

March 17, 2008

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on March 17, 2008. 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, Brian Ewalt, Roger Redig, Lori Kolpin, Mark Sangwin, Ed Johnson, Mike Krueger, Tim Galvin

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

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

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	3,548.93	6,541.25
Special Revenue Fund	132.07	
Local Option Sales Tax	7,962.75	600.00
Road Use Tax	6,924.93	1,842.94
Debt Service	137.10	
Expendable Trusts	194.28	
Water Utility	10,997.60	1,751.05
Sewer Utility	9,714.34	659.08
Sanitation	5,071.98	4,986.64
Sewer Sinking	4,250.00	4,250.00
Storm Water Utility	458.00	
Improvement Reserve	2,084.00	2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	1,727.87
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		13,639.14
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	134,352.06	143,475.66

Bills Payable:

ACCO	liquid chlorine solution	164.00
Alpha Wireless	repair radio in maroon truck	90.00
American Red Cross	Siouxland Heroes/swimming courses	82.00
Aurelia Library	petty cash	74.95
Aurelia Lumber	antifreeze, washer fluid,remotes	106.99
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	Feb. utilities	3,473.29
Aurelia Star	publications	102.50
B V Stationery	ribbon, ink cartridges,paper	38.65
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	259.79
Brown Supply	flange & gasket	74.53
Builders Sharpening	trade in for new mower	797.10
Cardmember Service	Norfolk Iron/pool school	664.62
CARS	wiper blades for Durango	21.72

Casey's	Feb. fuel	336.85
Central States Lab	soil sterilant	531.72
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42
DEMCO	Library supplies	85.65
Eddy Walker	Sangwin Street Sweeper School	45.00
Ferguson Enterprises	brass elbows,nipples,plugs	144.52
First Coop	Feb. fuel/barrel fuel	1,177.29
Hallett Materials	washed fill sand	272.57
Helen's Comm Laundry	shop towels	65.00
IMFOA	spring meeting	50.00
Iowa Rural Water	Howey water training	10.00
Kolpin Law Firm	professional services	1,162.00
Lake Electric	well heater for east well house	203.22
Long Lines	Feb. cell phones	88.30
Mailboxes Parcel Depot	Fedex mailing census bureau	17.41
Micromarketing	Library Books	29.95
MidAmerican Energy	Feb. utilities	868.20
Modern Heating & Cooling	repair heater at City Hall	180.24
Nu-Telecom	Feb. phone	259.30
Penworthy	Library books	41.24
Perkins office Solutions	ribbons, office supplies	284.71
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Sanitary Services	contract	2,940.00
Syntex Industries	tarp for dump truck	158.70
Telrite	Long distance	60.14
Valley Vet	border dog	55.00
Wal-Mart	Library DVD's and supplies	75.19

Brian Ewalt, Kuehl & Payer, discussed with Council the contract with TR Harris in the amount of \$73,843.45, for the north parking lot project. Mayor Bowen discussed with Ewalt the original contract does not have anything concerning hiring a site supervisor. Can the City of Aurelia hire someone later on if we feel it is needed? Ewalt informed Mayor that would not be a problem. Because TR Harris is not a local contractor, the City requested references. Ewalt informed Council the parking Lot on the north side of the Buena Visa Clinic, was done by TR Harris. Lori Kolpin, City Attorney, advised Council of the items she noticed in reviewing the contract. Article 3 – Engineer, verbiage was a little confusing; Article 4, section 4.03 – liquidated damages, Judge may not award owner \$200.00 for each day that expires after the time specified in paragraph 4.02. Kolpin advised Council to keep track of all charges after that date, in case City would need to go to Court. Certificate of Liability Insurance has a police expiration of 04/01/08; make sure the Council gets a renewed policy. After further discussion, Keith made motion to approve contract with TR Harris, second by Henkel. Roll call vote “aye” Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried.

Keith made motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Contract with TR Harris for the North Parking Lot Project, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried.

SIMPCO was unable to attend the meeting.

Tim Galvin, adviser for DECA, appeared before Council requesting a donation for Steven Draisey, to attend the State DECA Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA. Steven made it in Hotel & Lodging Management. After further discussion, Lindgren made motion to donate \$400.00 to DECA for Steven Draisey to attend the State Leadership Conference, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried.

Ed Johnson and Mike Krueger appeared before Council concerning the Little League Board. They did thank the City for their donation of the sewer line to the new concession stand. Johnson stated that each year it gets more expensive to operate the summer little league program. After reviewing the Little League’s Income/Expense sheet, they have not brought in enough income to offset their expenses. One year CABA did help out and last year they had to go to a Bank for a loan to pay all their expenses. They have had numerous fund raisers, but with the cost of everything going up have not been in the black. The Little League requested of the Council a \$3,000 donation to help offset costs. Council advised Little League they would like to help, but will need to see how much they can help out with and will put on their April agenda. Ballantyne and Lindgren will meet with Messerole to discuss the City’s financial.

