

Aurora, Nebraska
August 23, 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 August 23, 2022 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, 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 August 17, 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 Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Kelsey Bergen with Aurora Development Corporation gave an economic development update for the City of Aurora.

Councilor Phillips moved to adopt the City of Aurora Downtown Vision Implementation Study done by JEO Consulting Group. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seeman opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This grant is available to local governments for community/economic development activities. The City of Aurora is requesting \$435,000.00 for Downtown Revitalization Project. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of the application. Lori Ferguson, Community Consultant with South Central Economic Development District, Inc. spoke in favor of the application. Kelsey Bergen with Aurora Development Corporation and Justise Rhoden, Aurora Chamber of Commerce also spoke in favor of the application. 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 else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed recommendation the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve Resolution 22-07 for submitting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL
TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS
RESOLUTION 22-07

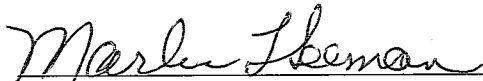
Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and,

Whereas, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, has obtained its citizens' comments on community development and housing needs; and has conducted public hearing(s) upon the proposed application and received favorable public comment respecting the application which for an amount of \$435,000.00 for downtown revitalization/façade improvements; and,

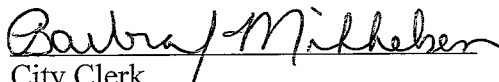
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

The City Council of the City of Aurora, that the Mayor, Marlin Seeman, be authorized and directed to proceed with the formulation of any and all contracts, documents or other memoranda between the City of Aurora and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so as to effect acceptance of the grant application.

PASSED THIS 24th DAY OF August, 2022.


Marlin Seeman, Mayor

Attest:


Barbara Milheben
City Clerk



Lori Ferguson, Community Consultant for South Central Economic Development District, Inc. explained the Citizen Participation Plan. She stated this is a requirement of all CDBG recipients and is part of the application process. Councilor Roblee moved adopt the Citizen Participation Plan. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

No action taken on agenda item #8 due to lack of paperwork.

Utility Superintendent Darbro reviewed the Certificate of Completion for Streeter 3rd & Streeter 4th Addition. Councilor Lackore moved to accept the Certificate of Completion for Streeter 3rd & Streeter 4th Addition. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshusen and Justin Adkins of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. reviewed Pay Application No. 8 for the South Interceptor Phase I to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for \$39,652.21. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Pay Application No. 8 for the South Interceptor Phase I to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for \$39,652.21. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshusen and Justin Adkins of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. reviewed Change Order No. 2 for South Interceptor Phase I to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for a decrease of \$20,985.91. Councilor Dunn moved to approve Change Order No. 2 for South Interceptor Phase I to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for a decrease of \$20,985.91. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshusen and Justin Adkins of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. reviewed Pay Application No. 9 for the South Interceptor Phase I to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for \$221,955.27. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Pay Application No.9 for the South Interceptor Phase I to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for \$221,955.27. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion for South Interceptor Phase I. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to adopt Resolution 22-08 setting Board of Equalization Hearing for Streeter 3rd & Streeter 4th Addition paving assessments. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Bartling. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-08

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council will meet as a Board of Equalization at 6:45 o'clock p.m., on the 11th day of October, 2022, at the Council Chambers in Aurora, Nebraska; and

Section 2. That the following notice of said meeting be published in five (5) issues of the Aurora News-Register on the following dates: September 7, September 14, September 21, September 28, October 5, 2022

Section 3. That the City Clerk be and hereby is instructed to mail a copy of said Notice to all known resident and non-resident owners of property in Street Improvement District No. 185, Water Extension District No. 2021-1 and Sanitary Sewer District No. 45; and to any other party appearing to have a direct interest in such action or proceedings; and


Section 4. That at said time and place, the Mayor and City Council of said City will grant a hearing to all persons interested and will pass a resolution making said special assessments as provided by law.

Passed this 23rd day of August, 2022.



Mayor

ATTEST:



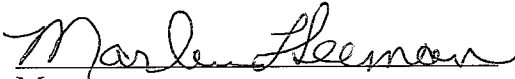
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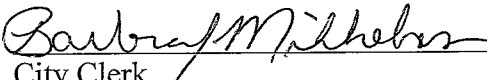
ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

