

Aurora, Nebraska
January 12, 2016

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 January 12, 2016 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Dorothy Anderson, Dick Phillips and Kelly Grossnicklaus. Mayor David Long conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Eric Melcher, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Utilities Superintendent Adam Darbro and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on January 6, 2016. 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 Long 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 Roblee moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief of Police Paul Graham stated due to the remodeling at the Law Enforcement Center the Police Department had temporarily moved to the basement of the Law Enforcement Center. He also stated that his office has been temporarily relocated to City Hall.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMITTEES:

Clerk/Treasurer Mikkelsen presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending December 31, 2015. Councilor Lackore moved to approve said reports. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Claims Committee Member Lackore 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 Grossnicklaus seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

Scott Cerveny gave an update on the activities and services provided by the Youth Center.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1023 by its title: AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND AND INCREASE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, STATE OF NEBRASKA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-405, R.R.S.1943, BY ANNEXING THERETO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO AND NOT EMBRACED WITHIN THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, CONSISTING OF STREETER PARK SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4), OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE(33), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL PRIOR ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE FILING, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Roblee moved to bring Ordinance No. 1023 before the council and to approve the second reading of this ordinance. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried.

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Long 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, real estate located at: Tract One: The East Ten (10) acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW1/4NE1/4), Section Thirty Three (33), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska and Tract Two: The south 10 acres of the following A tract of land comprising a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4), Section Thirty Three (33), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska and Tract Three: The north 10 acres of a tract of land comprising a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4), Section Thirty Three (33), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, NE.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the proposed purchase and there was no one. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed purchase and there was no one. There being no one present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed purchased the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Lackore moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an agreement for the options to acquire the following tract of land: Tract One: The East Ten (10) acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW1/4NE1/4), Section Thirty Three (33), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried

Councilor Lackore moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate an agreement for the options to acquire the following two tracts of land: Tract Two: The south 10 acres of the following; A tract of land comprising a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4), Section Thirty Three (33), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska and Tract Three: The north 10 acres of a tract of land comprising a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4), Section Thirty Three (33), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, NE. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips and Grossnicklaus. Nay: None. The motion carried.

John Boeder from Strong Financial Services presented the information regarding long term disability insurance. Councilor Lackore moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for long term disability insurance for City employees with the City paying 100% of the premium for the employees therefore having 100% participation by the employees. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Melcher explained the agreement with Hamilton County to clear obstructions from Lincoln Creek. Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Hamilton County to clear obstructions from Lincoln Creek. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Melcher explained the increase in costs for the Fire Hall Project. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the transfer of funds from the Water and Sewer funds to the General fund to complete the Fire Hall Project with the funds being paid back to the Water and Sewer Funds in the next year's budget. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Melcher reviewed the amendment to the engineering services agreement with JEO Consulting for the 2015 Water Supply Well Improvements. He stated this was for the 11th Road water main. Councilor Lackore moved to approve the amendment to the engineering services agreement with JEO Consulting for the 2015 Water Supply Well Improvements. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Pat Shaw of Hamilton Telecommunications presented their request for blister parking. Councilor Roblee moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the request from Hamilton Telecommunications for blister parking on west side of 12th Street between J Street and K Street. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

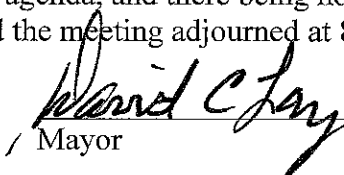
Pat Shaw of Hamilton Telecommunications presented their request to use the city right of way for additional parking. Councilor Roblee moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the conditional use related to the parking area occupying city right of way. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips and Grossnicklaus. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to authorize city personnel to proceed with the steps necessary for the sale of the City owned lots on 10th Street. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Grossnicklaus and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

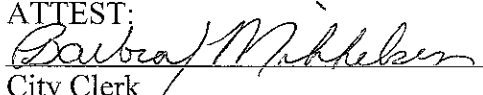
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Long declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

