

Aurora, Nebraska
November 12, 2024

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 November 12, 2024 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Nancy Lohrmeyer. Council President Phillips conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Eric Melcher, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Public Works Director Adam Darbro and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on November 6, 2024. 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.

Council President Phillips 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 October 22, 2024 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:

Clerk/Treasurer Mikkelsen presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending October 31, 2024. Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve said reports. Councilor Lackore 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.

7:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Phillips 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 and to amend the Land Use Plan, a part of the Comprehensive Plan, Ordinance No. 1109, to reflect changes in zoning for the property located on Lot 14, Block 12, Aurora Original Town, City of Aurora, Hamilton County, Nebraska. Request is to change from C-1, Central Business District Designation to R-1, Residential District Designation.

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

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1197: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1110, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, ARTICLE FOUR (4), ESTABLISHMENT AND DESIGNATION OF ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 403, THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT LOT FOURTEEN (14), BLOCK TWELVE (12), AURORA ORIGINAL TOWN, CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BE CHANGED FROM CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT DESIGNATION (C-1) TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DESIGNATION (R-1), AND TO PROVIDE THAT SAID CHANGE SHALL BE ENTERED UPON ZONING MAP AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE FOUR (4), SECTION 404.10, OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CHANGES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS, TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilor Roblee moved to bring Ordinance No. 1197 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1197. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Council President Phillips then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1197 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. 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 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.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1198: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1109, THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, LAND USE PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT LOT FOURTEEN (14), BLOCK TWELVE (12), AURORA ORIGINAL TOWN, CITY OF AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BE CHANGED FROM CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT DESIGNATION (C-1) TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DESIGNATION (R-1) 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. 1198 before the council and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1198. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Council President Phillips then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1198 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer and 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.

7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Phillips opened the duly advertised public hearing to receive public comments regarding a request for a Permit to keep Animals and/or Fowl at the property located at 309 Mark Street, Aurora, Nebraska. If approved, the issuance of the Permit to Keep Animals and/or Fowl would allow for one raccoon to be kept on the property.

Council President Phillips asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to the issuance of the permit and there was no one. He then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in support of the proposed recommendation. Zoning Administrator Darbro stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and that the state had approved the license. There being no one else present to speak in favor of or opposition to the proposed recommendation Council President Phillips declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Phillips stated he had questions regarding the permit and asked if the agenda item could be tabled until the next council meeting. Councilor Lackore moved to table agenda item #9, to consider a Permit to Keep Animals and/or Fowl to allow one raccoon to be kept on the property at 309 Mark Street, Aurora, Nebraska, until the next council meeting. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried and agenda item #9 was tabled until the next council meeting.

Public Works Director Darbro reviewed Pay Application No. 3 for the 1st Street Project with city share of \$148,057.21. Councilor Dunn moved to approve Pay Application No. 3 for the 1st Street Project with city share of \$148,057.21 payable to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried.

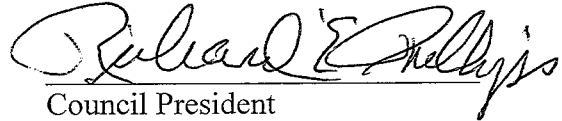
Councilor Lackore moved to approve payment to SCEDD for general administration fees of \$500.00 for CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved to approve Draw Request #8 for CDBG Funds for \$500.00. Councilor Lohrmeyer seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lohrmeyer, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

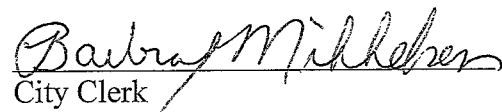
Councilor Lohrmeyer moved to approve canceling the second Council Meetings in November and December, November 26th and December 24th, 2024. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dun, Phillips and Lohrmeyer. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS:
ADJOURNMENT:**

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Council President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58p.m.


Council President

ATTEST:


City Clerk

