

Aurora, Nebraska  
February 13, 2018

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 February 13, 2018 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Dorothy Anderson, Dick Phillips and Nancy Lohrmeyer. 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 February 7, 2018. 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 Lackore moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018 meeting. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

Clerk/Treasurer Mikkelsen presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending January 31, 2018. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, 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 Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

Charles McGraw of Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit reviewed the budget request for 2018-2019 for the public transportation service in Hamilton County. The request is for the \$9,429.00. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 18-04 instructing Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit to apply for federal funds and to provide for local funding match of \$9,429.00. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION 18-04**

WHEREAS, there are Federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit desires to apply for said funds to provide public transportation in Hamilton County.

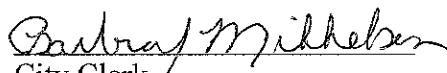
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Aurora hereby instructs the Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit to apply for said funds.

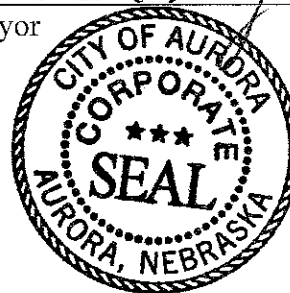
Said funds are to be used for the Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit transportation operations in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Application for Public Transportation Assistance.

Passed and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk



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

Mayor Long opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments on the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Mayor Long then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the plan. There being no one present that wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan Mayor Long declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Lackore moved to adopt Resolution 18-03 for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 18-03

WHEREAS, the City Street Superintendent has prepared and presented a One Year and Six Year Plan for Street Improvement Program for the City of Aurora, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, to present this plan and there were no objections to said plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY The Mayor and City Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, that the plans and data as furnished are hereby in all things accepted and adopted.

Passed and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

*David C Long*  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Barbra Mikhelson*  
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City Clerk



**7:40 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Long opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments to a request from Marc Groetzinger for a permit to keep Animals and/or Fowl at the property located at 1817 1st Street, City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska. To allow for goats to be kept on the property which is zoned RR, Residential Ranchette. Mayor Long asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the request. Marc Groetzinger spoke in favor of the request. Mayor Long then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the request. There being no one else present that wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request Mayor Long declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve request from Marc Groetzinger for a permit to keep Animals and/or Fowl at the property located at 1817 1st Street, City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Melcher explained the membership in Greater Nebraska Cities (GNC). Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 18-05 allowing the City of Aurora membership in Greater Nebraska Cities (GNC) and authorizing the Mayor to represent the city. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 18-05

RESOLUTION COMMITTING CITY TO MEMBERSHIP OF GREATER NEBRASKA CITIES AND AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO REPRESENT CITY

Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, desires to establish and further communication and collaboration with similar cities in south central Nebraska; and,

Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, desires to preserve local control and represent the interests of and improve the quality of life of their citizens; and,

Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska desires to share and evaluate best practices in City management and strategies for addressing issues of common concern; and,

Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska desires to monitor, evaluate and respond to legislative issues of mutual concern to similar cities in a timely manner with a unified voice.

Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska wishes to join with the cities of Grand Island, Hastings, Holdrege, Kearney, Lexington, Minden and North Platte to form the Greater Nebraska Cities to take such actions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

The City Council of the City of Aurora, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all guidelines, documents or other memoranda between City of Aurora and the Greater Nebraska Cities so as to effect acceptance of membership to the organization.

David C Long

Signed

Mayor

Title

February 14, 2018

Date



MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Long declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.

David C Long  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra J. Mikkelsen  
City Clerk

