

Aurora, Nebraska  
July 22, 2025

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 22, 2025 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Esther Bergen. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Adam Darbro, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on July 16, 2025. 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 July 8, 2025 meeting. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

#### **PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

City Attorney Luzum stated it was not in the best interest of the City to acquire the property at 1118 13<sup>th</sup> Street therefore recommended passing over agenda item #3. No action was taken on agenda item #3.

City Administrator Darbro presented the plans for demolition of the dangerous building at 1118 13<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated demolition would be done in two phases. The first phase would be done immediately and would knock the building down so that it was no longer dangerous. That cost would be for \$142,730. Then the City would amend their current CDGB Downtown Revitalization Grant contract to include demolition and removal of debris. The second phase would be to remove the debris and have the grant pay for part of it. Councilor Phillips moved to award the bid for the first phase to Mid Nebraska Land Developers for \$142,730. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Roblee. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Teshawna Sawyer, Executive Director of Willow Rising, Inc. presented Willow Rising's funding request for FY 2025-2026. Councilor Dunn moved to approve the request from Willow Rising, Inc. for funding for FY 2025-2026 for \$4,000. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Steve Parr of JEO Consulting Group reviewed the One and Six Year Plan.

Brett Mitchell with the Aurora Airport Authority presented their levy request for fiscal year 2025-2026. The request is for \$.01818 per \$100 of taxable valuation. Councilor Bergen moved to approve the levy request from the Aurora Airport Authority for \$0.01818 per \$100 of taxable valuation. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Philips, Bergen, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

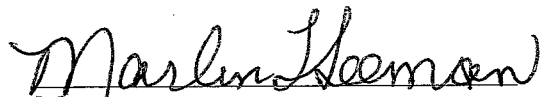
Councilor Dunn moved to approve the request from The Wandering Well of Hastings for a special designated liquor license for a reception at The Ivy, 1103 K St on August 2, 2025 from 4:00pm-12:00am. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved to approve a plumber's license for Brady Pulliam of Pulliam Plumbing, Inc. from Exeter, NE. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore. The motion carried.

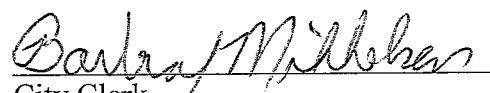
**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03p.m.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

