# Aurora, Nebraska April 13, 2010

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 April 13, 2010 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Wayne Roblee, 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 April 7, 2010. 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 PERSCRIBED 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 March 9, 2010 meeting. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

### PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission presented a plaque to Mayor Marlin Seeman for 30 years of teaching Hunter Safety Education courses.

Jeff See Vice President of Aventine gave an update on the completion of the ethanol plant.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Mikkelsen presented the Expenditure and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending March 31, 2010. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Helzer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee and Ramsour. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Claims Committee Member Helzer reported the claims presented by the Clerk were in order and moved that said claims be allowed and checks drawn on the various funds for payment of same be approved. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

Councilor Ramsour moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ben Crabtree as a Temporary City Police Officer. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour, Anderson and Helzer. Nay: None. The motion carried. City Attorney Ross Luzum gave the Oath of Office to Officer Ben Crabtree.

Mike Darbro of the Nebraska Public Health Department presented an update on public health in Nebraska. Mayor Marlin Seeman signed a proclamation declaring April Public Health Month.

Jeff Bart a representative of AACD asked the City of Aurora to assume maintenance of the new "Welcome to Aurora" signs. Councilor Roblee moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the maintenance of the "Welcome to Aurora" signs. Councilor Shaneyfelt seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding who would have ownership and who would be responsible for replacement if necessary. Voting Aye: Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour, Anderson and Phillips. Nay: Helzer. The motion carried.

Christian Evans of AACD described and displayed the banner holders and brackets that AACD wants to put on the downtown street lights. He then asked for Council approval to use these banner holders and brackets. Councilor Roblee moved to approve the use of the presented banner holders and brackets on the downtown street lights. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips and Shaneyfelt. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Ramsour moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NPPD for the rental of an additional office in City Hall for \$150 per month. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the request from the Aurora School Prom Committee for permission to close 4th Street between M Street and L Street for Prom, April 24, 2010 from 2:00pm until 11:00pm. Councilor Ramsour seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee and Ramsour. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Troy Johnston of JEO Consulting reviewed Change Order No. 3 for Northridge Subdivision-Werner Construction a decrease \$6,666.28. Councilor Ramsour moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for Northridge Subdivision-Werner Construction a decrease \$6,666.28. Councilor Helzer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Troy Johnston of JEO Consulting Pay Application No. 4 and final for Northridge Subdivision to Werner Construction in the amount of \$13,840.39. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Pay Application No. 4 and final for Northridge Subdivision to Werner Construction in the amount of \$13,840.39 with payment subject to the completion of the punch list. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour, Anderson and Helzer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Troy Johnston of JEO Consulting presented the "Recommendation of Acceptance" for the Northridge Subdivision Project. Councilor Phillips moved to accept the "Recommendation of Acceptance" for the Northridge Subdivision Project. Councilor Shaneyfelt seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Shaneyfelt Roblee, Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Agenda item No. 15 postponed to later date.

Terry Galloway of Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth presented the audit of the City's financial statement for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Councilor Ramsour moved to accept the audit of the City's financial statement for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Troy Johnston of JEO Consulting updated the Council on the warranty being done on the sidewalks downtown.

Justin Stine of JEO Consulting presented the design for the "G" Street Sewer Line. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the design for the "G" Street Sewer Line. Councilor Shaneyfelt seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee and Ramsour. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Justin Stine of JEO Consulting presented the design for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Councilor Ramsour moved to approve the design for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Helzer, Phillips, Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Bair explained an amendment to the city's pension plan that would change the age of admission into the plan from 21 years of age to 18 years old. Councilor Roblee moved to approve making an amendment to the city's pension plan to change the age of admission into the plan from 21 years of age to 18 years old.

Councilor Shaneyfelt moved to approve the certification of the City Administrator's approval of a lot split for the property located at: a portion of Lot 2, Block 2, Industrial Subdivision. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Shaneyfelt, Roblee, Ramsour, Anderson, Helzer and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** 

# ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Council President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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