

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes
Aurora City Hall
City Council Chambers
2 W. Pleasant
Aurora, Missouri
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - 6 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.
- 2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** Councilman 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.

Nothing at this time.

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.

Nothing at this time.

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 July 27, 2021
- 6.II July/August 2021 Appropriations

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger asked about the fraud charges on the appropriations list. City Manager Holmes explained that the credit card company had detected the fraudulent charges listed. City Manager Holmes further explained the process the city follows for issues such as this.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I Resolution 2021-1821

AN RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AURORA R-8 SCHOOLS FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

City Manager Holmes addressed Council regarding the annual agreement between the City of Aurora and the Aurora R-8 School District for the use of a School Resource Officer. City Manager Holmes explained the purpose of such an officer and what that officer does.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1821. Councilwoman Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

8.II First Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3236

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI, AMENDING TITLE I "GOVERNMENT CODE" CHAPTER 150 "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMITTEES", ARTICLE I, "PARK BOARD"

City Manager Holmes addressed Council regarding the need to update the city's current ordinance regulating the Park Board. City Manager Holmes explained to Council the history of the Park/Stormwater Tax, the repeal of the tax, and the current practices. Discussion held regarding City Attorney Ken Reynolds' memo and the current number of board members.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-3236. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy
NAYES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Board Liaison Reports

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger reported that she had assisted with Come and Dine.

Councilwoman Pettit reported that she had attended the Southwest Solid Waste Management meeting.

Mayor Lewis reported that he had done a sort of ride along/observation with the city's Animal Control Officer.

2. City Manager Report

City Manager Jon Holmes gave an update and introduction to Council regarding Police Chief Wesley Coatney. City Manger Holmes explained what Chief Coatney has done so far and his plans for starting earlier than expected.

At this time City Clerk Kimberly Breedlove came forward to initiate the swearing in of new Police Chief Wesley Coatney and present him with his badge.

City Manager Holmes presented his City Manager Report. Full report attached.

Community Development Director Carrie Howlett addressed Council with an update on the Comprehensive Plan and the Park Master Plan. Director Howlett explained the different groups needed for input on both plans and the upcoming meetings scheduled with Olsson and SMCOG.

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.

(2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. However, any minutes, vote or public record approving a contract relating to the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body shall be made public upon execution of the lease, purchase or sale of the real estate;

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to move into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.
Councilman Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to move into open session at 7:29 p.m.
Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

11. ADJOURNMENT

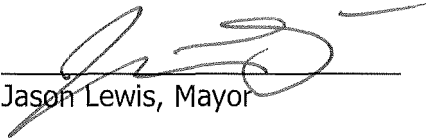
Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

APPROVED:


Jason Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly Breedlove, City Clerk