

Aurora, Nebraska
July 12, 2022

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 July 12, 2022 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, 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 July 6, 2022. 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 June 28, 2022 meeting. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. 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 June 30, 2022. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Claims Committee Member Lohrmeyer 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 Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

City Attorney Luzum gave the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Cody Barry.

Jeff Ray of JEO Consulting Goup gave a presentation on the Downtown Revitalization Vision Implementation Strategy.

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding a request to amend Ordinance No. 1110, the Zoning ordinance to the City of Aurora, Nebraska. The proposed amendment would amend Article 3, Section 303, Subsection 303.108 to allow for further definition of the minimum square footage of 1,000 sq ft of floor area must be above grade for single story construction and also the removal of tile, tin and rock from approved roof materials as well as the addition of steel standing seam roofing to approved roof materials.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of the proposed amendment. Zoning Administrator Darbro stated the Planning Commission recommended approval. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment and there was no one. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed amendment the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1149: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1110, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF ARTICLE THREE: SECTION 303, DEFINITIONS, SUBSECTION 303.108, DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1149 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1149. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1149 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

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 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 Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

7:33 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding a request to amend Ordinance No. 1110, the Zoning ordinance to the City of Aurora, Nebraska. The proposed amendments would amend Article 3, Section 303, Subsection 303.125 and Article 5, Section 503, Subsection 503.06 to allow for the addition of commonly used materials to the definition of a fence as well as the addition of permitted and prohibited materials used for the construction of fences within the supplemental regulations.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of the proposed amendment. Zoning Administrator Darbro stated the Planning Commission recommended approval. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment and there was no one. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed amendment the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1150: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1110, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF ARTICLE THREE: SECTION 303, DEFINITIONS, SUBSECTION 303.125 AND AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF ARTICLE FIVE: SECTION 503, YARD EXCEPTIONS, SUBSECTION 503.06; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1150 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1150. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1150 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

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 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 Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding a request to amend Ordinance No. 1110, the Zoning ordinance to the City of Aurora, Nebraska. The proposed amendment would amend Article 4, Section 410, Paragraph 1, Line-Item C, Article 4, Section 411, Paragraph 1, Line-Item C and Article 4, Section 412, Paragraph 1, Line-Item C which addresses accessory building material and color within an R-1, R-R and R/O zoning districts.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of the proposed amendment. Zoning Administrator Darbro stated the Planning Commission recommended approval. The Mayor then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment and there was no one. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed amendment the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1151: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1110, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ARTICLE FOUR: SECTION 410, R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SUBSECTION 410.03; SECTION 411, R-R RESIDENTIAL RANCHETTE DISTRICT, SUBSECTION 411.03; AND SECTION 412, R/O RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE DISTRICT, SUBSECTION 412.03; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK OR PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1151 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1151. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1151 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

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 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 Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.


Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with FireFox for the lease/purchase of emergency vehicles. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Bartling and Dun. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the request from Aurora Public Schools to include at their cost the Aurora School Logo on the Water Tower during the 2022 Water Tower Rehabilitation Project per Maguire Iron, Inc. "Contract Services Agreement" dated July 7th, 2022. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

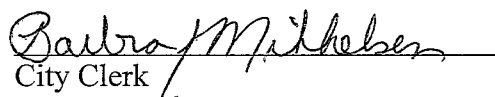
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

