

Aurora, Nebraska
December 13, 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 December 13, 2022 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Wayne Roblee, 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 and Utilities Superintendent Adam Darbro.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on December 7, 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 November 8, 2022 meeting. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS BY OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMITTEES:

Mayor Seeman presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending November 30, 2022. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. 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, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1158: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA, NE TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING THE USE OF (1) 2022 CATERPILLAR 926M SERIAL # W5L02146 (1) 2022 CATERPILLAR 926M SERIAL # W5L02428

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1158 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1158. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1158 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: 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 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 Roblee moved to approve Resolution 22-17 setting sewer rates for 2023-2027. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 22-17

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, by and through its Sewer Department, provides sanitary sewer system service to domestic, non-domestic, and industrial users, both inside and outside the city limits;

AND WHEREAS, Section 52.31 of the Municipal Code of the City of Aurora provides that the Mayor and Council may establish rental rates for the use of the sewer system;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the following be assessed for such use.

DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USERS

Domestic and non-domestic users of the sanitary sewer system, both inside and outside the city limits, shall be assessed a sewer use fee monthly based upon their total water usage. Meters for recording the usage of such services shall be read monthly, or estimated when necessary. Bills for said services shall be prepared, mailed, and collected on a monthly basis as determined from the above meter readings and estimates; provided however, that the domestic sewer service rate shall be based upon the average water use for the months of January, February and March unless inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the reading of the meters in any of those three months, then in that event, the City Council shall direct the method to be used to establish the rate. The established rate shall then be effective for the next twelve months beginning with the April billing. Sewer service rates will be recomputed at each billing for non-domestic users. Charges for multiple units served by one common water meter shall be assessed based upon the minimum fee for each unit plus the rate per 1,000 gallons used thereafter. The following rates apply:

RATES FOR 2023

First 1,000 gallons . . . a minimum charge. \$15.50
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.45 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2024

First 1,000 gallons . . . a minimum charge. \$16.00
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.55 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2025

First 1,000 gallons . . . a minimum charge. \$16.50
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.65 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2026

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$17.00
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.75 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2027

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$17.50
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.85 per thousand gallons

USERS NOT ON CITY WATER SYSTEM

Those sanitary sewer system users which are not consumers of City water shall be charged at the same rate based upon each 1,000 gallons of wastewater discharged to the sanitary sewer system. The cost of a suitable continuous recording device for determining the flow of discharge into the sanitary sewer system for these customers shall be borne by the customer. In the alternative, those customers who do not have such a recording device shall pay the following flat rate per month for sanitary sewer system service:

NON-METERED FLAT RATE:

2023.....	\$35.70
2024.....	\$37.49
2025.....	\$39.36
2026.....	\$41.33
2027.....	\$43.40

INDUSTRIAL USERS

Users contributing industrial waste, as distinct from those discharging only non-process related waste water, shall be charged monthly on the basis of their contribution of wastewater flow, organic load, and suspended solids and oil and grease into the sanitary sewer system. Rates for the IAMS plant and the Nebraska Energy, LLC plant have been established by Resolution 05-26 adopted December 13, 2005 and remain in effect. Rates for other industrial users will be established by the Mayor and City Council prior to their connection to the sewer system.

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE USE FEE

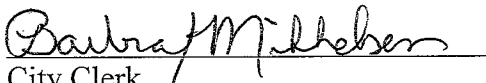
A monthly capital maintenance use charge shall be assessed to each user of the sanitary sewer system in addition to the regular rates charged for use as set forth in this section, to be applied as follows:

Beginning in April 2023, a \$2.00 monthly charge shall be assessed to each user of the sanitary sewer system.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of December, 2022.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



Councilor Phillips moved to approve the contract with South Central Economic Development District to provide grant administration services on the City's 2022 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved to adopt the Procurement Standards and Code of Conduct for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to adopt the Proposed Fair Housing Action for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to accept the high bid from Asia Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$6,959.00 for the surplus police vehicle. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

City Attorney Luzum administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials, Marlin Seeman, Dick Phillips and Dan Bartling.

Councilor Roblee nominated Councilor Richard Phillips for Council President. Councilor Roblee moved to cease nominations. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Abstain: Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried nominations were ceased and Councilor Phillips was elected Council President for 2023.

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, 2023 beginning appointment date. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Mayor Seeman made the following appointments of City Officials and Department Heads for 2023.

2023 Appointed City Officials and Department Heads

City Administrator	Eric Melcher
City Attorney	Ross Luzum, Powell & Luzum
City Physician	Dr. Mark D. Jobman
City Engineer	JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
City Clerk/Treasurer	Barbra J. Mikkelsen
Deputy Clerk	Di Ana Leininger
Street Superintendent	Steven A. Parr
Utility Superintendent-Darbro	Adam
Zoning Administrator	
Waste Water Plant Superintendent	John Allen
Fire Chief	Thomas D. Cox
Chief of Police	Paul L. Graham
Cemetery Superintendent	Dustin Brandt
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, Bryan A. Painter, Patrolman II, Tyler Hinchey, Patrolman II, Adam Seger, Patrolman II, Cody Barry, Patrolman II	

Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve the Mayor's appointments of the City Officials/Department Heads as stated for 2023. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the Council Committee appointments for 2023. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried. Councilor Committees for 2023 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 Dunn moved to designate the Aurora News Register as the Official Newspaper for the City of Aurora. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

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

Alex Briner, Jonathan Bruner, Jeremy Cattau, Blake Delarm, Brent Dethlefs, Derek Dibbern, George Eberly, Andrew Fisher, Nolan Forbes, Tim Graham, Tanner Greenough, Daniel Hensley, Jeremy Hope, Caden Huenefeld, Chris Hyde, Ryder Keller, Ryan Larsen, Tiffany Luebbe, Randy Maahs, Bobby Meade, Peter Miller, Travis Mitchell, Will Muntz, Glenn Obermeier, Clinton Roberts, Stephen Saddler, Jeffrey Schneider, Caleb Smith, Eric Smith, Kirt Smith, Patrick Spahr, Jeremy Spencer, Alyssa Stobbe, Phillip Thomas, Spencer Werner, Jennifer West and Jeremy White.

Councilor Dunn moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Hamilton County for snow removal. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. 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 7:55p.m.

Marden Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Milheiser
City Clerk

