

October 15, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on October 15, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Keith, Evans, Ballantyne, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent:

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Brent Woltman, Jay Dungan, Bonnie Ebel

Messerole read a thank you from Cindy Suhr for flowers. Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting Thursday, October 25, 2007, in Hawarden. Trees Please program is available from MidAmerican.

Mayor Bowen discussed with Council the last paragraph of the September 19, 2007 minutes. The time of bid letting was scheduled for 4:30 pm on Thursday, September 27, 2007. Keith made motion to amend minutes of September 19, 2007 by adding a sentence **“Structural bids at 309 N. Main St. will be opened on Thursday, September 27, 2007, 4:30 pm and the highest bidder will be notified.”**, second by Henkel. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lindgren to approve consent agenda and amended minutes of September 19, 2007, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried.

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Minutes of previous meetings		
Clerk/Treasurer & Investment Reports		
Bills Payable		
Police Report		
General Funds	18,028.03	13,951.72
Special Revenue Fund	3,397.99	
Local Option Sales Tax	6,133.77	
Road Use Tax	7,668.58	412.57
Debt Service	5,611.95	
Expendable Trusts	600.67	
Water Utility	11,575.40	3,236.41
Sewer Utility	9,936.01	1,331.96
Sanitation	5,059.13	5,233.38
Sewer Sinking	4,250.00	4,250.00
Storm Water Utility	469.00	
Improvement Reserve		2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		13,531.98
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	6,193.22	133,096.69

Bills Payable:

ACCO	clean & tested pump	398.37
Alpha Wireless	program fire channel	120.00
Aurelia Daycare	quarterly donation	600.00
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	Sept. utilities	1,967.89
Aurelia Implement	hose end for grab fork	15.26
Aurelia Library	petty cash	73.90
Aurelia Lumber	batteries,breaker,tarp,cleaners	163.47
Aurelia Star	publications	320.85
B V Stationery	envelopes, binder clips	13.66
Bonnesen Plumbing	man hours of water dept.	120.00
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	261.11
Cardmember Service	anti-virus, advertise S C Journal	496.67
Casey's	Sept. fuel	305.47
Cherokee Co. Recorder	file deeds 301 & 309 N. Main	10.00
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42
Chronicle Times	advertisement for help wanted	84.38
Conley, Bonnie	DVD's reimbursement	24.04
Creative Services	12 Aurelia Police caps	141.84
First Abstract & Loan	abstracts 305 N. Main	172.00
First Coop	Sept. fuel	574.07
Forbes & Sons	regular and window envelopes	313.38
Gregg Computer	Police Dept. travel charger	255.00
Harrison, Dustin	building & weld new hitch	255.00
Iowa One Call	locates	15.30
IPERS	Member wage entry summary	148.71
Long Lines	Sept. cell phones	86.99
Mann, Jessica	reimburse for WSI	125.00
Matt Parrott & Sons	receipt books	160.69
MET	water & wastewater tests	411.00
Microfilm Imaging	Library microfilm repair	210.00
Micromarketing	Library Books	74.94
MidAmerican Energy	Sept. utilities	49.58
Northside Tire	skidloader repair	29.20
Nu-Telecom	Sept. phone	247.94
Office Depot	towels	79.98
Office Systems Co.	service agreement & overage	231.25
Olympia Book Corp.	Library Books	419.63
Perkins office Solutions	calendars	49.31
Pilot Tribune	Public Works Director ad	153.00
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Reiman Publications	2007 Holiday cookbook	37.98
Rhoadside	flowers – Keith	31.00
Sanitary Services	contract	2,985.00
Storm Lake Times	Public Works Director ad	29.95
Suhr, Gene	reimburse IPERS 1 st Qtr	34.92
TCY Machine	manhole riser rings	931.55
Telrite	Sept. long distance	59.10

Treasurer, St of Iowa	3 rd qtr Iowa sales tax	69.00
Valley Vet	board small dog	30.00
Walmart	office supplies	31.08

Mayor Bowen opened the Public Hearing for “Dangerous and Vicious Animals”.

