

Aurora, Nebraska  
December 13, 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 December 13, 2016 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Dorothy Anderson 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 and Deputy Clerk Di Ana Leininger.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on December 7, 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 Lackore moved to approve the minutes from the November 8 2016 meeting. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Grossnicklaus and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

Deputy Clerk Leininger presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending November 30, 2016. Councilor Lackore moved to approve said reports. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Grossnicklaus, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. 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, Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

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

Mayor Long opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request from Streeter LLC to approve a Preliminary Plat of Streeter's First Addition, an addition to the City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska, a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), of Section Five (5), Township Ten (10) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the proposed recommendation and there was no one. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed recommendation. There being no one present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed recommendation the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Zoning Administrator Darbro stated the Planning Commission recommended approving the Preliminary Plat of Streeter's First Addition conditional upon the completion of a drainage study to be reviewed and approved by the City Council prior to the initiation of infrastructure improvements and/or subdivision development. Also included in the recommendation of approval was an exception in accordance to Article 8, Section 801 of the subdivision regulations, regarding the proposed street centerline radius of Cottage Park Drive. The proposed street centerline radius does not meet the 200'-0" minimum street centerline radius per 50'-0" right of way requirement indicated within the subdivision regulations. The Planning Commission believes with a 60'-0" Right of Way and the minimum front yard setback of 20'-0", the driver visibility on Cottage Park Drive should prove to be adequate and has no negative impact on adjacent properties.

Councilor Roblee moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request from Streeter LLC to approve a Preliminary Plat of Streeter's First Addition, an addition to the City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska, a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), of Section Five (5), Township Ten (10) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska based on the contingencies in the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Long opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request from Streeter LLC to approve a Final Plat of Streeter's First Addition, an addition to the City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska, a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), of Section Five (5), Township Ten (10) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska.

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

Councilor Lackore moved to approve Resolution 16-13 approving the Final Plat of Streeter's First Addition upon completion of all contingencies recommended by the Planning Commission in the approval of the preliminary plat and the submission of an infrastructure improvement agreement to be reviewed and approved by the City Council. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-13**

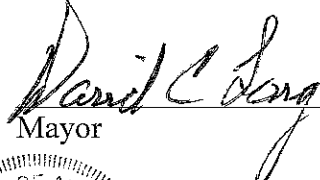
WHEREAS, the Aurora Planning Commission and the Aurora City Council have held public hearings to receive public input regarding the Preliminary Plat and the Final Plat of Streeter's First Addition, comprising a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), of Section Five (5), Township Ten (10) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Hamilton County, Nebraska; and have held separate public hearings to consider whether the Subdivision should be included within the Corporate limits of the City of Aurora, and

WHEREAS, said plat of Streeter's First Addition meets the requirements of the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Aurora, and the Statutes of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Aurora Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council approval of the Final Plat to be known as Streeter's First Addition and has recommended that it be included within the Corporate limits, and the City Council on this date has voted for approval of this Subdivision; and has voted to include this Subdivision within the City Limits;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, that the Final Plat of Streeter's First Addition be hereby approved and that said addition shall be included within the Corporate limits of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the approval of said plat, and cause the same to be filed as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk



**7:45P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Long opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding the inclusion of Streeter's First Addition within the corporate limits of the city of Aurora. Mayor Long asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the recommendation and there was no one. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed recommendation and there was no one. There being no one present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed recommendation the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1039: 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'S FIRST ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4), OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP TEN (10) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS, TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Roblee moved to bring Ordinance No. 1039 before the council and to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Grossnicklaus. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

## **7:50P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Long opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding for 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: Lots 9-10 Block 3 Chapman's Re-Survey, City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska.

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 enter into an agreement for the purchase of the following tract of land: : Lots 9-10 Block 3 Chapman's Re-Survey, City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Grossnicklaus, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Downey Drilling, Inc. for the 2016 Municipal Water Supply Improvements. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Schwisow Construction for the Municipal Well Building and Electrical Improvements. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the recommendation from the Park Recreation & Citizen Cemetery Committee to purchase a PTS-2015 Stealth Kiosk for \$27,500. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Grossnicklaus, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

## **REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

Councilor Lackore moved to nominate and elect Councilor Wayne Roblee for Council President. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Abstain: Roblee. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried and Councilor Roblee was elected Council President for 2017.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve the appointment of Steven A. Parr from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as City Street Superintendent. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

Mayor Long made the following appointments of City Officials and Department Heads for 2017.

2017 Appointed City Officials and Department Heads

City Administrator	Eric Melcher
City Attorney Luzum	Ross Luzum, Powell &
City Physician	Dr. Michael Sullivan, MD
City Engineer	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
City Clerk/Treasurer	Barbra J. Mikkelsen
Deputy Clerk	Di Anna Leininger
Street Superintendent	Steven A. Parr
Utility Superintendent/ Zoning Administrator	Adam Darbro
Waste Water Plant Superintendent	Dennis Sabell
Fire Chief	Thomas D. Cox
Chief of Police	Paul L. Graham
Cemetery Superintendent	Steven D. Patton
Librarian	Janette C. Thomsen
Park Superintendent	Jeremy Cattau
Police Chaplain	Rev. Karl Larson
Police Officers: Ryan E. Dummer, Lieutenant, Chad S. Mertz, Sergeant, Troy B. Starr, Patrolman II, Corey J. Dvorak, Patrolman II, Rex R. Kinsey, Patrolman II, Nathan Friesen, Patrolman II, John C. Johnston, Patrolman II	

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Mayor's appointments of the City Officials/Department Heads as stated for 2017. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Council Committee appointments for 2017. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried. Councilor Committees for 2017 are as follows:

**Fees/Claims**

Nancy Lohrmeyer\*  
Paul Lackore  
Dan Bartling

**Public Works**

Wayne Roblee\*  
Dick Phillips  
Dorothy Anderson

**Public Safety**

Dick Phillips\*  
Nancy Lohrmeyer  
Dan Bartling

**Recreation & Facilities**

Paul Lackore\*  
Wayne Roblee  
Dorothy Anderson

\*Chairperson

Councilor Roblee moved to designate the Aurora News Register as the Official Newspaper for the City of Aurora. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried.

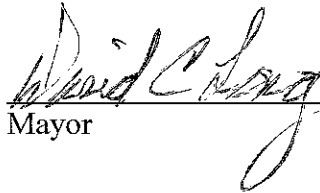
Councilor Lackore moved to approve the appointment of the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department members. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Phillips. The motion carried. The following were appointed as Volunteer Fire Department members:

Donald Adams, William Allen, Alex Briner, Jonathan, Bruner, Matt Campbell, Jeremy Cattau, Brent Dethlefs, George Eberly, Andrew Fisher, Tanner Greenough, Jeff Gustafson, Matthew Hedge, Jeremy Hope, Caden Huenefeld, Chris Hyde, Jennifer James, Kyle Johnson, Andrew Journey, Ryder Keller, Shane Kluck, Brandon Lubke, Randy Maahs, Jay Mack, Peter Miller, Travis Mitchell, Glenn Obermeier, Gerry Picek, Bradley Reynoldson, Clinton Roberts, Stephen Saddler, Jeffrey Schneider, Darren Sjohom, Kirt Smith, Scott Snider, Phillip Thomas, Spencer Werner, Kasey Wessels, Jeremy White and Micah Willis.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Long declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

  
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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk

