurora Community by serving on the Aurora City Council for many years.

8.V. Adjournment Of Special Session

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. for a brief 15 minute recess before moving onto the next agenda. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Council Seat - Vacant

APPROVED

Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kamy Kulow, City Clerk