

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes

Aurora City Hall

City Council Chambers

2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 - 6 P.M.

4/26/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Councilman Ferguson 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

Councilman Ferguson - Present

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Berndt addressed Council with concerns in his neighborhood. A house has tarps on cars, tall grass, junk boats and house looks condemned. He doesn't understand why it takes the City of Aurora so long to get it cleaned up. Feels like there is a lack of enforcement. City Manager, Jon Holmes, explained to Charles that there is a process that the City has to follow. Also suggested to Charles to make an appointment with him and he could sit down and go into further detail of the process the City has to follow.

5. COUNCIL FORUM

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy attended the luncheon with City Council and School Board on Thursday May 21, 2022. Councilwoman Oplinger attended GRO meeting, Hospital Board meeting, Light the Night meeting, luncheon with the City Council and School Board and helped with the Easter parade. Councilwoman Pettit attended the luncheon with the City Council and School Board and the Southwest Board of Solid Waste Management and Bright Futures meeting last week. Councilman Ferguson went to a Create Here meeting just before the City Council meeting and the City Council & School Board luncheon. Mayor Lewis attended the GRO meeting, City Council and School Board luncheon, Easter Parade and the Monarch's Football game.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

6.I. Approval Of Minutes - City Council Special Session April 12, 2022

See Consent Agenda

6.I.i. Approval Of Minutes - City Council Regular Session April 12, 2022

See Consent Agenda

6.I.ii. April 2022 Appropriations

See Consent Agenda

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.I. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3248 Administrative Rezone Request, City Of Aurora

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-3248 Administrative Rezone Request. Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

7.II. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3250 Minor Subdivision/Lot Split, Eutsler Property

Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-3250 Minor Subdivision/Lot Split, Eutsler Property. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

7.III. Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3251 Minor Subdivision Lot Split Request, Seitz Property

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-3251 Minor Subdivision Lot Split Request, Seitz Property. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

7.IV. Resolution No. 2022-1849 - Park Board Council Liaison Appointment

Mayor Lewis made a motion to appoint Theresa Pettit to the Park Board as Council Liaison. Councilwoman Pettit accepted. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. Special Event Application - Light The Night

Shannon Walker with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce addressed Council requesting a special event permit for Light the Night on June 18th, 2022 at Baldwin Park. There will be food trucks, other small vendors, petting zoo, Band "Covercharged" and several other things.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the special event permit for Light the Night. 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

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

8.II. Discussion - Vacant Lots For Community Gardens

Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager addressed Council regarding the previously proposed idea from Shelly Brown regarding Community Gardens in vacant lots in the flood planes. Carrie identified some lots for Council to see where these gardens could be placed. Council proposed to Carrie to bring back policies to put this idea into place.

8.III. FY2022 City Of Aurora Annual Audit Presentation And Discussion

Marshall Decker of Decker & DeGood, CPA addressed Council with a review of the City of Aurora 2021 Annual Audit. Mr Decker explained the City's operating revenues, expenses, cash flow and reconciliation of revenues and expenditures.

8.IV. Discussion And Update - Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Work

Eric DeGruson with Allgeier Martin addressed Council with a presentation of the updates that have taken place at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, taking place and will take place in the future. Presentation attached.

8.V. First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2022-3246 Amending Chapter 510 "Dangerous And Unsafe Structures"

Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager addressed Council Amending Chapter 510 "Dangerous and Unsafe Structures". With the recommendation of the City Attorney, Carrie is asking to approve the revisions of Ordinance No. 2022-3246 Amending Chapter 510 to allow for City Staff to deem a structure unsafe and/or a threat to public health due to an emergency situation and following up with the Building Board of Appeals.

Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-3246 Amending Chapter 510 "Dangerous and Unsafe Structures". Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

8.VI. Discussion Energy Audit Consultant Engagement

City Manager, Jon Holmes addressed Council asking for direction as to which Energy Audit company they would like to go with. It was a unanimous decision to select Entergrity Partners. City Manager, Jon Holmes will send a letter of intent to Entegry Partners.

8.VII. Discussion Pool Admission Fees

City Manager, Jon Holmes addressed Council with the discussion of the Pool fees. The prices for the Aurora City Pool have not increased in 12 years. With the increase in minimum wage, they have decided to increase pool rates this year. They did some comparison rates with surrounding areas and determined they will increase pool rates a little but with the state of the economy, they will not increase by much. Council feels like they need some more numbers brought to them before they can finalize a definite price.

8.VIII. Resolution No. 2022-1850 Police Dept. Purchase Of Tasers

Police Chief Wes Coatney addressed Council with the discussion of new tasers. He explained that with having a full staff now, they do not have enough tasers and would like to also replace the old ones with new ones as well. They are more expensive due to the technology of the tasers. The battery has a longer life, the cartridge has evidence chips in them and they will also interface with body cams. Once a taser is activated, it automatically activates all surrounding body cams.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-1850 Purchase of Tasers. 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

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

8.IX. Resolution No. 2022-1851 Design And Construction Agreement - Sapp Design Associates

Michael Sapp with Sapp Design Associates addressed Council regarding the Design and Construction Agreement. Any questions asked were addressed and explained. Kristie Beattie with Sapp Designs suggested City Council to look at other Recreation Centers for better ideas as to what they would like to see in ours. Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-1851 Design and Construction Agreement with Sapp Design Associates, amending Section 11.4 from 20% to 10%. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

8.X. Resolution No. 2022-1852 Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

Carrie Howlett, Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager addressed Council about the plan adoption of the Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan comes from the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments. Robert Ward was the leader for the City and due to his retirement, Carrie worked with him to carry the torch. Carrie learned that if the Governor of Missouri declares a state of emergency or a state of disaster, we have to be a part of the plan to get emergency funding. It also opens up other funding opportunities. Based on SEMA, FEMA and SMCOG, this is required to be adopted by the city.

Councilwoman Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-1852 Lawrence County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

8.XI. Resolution No. 2022-1853 Change Order #2 Approval

City Manager Jon Holmes addressed Council that under the old Procurement Policy that it states that there is a project bid that a change order comes back from the original amount and that exceeds 15%, then it has to go to City Council for approval. Any change under 15%, City Manager Jon Holmes can approve. Eric DeGruson with Allgeier Martin explained why it increased 15% over the originally stated price. Due to a man hole needing to be added. Making the final amount \$376,098.54.

*Mayor Lewis made a motion to **amend** and approve Resolution No. 2022-1853 Change Order #2. 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

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

City Manager Report and Economic Development Report attached.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to adjourn, times noted 09:02 p.m. Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

11. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lewis made a motion to go move into Closed Session at 08:04 p.m. Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

Mayor Lewis - Aye

Chairman Pro Tem Kennedy - Aye

Councilwoman Oplinger - Aye

Councilwoman Pettit - Aye

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

Mayor Lewis made a motion to move out of Closed Session at 09:01 p.m. 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

Councilman Ferguson - Aye

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