

Aurora, Nebraska
July 25, 2023

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 25, 2023 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, Police Lieutenant Ryan Dummer, Utilities Superintendent Adam Darbro and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on July 19, 2023. 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 Phillips moved to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 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:

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1169: 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 NORTHRIDGE SECOND SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, A TRACT OF LAND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) AND THE NORTH HALF (N1/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4), SECTION THIRTY-THREE (33), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) 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 BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1169 before the council and to approve the second reading of this ordinance. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Karla Schwieger-Arnold, Director of Willow Rising, Inc. presented Willow Rising's funding request for FY 2023-2024. Councilor Roblee moved to approve the request from Willow Rising, Inc. for funding for FY 2023-2024 for \$4,000. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

John Wilcox and Terry Ott with the Aurora Airport Authority presented their levy request for fiscal year 2023-2024. The request is for \$.035 per \$100 of taxable valuation plus 1%. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the levy request from the Aurora Airport Authority for \$0.035 per \$100 of taxable valuation plus 1%. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve Resolution 23-07 creating an additional police officer position. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.


RESOLUTION NO. 23-07

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that there is a need for an additional police officer position in the City of Aurora Police Department to meet the needs of its current population as well as anticipated growth

AND WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council recognize that the City's ability to provide adequate police protection and deterrence of crime would be improved with the addition of an additional police officer,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, that an additional position of police officer be created and added to the Aurora Police Department Roster and that compensation for said position shall be in accordance with the pay scale and benefit package currently offered by the Police Department.

Passed and adopted this 25th day of July, 2023.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



Teresa Anderson of Central District Health Department (CDHD) presented a request for funding from CDHD in the amount of \$7,000. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the request for funding from Central District Health Department for FY 2023-2024 for \$7,000. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve payment to SCEDD for general administrative services from 3-1-23 to 6-30-23, Invoice #1596 for \$6,950. Councilor Lohrmeyer 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 Draw Request #2 for CDBG Funds for \$6,950. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Agenda Items #12 and #13 were withdrawn and no action was taken on them.

Utility Superintendent Darbro explained that providing construction staking services for the Drainage Improvement Project had been accidentally left out of the original agreement. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the amendment to the contract with Olsson for Drainage Improvement Project near 16th Street and H Street to provide for construction staking services. 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 to approve the request from The Wandering Well from Hastings for a special designated liquor license for a wedding reception at The Ivy, September 2, 2023, 4:00pm-1:00am. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

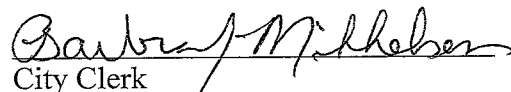
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