Mark Sangwin reviewed with Council the Public Works “Things to Do List”. Sangwin did clean some of the storm sewers and did clean & Power wash the Street Sweeper so it is ready to go; got certified in CPR and First Aid; found old hatch in Council Chambers and will use metal detector to get positive location on well head; replaced some outside water meter readers; brought his own welder in and built hitch on the red dump truck, got tarp; welded snow plow frame which cracked; did some tree trimming; and will test for Wastewater License on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Bowen requested Sangwin mulch leaves with the mower next fall to keep the amount of leaves accumulating down.

Council discussed City getting a new sprayer to pull behind the mower. Bomgaars has a 30 gallon with trailer for \$770 and Sprayer Specialties has a 50 gallon sprayer with 12V electric pump, 3.5 gpm, 2 nozzle spray bar to cover 6’, toggle switch, manual on/off, 8’ adjustable pistol grip tip, pressure adjust valve, 15x6x6 tires, and all plumbing to make unit operational. Council advised to go ahead with the purchase of sprayer from Sprayer Specialties.

Council discussed City getting a welder. Sangwin did bring his own welder to do City work, but it did get damaged. Council advised Sangwin to get his welder fixed and City will pay for repairs. Council advised Sangwin to go ahead with the purchase of a new welder and accessories for the City, if money is in the budget.

Council discussed City getting a hand held concrete saw, and advised Sangwin to go ahead with the purchase of a concrete saw, if money is in the budget.

City feels with the amount of money they will save on time and labor, it will be well worth the investments.

Council discussed cleaning up some of the debris around the Community Center before a new picture is taken of the Community Center and placed on the website. The Council will be setting a date for the Grand Opening of the New Community Center.

City Wide Garage Sales will be Friday, April 25, 2008 and Saturday, April 26, 2008. Newlon Fun Foods would like to set up their trailer north of City Hall and since they will need water, requests the City supply them with a hookup out of the old garage. Council did not have a problem with this. If needed, they can barricade off the entire block for this event.

Evans made motion to approve new Liquor License for Sandy's, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye" Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried.

Keith made motion to approve new Liquor License for the Aurelia Community Center, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried.

Lindgren made motion to approve Liquor License for the Fireman's Ball, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans "nay" none. Motion carried.

Henkel made motion to approve ***Resolution #08-07 "Resolution Accepting Offer to Buy 116 N. Main Street"***, second by Keith. Roll call vote "aye", Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried.

Keith made motion to approve ***Resolution #08-08 "Resolution Amending the Code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 106, Section 106.06 – Collection of Solid Waste" Raising the monthly fee from \$12.25 to \$14.25 effective June 1, 2008***, and set public hearing for Monday, April 21, 2008, 7:00 pm, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye", Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried.

Council reviewed three applicants for the Library Board. Joy Draisey, Amy Mikos, and Debbie Erpelding. Keith made motion to appoint Joy Draisey to the Library Board, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye" Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried.

Hiring of Pool Manager and Lifeguards were discussed. Sherri Stevenson-Arnold applied for Manager; Diana Fishman, Aaron Bruce, and Jessica Mann applied for Assistant Manager; Heather Ballantyne, Amanda Felton, Elizabeth Laursen, Emily Rohlk, Erin Laursen, Beth Hanner, Nick Hirschman, Jacob Howey, and Courtney Bruce applied for Lifeguards. Discussion was held concerning salaries and paying minimum wage. Messerole will contact City Attorney to see if it is necessary to pay minimum wage. After further discussion, Ballantyne made motion to hire Sherri Stevenson-Arnold as Manager, Diana Fishman as Assistant Manager, and all eleven Lifeguards, second by Henkel. Roll Call vote "aye" Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried.

Council advised pool committee to discuss wages and set salaries for the pool personnel.

Snow parking ordinance was discussed and tabled until next month.

Financial Book for the Community Center and parking lot was reviewed. After reviewing Assets and Liabilities, the Community Center Foundation has a deficit of \$102,196.14. Council advised Building Committee to move forward with the project with items proposed as of 03-17-08. City will have a fund raiser for the additional funds needed to complete the project.

Building Committee will advertise for Bartenders, Coordinator, and Janitor to work at the new Community Center.

Henkel gave Landfill Report.

Congratulations to Carla Peterson as she was honored at the Sioux land Heroes Breakfast on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

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