

September 17, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on September 17, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Keith, Ballantyne, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent: Evans

Also Present: Barb Messerole

Mayor Bowen announced the Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting will be September 20, 2007 at the Awaysis in Storm Lake. Social Hour is 5:00 pm, dinner 6:30 pm.

Mayor Bowen read a thank you from Dee Keith for the flowers she received after her stay in the hospital.

REAP Meeting September 25, 2007 at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center in Sioux City.

Motion was made by Keith to approve consent agenda, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Minutes of previous meetings  
Clerk/Treasurer & Investment Reports  
Bills Payable  
Police Report

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	18,045.53	7,106.10
Special Revenue Fund		
Local Option Sales Tax	6,930.89	
Road Use Tax	7,775.43	1,059.14
Debt Service	2,084.00	
Expendable Trusts	113.98	
Water Utility	13,158.26	3,127.07
Sewer Utility	11,301.82	1,345.15
Sanitation	5,184.28	5,131.82
Sewer Sinking	4,250.00	4,250.00
Storm Water Utility	469.00	4,117.25
Improvement Reserve		2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		26,567.28
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	27,390.00	30,165.16

Bills Payable:

ACCO	chemicals	110.68
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	Aug. utilities	2,659.20
Aurelia Library	petty cash	71.22

Aurelia Lumber	pallet cc sign, paint, cleaners	172.09
Aurelia Star	library subscription/publication	234.50
B V Stationery	rubberbands, cash register tape	5.54
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	236.55
Bonnesen Plumbing	replace curb stop Walnut St.	271.02
Builders Sharpening	ck spark plugs, sharpen blades	90.70
Cardmember Service	ad words, antivirus	68.01
Casey's	Aug. fuel	478.69
Center Point	Library books	46.00
Cherokee Clerk of Ct	court costs – dog	50.00
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42
Chronicle Times	advertisement for help wanted	13.50
Data Tech	general release updates	7.00
Ed Roehr Safety Products	taser and air cartridges/Police	871.05
First Coop	Aug. fuel	449.14
Heritage Bank	renew CD for 60 days	100,000.00
IMFOA	07 fall meeting	35.00
Jensen Insurance	faithful/honesty bond	100.00
Lawson Products	sunscreen towlets	58.34
Long Lines	Aug. cell phones	88.32
Martin Marietta Material	2" rock redemption center	105.88
Matt Parrott & Sons	new utility bills	288.37
Melvin Lewis Thomas	Library book	34.95
Micromarketing	Library Books	41.99
MidAmerican Energy	Aug. utilities	61.57
Northside Tire	tire repair skidloader/payloader	257.05
Nu-Telecom	Aug. phone	278.75
Penworth	Library books	115.21
Perkins office Solutions	paper, ink cartridges	551.91
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Postmaster	mail CAT Grant Contract/postage	224.63
Sioux City Journal	1 year subscription	121.70
Sanitary Services	contract	2,977.50
Telrite	Aug. long distance	76.63
True North	22 firefighters life insurance	401.48

Council reviewed 15 applications for the Public Works Director's position. After further discussion, Keith made motion to interview selected applicants beginning at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye" Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Council reviewed letter from the State of Iowa concerning Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Compliance. Currently Mitch and Pat are conducting water tests and wastewater tests with the help of Mangold and the DNR and the City currently is in compliance. Messerole will compose letter to the State of Iowa informing them that the City is in the process of hiring a Public Works Director and new employee will become certified as soon as eligible.

Reimbursement to the Municipal Electric for use of their employees was discussed. An average wage is \$806.80/week and medical and dental insurance average is \$811.60/month. Bowen is on the Municipal Electric Board's agenda on September 19, 2007, to discuss.

Because the house was torn down at 312 Beech St., 48' of the curb and gutter need to be replaced. John Paltz will do the 48' @ \$35/ft for a total of \$1,680 and he will do the work this fall. After further discussion, Ballantyne made motion to hire Paltz to put in 48' of curb and gutter at 312 Beech St, for \$1,680, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Community Center Building Committee met last week with the contractor and the architect. The plans were reviewed by the Fire Marshall and changes were as follows: Add closers to doors 108, 110, & change hardware to 109 - \$625; add resilient furring at roof trusses - \$600; add battery backup to doors 109 & 113 - \$410; add 2 urinals & screens - \$2,304; H & H OH&P 15% - \$590.85; total change amount \$4,529.85. Keith made motion to approve change order to H & H Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$4,529.85, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Bowen advised Council that the contractor had to haul out several more loads of dirt than originally anticipated so no settling will occur. There is approximately \$30,000 in costs over-run for excavation, trucking, and granular fill material to bring the building site to meet the Engineer's specifications for compaction testing. Due to many unforeseen circumstances, the entire building site had to be excavated approximately eight feet deep. The building project should now be on track with the contracted price. It was noted at the meeting, site preparation has to be done correctly to prevent future settling. When bills come in for the Community Center project, Bowen will look through and approve for payment. After further discussion, Keith made motion to authorize the Mayor or Evans to review the bills and approve payment as long as they are within the bid price of the original contract and approved by the architect, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Keith advised Council that the Friends of Aurelia would like to buy new highchairs and booster seats for the new Community Center.

This week the rough-in for the water, sewer, and plumbing are being done at the new Community Center. A letter did go out to Dr. Harrison concerning the replacement of the sidewalk in front of the Clinic. The Mayor and contractor will discuss with Dr. Harrison as our general contractor would be willing to do the work.

Bowen discussed with Rick Dean, Cannon, Moss, & Brygger, concerning engineering fees for the new parking lot. Dean will get a bid to Council. Parking lot may not be completed until next spring.

City will be closing on 301 N. Main and 309 N. Main St. this week. Deeds are done and after possession, City will begin tearing down.

Rental for the new Community Center was discussed. These fees are subject to change, \$200 for the whole facility; \$50 for meeting room with kitchen; \$25 for meeting room no kitchen; \$100 for large room with kitchen. Charitable and non-profit organizations that have used the Community Center in the past for meetings and fund raisers will continue at no charge for the new facility.

Lindgren made motion to approve ***Resolution #07-17 “Resolution Declaring 120 Willow St., Aurelia, Iowa a Dangerous Building”***, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Lindgren made motion to approve “***Resolution #07-18 “Resolution Covering Street Light Changes”***” second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Henkel made motion to approve ***Resolution #07-19 “Resolution Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 57 Dangerous and Vicious Animals within the Corporate Limits of the City of Aurelia, Iowa”***, and set public hearing for October 15, 2007, 7:00 pm, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote “aye” Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried. Evans Absent.

Employee evaluations were discussed. Bowen requested Council members give completed evaluations to him this week.

Henkel gave Council a Landfill Report. The Landfill has received their bond money and are holding back on the furnace bid. They are currently expanding on cells.

Mayor Bowen requested a lock be put on the door to the garage in City Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

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Jeff Bowen, Mayor

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Barb Messerole, City Clerk