

August 27, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in special session on August 27, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

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

Absent:

Also Present: Messerole, Roger Redig, Anna Waddell, Lori Kolpin, Craig Handwork

Mayor Bowen requested item #12 – Keys, #13 – Jim Williams Rent, #14 – 305 Walnut St. Broken Storm Sewer be added to the agenda.

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing for the purchase of property at 301 N. Main St.

Lori Kolpin appeared before Council concerning the position of City Attorney. Ryan has taken the position of County Attorney and Lori is currently working part time in the Law Office in Aurelia. Mayor Bowen stated that in the previous city work has not gotten done in a timely manner. Lori plans on working 32-35 hours per week and would feel comfortable with doing the work for the City. Evans questioned if there would ever be a conflict of interest if Lori was the City Attorney for the City of Aurelia and Ryan is the County Attorney. Lori stated she did not think that would be a problem and would discuss with Ryan. Mayor Bowen requested that any work given to Lori would be given a deadline and if she would be unable to get it done in that time, she would let the City know. Council agreed it would be nice to have a local law firm working for the City. Lindgren made motion to appoint Kolpin Law Firm as City Attorney and an agreement of both parties a deadline will be given and if Kolpin Law Firm is unable to meet the deadline to let the City of Aurelia know, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried.

Lori Kolpin requested the Council send her in writing the above information to her email address.

Lindgren made motion to approve 2nd Reading of ***Ordinance #659 “An Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances by Changing the Zoning Classification at 301 N. Main Street, 305 N. Main Street, 309 N. Main Street from Residential to Commercial”***, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Evans, Henkel, Lindgren, Keith, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried.

Evans made motion to waive 3rd Reading of ***Ordinance #659 “An Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances by Changing the Zoning Classification at 301 N. Main Street, 305 N. Main Street, 309 N. Main Street from Residential to Commercial”***, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Henkel, Lindgren, Keith, Ballantyne, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried.

Lindgren made motion to approve ***Resolution 07-13 “A Resolution Amending Code of Ordinances by Changing the Zoning Classification at 301 N. Main Street, 305 N. Main Street, 309 N. Main Street from Residential to Commercial”***, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Keith, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried.

Keith made motion to approve ***Resolution #07-12 “A Resolution Accepting Offer to Buy 301 N. Main St. and Authorizing Sale and Conveyance of Real Estate and Approving Real Estate Contract”***, second by Henkel. Roll call vote “aye” Keith, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried.

Lindgren made motion to approve **Resolution #07-14 “A Resolution Acknowledging Offer to Buy 309 N. Main St. in Aurelia, Iowa”** and set public hearing for September 10, 2007, and all back and current taxes, abstract, deed, revenue stamps, and liens be deducted from amount paid to Allen C. Frease, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Lindgren, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried.

Lindgren made motion to accept written resignation of Kurt Peterson as Public Works Director effective August 23, 2007, second by Evans. Roll call vote “aye” Evans, Henkel, Lindgren, Keith, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried.

The City of Aurelia will place an ad in the Storm Lake Pilot Tribune, Storm Lake Times, Chronicle Times, Aurelia, Star, and the Sioux City Journal for the position of Public Works Director and take applications until September 13, 2007. In the meantime, the DNR has been notified and the City will operate under Pat Howey’s water license.

A new revised Ordinance for Dangerous and Vicious Animals was distributed to Council for their review and was tabled until the next regular Council Meeting.

Keith made motion to schedule Trick or Treat on Halloween night, October 31st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, second by Henkel. Roll call vote “aye” Henkel, Lindgren, Keith, Ballantyne, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried.

Bowen discussed with Council the rent Jim Williams is paying for 301 N. Main St. The City will purchase the property from Patricia Woltman minus the rent money the City has paid. It was the consensus of the Council that no more money will need to be paid by Williams. The City hopes to begin demolition of 301 N. Main St. and 309 N. Main St. the middle of September.

There are two large holes on either side of sidewalk at 305 Walnut St. and holes on Wayne Whitmore’s property. These problems will be addressed as soon as possible.

Roger Redig advised Council that two more urinals have been added to the men’s bathrooms in the new Community Center to bring it up to code.

Evans made motion to close Public Hearing for the purchase of property at 301 N. Main St., second by Lindgren. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Keith, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk