

Aurora City Council Meeting Minutes
Aurora City Hall
City Council Chambers
2 W. Pleasant
Aurora, Missouri
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 - 6 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 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.

There was no public comment 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.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger stated that she had made her last delivery for the Come and Dine Program with Kim Mobley. She also spoke about limb pickup and the railroad crossing arms.

Mayor Lewis stated that he had attended the insurance meeting, the GRO meeting, and had a ride along with Police Chief Coatney.

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 August 10, 2021*
- 6.II. August 2021 Appropriations*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman

Ferguson 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

7.I. Second 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"

There were no concerns, questions, or changes. Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve the Second 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

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.I. First Reading Of Ordinance 2021-3238

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI LEVYING TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to go into public hearing at 6:04 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

City Manager Jon Holmes present Council with the recommended tax levy rate. Discussion was held regarding previous tax rates and that this is the lowest it has been since 2009.

Mayor Lewis asked for public comment, questions, or concerns. There were none at this time.

Motion made by Councilman Kennedy to come out of public hearing at 6:08 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

Councilwoman Pettit made a motion to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-3238. 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

*8.II. Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3238
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31, 2021*

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-3238. 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.III. Discussion - Community Partnership Presentations

8.III.i. Aurora Chamber Of Commerce Presentation

Shannon Walker addressed Council regarding her Community Partnership Application and what she hoped to accomplish with the funding.

8.III.ii. Aurora Community Foundation (GRO) Presentation

Michele Parbury addressed Council regarding her Community Partnership Application and what the funding would be used for.

8.III.iii. Aurora First Baptist Church Come and Dine Presentation

Barbara Wommack addressed Council regarding her Community Partnership Application and what the funding would be used for.

8.III.iv. Aurora Mainstreet Presentation

Kim Mobley addressed Council regarding her Community Partnership Application and what the funding would be used for.

8.III.v. Aurora Smile Center Presentation

Jackie Barger addressed Council regarding his Community Partnership Application and what the funding would be used for.

8.III.vi. Aurora Beautification Corporation Presentation

Scott Pettit addressed Council regarding his Community Partnership Application and what the funding would be used for. Kelly Johnston and Marsha Egan also spoke about the partnership with RISE and the importance of the funding request.

*8.IV. Resolution 2021-1822
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI DESIGNATING SURPLUS
PROPERTY, AND DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF
SURPLUS PROPERTY*

Police Chief Wesley Coatney addressed Council regarding the need to dispose of equipment not being utilized by the department.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1822. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with following Council members voting aye:

AYES: Lewis, Oplinger, Ferguson, Pettit, Kennedy

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

8.V. Resolution 2021-1823

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUAL – 2 ANTENNA RADAR SYSTEM TO BE USED IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Wesley Coatney addressed Council with a state bid to purchase a radar system for the Police Department. Chief Coatney explained the lack of proper equipment and the need to have the radar system updated.

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1823. 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

8.VI. Resolution 2021-1824

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE BID AWARD FOR THE SUPPLYING AND LAYING FLOORING FOR THE AURORA POLICE AND FIRE FACILITY

City Manager Jon Holmes addressed Council regarding the bid for supplying and laying flooring in the Police and Fire Facility. City Manager Holmes added that the flooring has not been replaced for eighteen years and that it has become a safety concern due to the number of issues with the flooring.

Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1824. 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.VII. Discussion - Take Home Vehicles for Police Officers

9. STAFF REPORTS/ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. Board Liaison Reports

Nothing at this time.

2. City Manager Report

Police Chief Coatney presented Council with an update on what he has been working on since he started as well as an update on equipment and personnel.

Full City Manager Report attached.

10. ADJOURNMENT


Chairman Pro Tem Oplinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Councilwoman Pettit 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