

September 19, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in special session on September 19, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Bowen

Absent: Evans

Also Present: Messerole

Discussion was held concerning interview questions for the Public Works Director's interviews.

Lindgren made motion to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), to interview applicant #1 for the Public Works Director's position, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Lindgren made motion to go out of closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), second by Keith. Roll call vote "aye" Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Keith made motion to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), to interview applicant #2 for the Public Works Director's position, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye", Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Keith made motion to go out of closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Ballantyne made motion to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), to interview applicant #3 for the Public Works Director's position, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Henkel made motion to go out of closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), second by Keith. Roll call vote "aye" Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Lindgren made motion to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), to interview applicant #4 for the Public Works Director's position, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye", Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Keith made motion to go out of closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye", Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Keith made motion to go into closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), to interview applicant #5 for the Public Works Director's position, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Henkel made motion to go out of closed session pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(i), second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Discussion was held concerning the five applicants interviewed. The Council narrowed it down to two applicants and felt it was important the new hire understands what goes on underground, how to run equipment, works well with other employees and the public, had previous experience with the City’s water, sewer, and electric, been directly involved with Aurelia’s system, and maintenance on equipment. After careful consideration, Keith made motion to hire Mark Sangwin for the Public Works Director position, second by Ballantyne. Discussion was held to offer him \$38,000/year and \$1,000 increase for each required license of Grade I Water Distribution System & Grade I Water Treatment Plant License; Grade I Wastewater Treatment Plant License; Certified Pool/Spa Operator License; and Pesticide Applicator License, second by Keith. Ballantyne rescinded his motion.

Lindgren made motion to hire Mark Sangwin at \$18.27 per hour and pay him \$500 for each of the four required licenses he obtains; Grade I Water Distribution System & Grade I Water Treatment Plant License; Grade I Wastewater Treatment Plant License; Certified Pool/Spa Operator License; and Pesticide Applicator License, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith. Motion carried. Evans absent. Sangwin is to obtain Grade I Wastewater Treatment Plant License first.

Structural bids at 309 N. Main St. have been pushed back until next Wednesday, September 26, 2007 and Thursday, September 27, 2007. Structural bids at 301 N. Main St. will be opened on Thursday, September 20, 2007, 4:01 pm and the highest bidder will be notified.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk