

Aurora, Nebraska
December 8, 2020

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 8, 2020 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Dorothy Anderson, Dick Phillips and Nancy Lohrmeyer. Mayor Marlin Seeman 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 December 2, 2020. 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 Lackore moved to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2020 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 November 30, 2020. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Anderson 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.

Bobbi Pettit of Five Rule Rural gave a presentation on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update.

7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to review and consider a recommendation of the Aurora Planning Commission regarding adoption of an updated Comprehensive Plan for the City and its extra territorial zoning jurisdiction area around the City.

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

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1109 by its title: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 956, AND ADOPT AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE ANTICIPATED LONG-RANGE FUTURE GROWTH, AND DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO R.R.S. Neb. SECTION 19-903, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1109 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried. The motion having been concurred in by three fourths majority of all members elected to the Council passed and said statutory three reading rule was suspended.

Councilor Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1109. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1109 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Phillips.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

7:40 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to review and consider a recommendation of the Aurora Planning Commission regarding adoption of updated Zoning Regulations and an updated Official Zoning map for the City and its extra territorial zoning jurisdiction area around the City.

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

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1110 by its title: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 957, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, AND ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, AND ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1110 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried. The motion having been concurred in by three fourths majority of all members elected to the Council passed and said statutory three reading rule was suspended.

Councilor Roblee moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1110. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1110 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference

7:45 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to review and consider a recommendation of the Aurora Planning Commission regarding adoption of updated Subdivision Regulations

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

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1111 by its title: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 958, THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, AND ESTABLISHING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, AND ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT THEREOF; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1111 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried. The motion having been concurred in by three fourths majority of all members elected to the Council passed and said statutory three reading rule was suspended.

Councilor Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1111. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1111 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

Justise Rhoden of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on what the Aurora Chamber of Commerce has been doing for the community. She also asked the City Council to support the Aurora Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000.

City Administrator Melcher reviewed the extension request for CDBG #10-ED-006 for the Power Park Project. Councilor Roblee moved to support the request for an extension of additional 2 years for CDBG #10-ED-006 for the Power Park Project. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: Phillips. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Aurora Development Corporation and HGI Land for Woodard Trust for infrastructure improvements for the Madison Ave Infrastructure Extension Project. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Tyler Doane with JEO Consulting Group, reviewed the bids for the Madison Avenue Water and Sewer Extension Project. Councilor Phillips moved to award the bid for the Madison Ave Water and Sewer Extension Project to Diamond Engineering for \$91,732.65. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Nick Mc Cready of JEO Consulting Group, reviewed the bids for the Tributary to Lincoln Creek Storm Sewer Improvements Project. Councilor Lackore moved to award the bid for the Tributary to Lincoln Creek Storm Sewer Improvements Project to Diamond Engineering for \$214,767.44. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Melcher discussed the rates for the EV Charging Station. Councilor Lackore moved to approve Resolution 20-14 setting the rates for the EV Charging Station. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-14

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, encourages the adoption and use of electric vehicles through the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure as consistent with the City's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs costs associated with the operation of the electric vehicle charging stations for maintenance, operation, administration, and electricity consumed by electric vehicle use of the stations and network expansion; and

WHEREAS, the City has estimated that charges for the use of the electric vehicle charging stations would off-set expenses incurred by the City for providing the service and has confirmed that other agencies charge for the service.

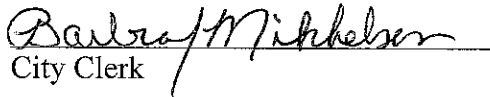
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the following rates shall be assessed for the use of the City's electric vehicle charging infrastructure:

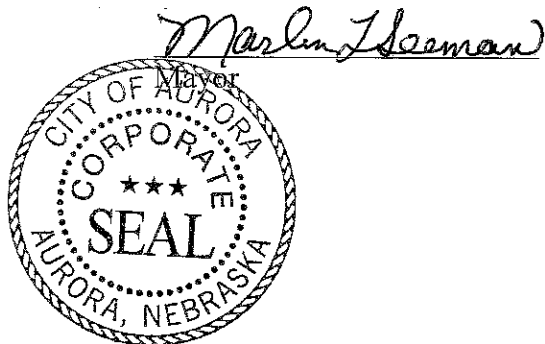
A. DC Fast Charging Station. There shall be a \$4.00 minimum fee, and \$8.00 per plug-in maximum fee. The energy rate shall be \$.07 per minute.

B. Level 2 Charging Station. There shall be a \$2.00 minimum fee, and \$4.00 per plug-in maximum fee. The energy rate shall be \$1.00 per hour.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:


City Clerk



Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 20-15 declaration of surplus police vehicle. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-15

WHEREAS, Section 17-503.01 of R.R.S. 1943 Nebraska Statutes requires that Cities post a resolution declaring the sale of surplus property, and


WHEREAS, the City has determined the following to be surplus property:

Police Department:

2016 Chevy Caprice PPV (Police Patrol Vehicle)
VIN: 6G3NS5U2XGL207967, 90,907 Miles

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City staff be authorized to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of said Police Department vehicles.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of December, 2020.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve the hiring of a new Police Officer Adam Seger in preparation of the retirement of Police Officer Kinsey, in April 2021. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Anderson. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Darbro reviewed Change Order No. 3 for the EMS Living Quarters Project for Herk's Welding, Inc. There is a decrease of \$205.00 to eliminate vision panels in doors to comply with State Fire Marshall requirements. Councilor Roblee moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for the EMS Living Quarters Project for Herk's Welding, Inc., a decrease of \$205.00. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Darbro reviewed Pay Application No. 4 for the EMS Living Quarters Project. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Pay Application No. 4 for the EMS Living Quarters Project for Herk's Welding, Inc. for \$164,458.80. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve the Administrative Subdivision for Lots 1 & 2, Block 19, Ellsworth Addition to the City of Aurora, Hamilton County, NE. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Anderson, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

City Attorney Luzum administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials, Wayne Roblee, Nancy Lohrmeyer and Mark Dunn.

Councilor Roblee nominated Councilor Richard Phillips for Council President. Councilor Roblee moved to cease nominations. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Lohrmeyer. Abstain: Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried nominations were ceased and Councilor Phillips was elected Council President for 2021.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the appointment of Steven A. Parr, Consultant (Class A, License # S-859), from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as City Street Superintendent with January 1, 2021 beginning appointment date. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Seeman made the following appointments of City Officials and Department Heads for 2021.

2021 Appointed City Officials and Department Heads

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| 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 | John Allen |
| 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, Nathan Friesen, Sergeant, Corey J. Dvorak, Patrolman II, John C. Johnston, Patrolman II, Rex Kinsey Patrolman II, Bryan A. Painter, Patrolman II, Robert D. Thornton III, Patrolman II, Tyler Hinchey, Patrolman I | |

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Mayor's appointments of the City Officials/Department Heads as stated for 2021. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve the Council Committee appointments for 2021. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried. Councilor Committees for 2021 are as follows:

Fees/Claims

Nancy Lohrmeyer*
Dan Bartling
Mark Dunn

Public Works

Wayne Roblee*
Dick Phillips
Paul Lackore

Public Safety

Dick Phillips*
Dan Bartling
Mark Dunn

Recreation & Facilities

Paul Lackore*
Wayne Roblee
Nancy Lohrmeyer

*Chairperson

Councilor Lackore moved to designate the Aurora News Register as the Official Newspaper for the City of Aurora. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the appointment of the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department members. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried. The following were appointed as Volunteer Fire Department members:

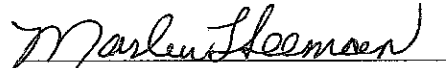
Dustin Brandt, Alex Briner, Jonathan Bruner, Jeremy Cattau, Blake Delarm, Brent Dethlefs, Derek Dibbern, George Eberly, Andrew Fisher, Tim Graham, Tanner Greenough, Matt Hedge, Jeremy Hope, Caden Huenefeld, Chris Hyde, Kyle Johnson, Andrew Journey, Ryder Keller, Angel Lentz, Tiffany Luebbe, Randy Maahs, Anthony Marty, Peter Miller, Travis Mitchell, Glenn Obermeier, Clinton Roberts, Stephen Saddler, Jeffrey Schneider, Kirt Smith, Phillip Thomas, Spencer Werner, Kasey Wessels, Jennifer West and Jeremy White.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Nebraska Department of Transportation Road Maintenance agreement for \$13,863.00. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

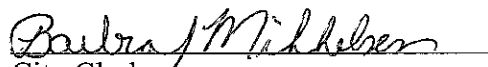
ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

