

Aurora, Nebraska
December 12, 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 December 12, 2023 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, 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 6, 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 Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS BY OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMITTEES:

In the absence of the City Clerk, Utility Superintendent Darbro presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending November 30, 2023. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Dun seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. 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, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1175: 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 OUTLOT 'A' AND THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF KREMER AVENUE AND HAYES STREET WITHIN MISSION CRITICAL SECOND ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, A TRACT OF LAND COMPRISING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION FIFTEEN (15), TOWNSHIP TEN (10) 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 Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1175 before the council and to approve the second reading of this ordinance. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Councilor Roblee nominated Councilor Richard Phillips for Council President. Councilor Roblee moved to cease nominations. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Abstain: Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried nominations were ceased and Councilor Phillips was elected Council President for 2024.

Councilor Lackore 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, 2024 beginning appointment date. Councilor Phillips 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 2024.

2024 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
Public Works Director	Adam Darbro
Zoning Administrator	
Waste Water Plant Superintendent	John Allen
Fire Chief	Thomas D. Cox
EMS Captain	Dalton Chastain
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 Dummer, Lieutenant, Nathan Friesen, Sergeant, Corey Dvorak, Patrolman II, John C. Johnston, Patrolman II, Tyler Hinchey, Patrolman II, Adam Seger, Patrolman II, Cody Barry, Patrolman II, Peyton Ott, Patrolman I

Councilor Phillips moved to approve the Mayor's appointments of the City Officials/Department Heads as stated for 2024. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Council Committee appointments for 2024. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried. Councilor Committees for 2024 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 Roblee moved to approve the appointment of the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department members. Councilor Phillips 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:

Dylan Bonds, Alex Briner, Jeremy Cattau, Blake Delarm, Brent Dethlefs, Derek Dibbern, George Eberly, Nolan Forbes, Tanner Greenough, Daniel Hensley, Jeremy Hope, Caden Huenefeld, Chris Hyde, Ryder Keller, Tiffany Luebbe, Randy Maahs, Bobby Meade, Travis Mitchell, Glenn Obermeier, Clinton Roberts, Stephen Saddler, Jeffrey Schneider, Caleb Smith, Eric Smith, Kirt Smith, Jeremy Spencer, Phillip Thomas, Spencer Werner, Jennifer West and Jeremy White.

Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve Project # 22-DTR-003 for the Aurora CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Forgivable Loan Program. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved to approve Project # 22-DTR-004 for the Aurora CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Forgivable Loan Program. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Roblee moved to approve a plumber's license for Jim Furrow of Furrow Plumbing of Hastings, NE. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve a plumber's license for Andrew Jacobsen of Ron's Plumbing, HVAC & Electric of Wells, MN. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved to award the bid for Matson West Subdivision Water, Sewer and Paving Improvements to the low bidder Mid Nebraska Land Developers, LLC in the amount of \$467,075.65. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Darbro presented the request from KAPA Partners Aurora, LLC to vacate a public service utility easement located on Lot 5 Pacific Aurora Subdivision.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1178 by its title: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A THIRTY FOOT (30') WIDE PUBLIC SERVICE UTILITIES EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT FIVE (5), PACIFIC AURORA SUBDIVISION, CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA; REVERTING TITLE OF SAID PROPERTY TO THE OWNERS OF THE ABUTTING REAL ESTATE; AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance 1178 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. 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. 1178. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. The Mayor then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1178 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None.

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

Zoning Administrator Darbro explained the request from Streeter, LLC for an Administrative Subdivisions for: Lot 4 Matson West Subdivision, City of Aurora, Nebraska. Councilor Dunn moved to approve the Administrative Subdivisions for: Lot 4 Matson West Subdivision, City of Aurora, Nebraska. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried

Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the City of Aurora and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Site and Building Development Fund, Business Recruitment and Expansion Project for Matson West Industrial Subdivision. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.


Councilor Phillips moved to approve the Addendum to the subdivision agreement with Kiner Enterprises, LLC for Matson West Subdivision. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Vyve Broadband for use of city right-of-way. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Abstain: Lohrmeyer. The motion carried.

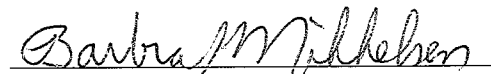
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

