## Aurora, Nebraska May 24, 2011

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 May 24, 2011 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Wayne Roblee, Paul Lackore, Phillip Hupf and Dick Phillips. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were Interim City Administrator Jane Berry, 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 May 18, 2011. 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 are 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 Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2011 meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Hupf, Phillips and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Ramsour and Shaneyfelt. The motion carried.

### PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

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

### 7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, and observations relating to authorizing the Mayor to acquire on a willing buyer-willing seller basis or any other form of voluntary transfer of real estate located at Lots 25-32 BLK 4 Hamilton of Aurora City & S15' of VAC Birch ST 8+Lots, commonly known as 206 South 16th Street, Aurora, Nebraska. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of the land purchase. Jane Berry explained the reason for the purchase. Kurt Johnson representing Aurora Development Corporation (ADC) stated that ADC was in favor of the project. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the project. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the project the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to acquire on a willing buyer-willing seller basis or any other form of voluntary transfer real estate located at Lots 25-32 BLK 4 Hamilton of Aurora City & S15' of VAC Birch ST 8+Lots, commonly known as 206 South 16th Street, Aurora, Nebraska. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman stated that Councilor Roblee had a possible conflict of interest and could be abstaining on the vote. Councilor Phillips moved to postpone the motion until the June 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Hupf, Philips, Roblee and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Ramsour and Shaneyfelt. The motion carried. Councilor Hupf moved to approve the request from the Food Pantry to allow "N" Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets to be designated as one-way during the time of the 10/11 Can Caravan, June 10, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Roblee, Lackore and Hupf. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Ramsour and Shaneyfelt. The motion carried.

Grant Administrator Berry reviewed the bids for the Cole Park RTP Trail Project. Councilor Lackore moved to award the bid for the Cole Park RTP Trail Project to Dostals Construction for \$148,259.95. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Lackore, Hupf and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Ramsour and Shaneyfelt. The motion carried.

Justine Stine of JEO Consulting reviewed the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project. Councilor Phillips moved to award the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Project to Rutjens Construction for \$2,852,000 contingent upon final approval and permits from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and to authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Councilor Hupf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Lackore, Hupf and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Ramsour and Shaneyfelt. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve the request from AACD for a \$1,000 donation to the Community Fireworks Project. Councilor Hupf seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Hupf, Phillips and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Ramsour and Shaneyfelt. 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 8:35 p.m.

Marlin Geeman Mayor

ATTEST:

Mikkelsen Barbro City Clerk