Brent Woltman and Jay Dungan appeared before Council expressing their concerns of the proposed Dangerous and Vicious Animals Ordinance. Both Woltman and Dungan own Pit Bulls, which are currently registered with the City of Aurelia. These individuals do not want to be singled out because they own a Pit Bull for a pet. Council stated there are documented cases of Pit Bulls attacking humans. Woltman and Dungan stated that other breeds of animals can also be just as dangerous and they are not listed separately. The proposed Ordinance does include a section that addresses Dangerous and Vicious animals and any other breed would fall under this category. Council has been working on this proposed Ordinance for several months and feels it is something that needs to be in place. It was noted that other Cities are taking the same approach.

Call outs for City employees were discussed. It was clarified that when an employee is on call over a weekend, they received 2 hours time on Saturday and 2 hours time on Sunday. When the swimming pool is open they receive 3 hours time on Saturday and Sunday. If the employee is called out when off duty they are paid just for the time they are working. There is no minimum call out time. Council requested to review employee handbook concerning call out time at their next regular meeting.

Public Works Report. Mark Sangwin began employment with the City on Monday, August 8, 2007 and there was a water leak on Main Street. Council reviewed a “Things to Do List” for Sangwin and also requested he keep a daily log. Sangwin will give a Public Works report at the next regular Council meeting.

Keith made motion to approve 1st Reading of ***Ordinance #660 “Dangerous and Vicious Animals”***, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried. 2nd Reading of Ordinance will be at the next regular Council meeting on November 19, 2007.

Lindgren made motion to close the Public Hearing for “Dangerous and Vicious Animals”, second by Evans. Roll call vote “aye” Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried.

Lindgren made motion to approve liquor license renewal for Aurelia Golf Course, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried.

Messerole informed Council that the City’s medical insurance renewal will increase by 8.22% for 2008.

Bowen discussed with Council a need for a diesel fuel storage tank on premises in case of power outage or CardTrol is out of service. Bowen has been in contact with the State Fire Marshall concerning regulations. The tank may be located at the Shop or the

building at the old sewer plant. It was also discussed to get a tank on a running gear so it would be portable and able to be moved. Bowen will do some further checking and report back to Council at their next regular meeting.

Bowen informed Council that there is an old well under the Council Room in City Hall. Bowen originally checked on the way the well was capped off several years ago. At that time, Bowen received a letter from City Hall stating the abandoned well was fine. Bowen recently talked with the City employees that were employed at that time and was informed the well casing was only capped at the top and no plug was put into the actual well itself. Evans reported to Council that depending on how the well was abandoned there could be leakage over into the other well. When the steel well casing starts to corrode, dangerous gases may be released. In order to rectify the problem, a hole could be drilled in the floor and the sand removed, and a camera be put down the casing to locate the pump. The casing and the old pump shaft then needs to be filled with concrete and benonite. Bowen and Evans will keep the Council informed of this project.

The Site Preparation for the New Community Center was discussed. Because unexpected concrete and debris was found under the site, the extras may come up to about \$40,000. Council reviewed a list of bills that have already been paid. After further discussion, Keith made motion to approve up to \$40,000 of pre-approved payments for the Community Center site preparation which were not in original contract, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye" Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried.

There will be a meeting with the Community Center Architect and Contractor on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 3:00 pm. Lindgren informed Council that after January 1, 2008, electrical will need to be inspected by the State.

Demolition of houses and parking lot site preparation was discussed. Keith thanked the Mayor, Evans, Ballantyne, and Redig, along with other volunteers, the time they put into this project and stated it looks really good. The Landfill fees for the blue house came to \$1,951.95; Landfill fees for the yellow house came to \$1,714.28 totaling \$3,666.23. The City is expecting a bill from Bonnesen Plumbing for the backhoe rental, Lundell Construction for the compactor rental and First Coop for the fuel. Bowen stated he felt all these costs will come in under \$7,500 for the demolition project and tree removal. After further discussion, Henkel made motion to approve up to \$7,500 for house demolition and parking lot preparation, second by Evans. Roll call vote "aye" Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried.

Henkel gave Council a Landfill Report. The Landfill is using one of their new cells for garbage. The Building for the palletizing is about done.

Council reviewed ***Resolution #07-21 "Taxing Entities of Cherokee County, Iowa, Including Buildings Owned by Cities, Schools, or County, Request the Cherokee County Landfill Commission Waive Landfill Tipping Fees"***. Lindgren informed Council that this was discussed with the Landfill Commission a few years ago and Landfill Commission was not in favor of.

Messerole will send letter to daughters of LeRoy Boock requesting they deed the property at 120 Willow St. over to the City so the house and garage can be demolished.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk