

Aurora, Nebraska  
September 23, 2008

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on September 23, 2008 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Jack Payne, Bruce Ramsour, Dottie Anderson, Chris Helzer, Dick Phillips, and Paul Shaneyfelt. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Mike Bair, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Police Chief Godfrey Brokenrope, Water/Sewer Commissioner Rick Melcher and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on September 17, 2008. Notice of meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Seeman stated "AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW A COPY OF THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS."

**MINUTES:**

Councilor Ramsour moved to approve the minutes from the September 9 and 16, 2008 meetings. Councilor Payne seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt and Payne. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMITTEES:**

Dana Jelinek, Executive Director of the Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity addressed the Council. She stated Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity was awarded the bid for the City owned lot at 10<sup>th</sup> & J Streets. One of the conditions the council had on the sale of the lot was the construction would begin within 10 months of closing. Ms. Jelinek stated that Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity was committed to building in Aurora but they are unable to guarantee that construction would begin within 10 months of closing. They first have to find a qualifying applicant and a construction manager. She asked the council for an extension of time to begin construction.

Councilor Ramsour moved to change the closing agreements for the purchase of the City owned lot on 10<sup>th</sup> and J Street to include a closing date of December 1, 2008 and construction to begin in 12 months from the closing date. Councilor Payne seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Payne and Ramsour. Nay: None. The motion carried.

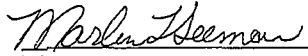
Councilor Ramsour moved to approve Resolution 08-19 accepting the plats and schedules of assessments as prepared by the city engineer for special assessments proposed to be levied in Street Improvement District No. 172 and Alley Improvement District Nos. 2005-01, 2005-02, 2005-03, 2005-04, 2005-05 and 2005-06. Councilor Shaneyfelt seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Payne, Ramsour and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-19**

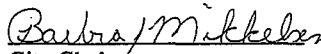
**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PLATS AND SCHEDULES OF  
ASSESSMENTS  
AS PREPARED BY THE CITY ENGINEER FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS  
PROPOSED  
TO BE LEVIED IN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 172  
AND ALLEY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOS.  
2005-01, 2005-02, 2005-03, 2005-04, 2005-05 AND 2005-06**

Whereas the City of Aurora has heretofore contracted for and accepted the work of the contractor in Street Improvement District No. 172 and Alley Improvement District Nos. 2005-01, 2005-02, 2005-03, 2005-04, 2005-05 and 2005-06, and the City Engineer has prepared and presented to the Mayor and City Council plats and schedules of assessments proposed to be levied in said Districts.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council that said plats and schedules of assessments in Street Improvement District No. 172 and Alley Improvement District Nos. 2005-01, 2005-02, 2005-03, 2005-04, 2005-05 and 2005-06 are hereby ordered to be received and placed on file in the City Offices.  
Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 08-20 setting Board of Equalization Hearing for the Downtown Project assessments. Councilor Helzer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Payne, Ramsour, Anderson and Helzer. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council will meet as a Board of Equalization at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, at the Council Chambers in Aurora, Nebraska; and

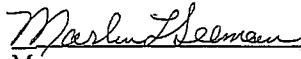
Section 2. That the following notice of said meeting be published in six (6) issues of the Aurora News-Register on the following dates:

October 1, 2008  
October 8, 2008  
October 15, 2008  
October 22, 2008  
October 29, 2008  
November 5, 2008


Section 3. That the City Clerk be and hereby is instructed to mail a copy of said Notice to all known resident and non-resident owners of property in Street Improvement District No. 172 and Alley Improvement District Nos. 2005-01, 2005-02, 2005-03, 2005-04, 2005-05 and 2005-06, and to any other party appearing to have a direct interest in such action or proceedings; and

Section 4. That at said time and place, the Mayor and City Council of said City will grant a hearing to all persons interested and will pass a resolution making said special assessments as provided by law.

Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



Zoning Administrator Rick Melcher explained the request from Aurora Public Schools to construct a sidewalk and parking barrier on city right of way. Councilor Shaneyfelt moved to approve the request to allow construction of a sidewalk and parking barrier on city right of way. Councilor Helzer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Shaneyfelt, Payne, Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Steve Parr of JEO Consulting explained the agreement with Geotechnical Investigation for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project. Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Geotechnical Investigation for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project. Councilor Payne seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Payne, Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips and Shaneyfelt. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Steve Parr of JEO Consulting explained the documents needed for the creation of a Street Improvement District for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project. Councilor Payne moved to authorize the preparation of documents for the creation of a Street Improvement District for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project. Voting Aye: Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt and Payne. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Steve Parr of JEO Consulting explained the agreement with JEO for providing consulting services for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project. Councilor Payne moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with JEO for providing consulting services for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Payne and Ramsour. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Payne moved to authorize advertising for bids on the Madison Avenue Reconstruction Project after review and approval of city staff. Councilor Shaneyfelt seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Payne, Ramsour and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried.

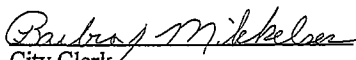
**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

