

March 12, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in special session on March 12, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call as follows:

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

Absent:

Also Present: Messerole

Mayor Bowen opened Public Hearing for Adoption of Budget FY2007-08.

Community Center Public Meeting was held on Sunday, March 11, 2007. There were approximately 55 people in attendance. Mayor Bowen discussed with Council some of the questions that were raised at the meeting. The location of the kitchen sinks were discussed as to whether they should be an island. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to keep the proposed plan as is. Mayor Bowen informed Council that it will take approximately 30 days for architect to get drawings completed and 30 more days for bid letting.

Keith made motion to have architect move forward on final drawings and bid specifications and prepare to go to bid, second by Evans. Roll Call Vote "aye" Ballantyne, Evans, Keith, Lindgren, Henkel.

There will be a community center committee meeting with the Architect on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 1:00 pm, City Hall.

Pledge cards were discussed and volunteers will be going door to door to solicit donations for the new community center.

Council looked over the garage in the back room of City Hall. It was discussed to build an office with a windowed door for access outside and a door for access to the restroom. After further discussion, Evans made motion to go ahead with plan to build an office in City Hall and accept material bid from Aurelia Lumber, second by Ballantyne. Roll Call Vote "aye" Evans, Keith, Lindgren, Henkel, Ballantyne. The Municipal Electric and City employees will do the work. This office will be used by the Aurelia Star in lieu of payment for printed ads, public notices, etc. The Council felt it was very important to keep a local newspaper in our town.

Lindgren made motion to accept FY2007-08 budget, second by Henkel. The total tax levy rate is \$12.54, same as last year. Budget Revenues of \$1,561,061 include \$250,000 from the Municipal Electric and \$250,000 from the City of Aurelia to go towards the new proposed community center. Expenditures of \$1,862,682 include cost of the proposed community center. The balance of this project would come from private donations that the committee is hoping to receive. The City of Aurelia did not receive any verbal or written protests from the public. Roll Call Vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk

