

December 18, 2006

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on December 18, 2006. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Bowen, Keith, Evans, Ballantyne, Lindgren

Absent: Henkel

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Debbie Reynolds – Long Lines

Mayor Bowen requested three items be added to the agenda. #19 – Checking Account, #20 – Storage Containers, #21 – East Well & Water Tower Well.

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

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

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	15,041.01	7,330.56
Special Revenue Fund	1,863.11	
Local Option Sales Tax	11,766.65	11,345.00
Road Use Tax	6,225.56	13,769.70
Debt Service	4,118.29	
Expendable Trusts	89.50	
Water Utility	11,384.03	14,860.33
Sewer Utility	10,197.25	13,059.08
Sanitation	4,780.89	5,484.53
Sewer Sinking Revenue	4,250.00	
Storm Water Utility	471.00	
Improvement Reserve		2,084.00
Vehicle/Equipment Reserve		
Risk Management Reserve		
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	1,727.87
Water Reserve		
Sewer Replacement Reserve		4,250.00
Street Project		
Capital Projects		
Payroll		20,147.19

Bills Payable:

Al's Incorporated	calcium chloride	243.75
Aurelia Implement	hose & hose ends dump truck	47.61
Aurelia Library	petty cash	71.54
Aurelia Lumber	wood,timbers,paint,batteries	246.01
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	Nov. utilities & bad debt	3,141.41

Aurelia Star	Library subscription	24.00
BV Co. Cat Rescue	capture/removal two cats	20.00
BV Stationery	paper,timecards,cartridges	100.35
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	197.16
Bankers Trust	GO Bond – Interest only	9,695.00
Barco Municipal Prod.	Posts and sign	405.74
Battery Tech, Inc.	computer stand new police vehicle	217.00
Bomgaars	bit set,flash lights,mud flaps	140.93
Caseys	November fuel	202.48
CARS	oil change new/old police vehicle	54.37
Center Point	Library books	69.06
Cherokee Auto Parts	flashing light bar new dump truck	155.00
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42
Conley, Bonnie	replacement supplies	30.64
Ebsco	Library subscriptions	19.33
First Coop	November fuel	379.05
Grey House Publishing	Library books	9.00
Hach	water test supplies	232.79
Holton Signs	set of magnetic signs for truck	75.00
IDALS	Comm Pesticide App License	10.00
Lockin Insurance	additional insurance dump truck	11.00
Messerole, Barb	reimburse mileage	52.00
Micromarketing	Library books	129.85
MidAmerican Energy	Nov. utilities	437.31
Modern Heating	new furnace Library/Heritage Soc.	4,513.50
North Lake Truck Repair	service/oil/grease yellow truck	272.81
Nu-Telecom	Nov. utilities	324.29
One Spirit	Library Books	57.95
Penworthy	Library Books gutter	40.35
Perkins	inkcart,paper,cartridges	155.44
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Sam's Club	Yearly renewal	35.00
Sanitary Services	contract	2,925.00
Stevenson, Suzanne	Reimburse for Library supplies	4.59
TCY Machine	manhole handle/remount sander	1,386.00
Tee's Plus	DARE Items	166.35
Telrite Corp	Nov. long distance	49.12
U.S. Cellular	cell phone	60.14
Wal-Mart	books/movies Library	209.07
Wells Fargo Bank	Sewer Revenue – Interest only	10,093.65

Debbie Reynolds – Long Lines, appeared before Council concerning their Cell Phone Talk Longer plan. Long Lines has a tower in Aurelia and a Council Member, Public Works Director, Police Chief, and Fire Chief took cell phones around town and felt they had better service. The Fire Chief took the cell phone around the Aurelia Fire District and had good service. The plan will be for three phones, \$39.99/month for the first line, 2nd and 3rd lines \$19.99 each. The City will get three free phones with no activation fee and two months of free service. This includes unlimited calling along with 200 travel

minutes to be shared between the three phones. Public Works Director, Police Chief, and the Fire Department will be on this plan. After further discussion, Evans made motion to go ahead with Long Lines for better communication with three phones and the plan Reynolds described, 2nd by Keith. Roll call votes “aye” Evans, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Public Meeting for the Notice under Amended and Restated County Landfill Association Agreement, and consenting to the issuance of Bonds by Cherokee County, Iowa, for the purpose of constructing improvements under the terms of said agreement, and related matters was discussed. Council was concerned that the amounts were not filled in. Lindgren will get a hold of John Loughlin for additional information. Council tabled until additional information is received.

Resolution #06-18 “Resolution Waiving Notice Under Amended and Restated County Landfill Association Agreement, and Consenting to the Issuance of Bonds by Cherokee County, Iowa, for the Purpose of Constructing Improvements under the Terms of Said Agreement, and Related Matters’ was tabled until further information is received.

Resolution #06-19 “A Resolution Adopting the Proposed Policy and Procedures Pertaining to the Working Relationship Between the City of Aurelia Employees and the Aurelia Municipal Electric Employees.”, Whereas the Aurelia City Council and the Aurelia Electric Board met in joint session on December 4, 2006. Whereas the Public Works Director and the Electrical Superintendent utilize the current fulltime workforce for day to day operation prior to hiring any outside help and Whereas, any employees working for the Electric would be supervised by the Electrical Superintendent and any employees working for the City would be supervised by the Public Works Director. Whereas the Council and Electric Board have determined that the above become policy and procedure. Evans made motion to accept ***Resolution #06-19***, second by Lindgren. Roll call votes “aye” Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Sealed Bids were opened for the 1977 Ford F700 cab and chassis truck and 10’ dump box with hoist. Alvern Felten bid \$505.00 for the Ford City Truck; Lynn Waggoner bid \$501 for the Ford City Truck and \$401 for the dump box; Denny Allen bid \$200 for the dump box. Motion was made by Lindgren to approve bid from Alvern Felten for the City Truck and bid from Lynn Waggoner for the dump box. Messerole will contact Waggoner to see if he wants dump box only, if not, bid would go to Allen, second by Keith. Roll call votes “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Lindgren made motion to renew Medical Insurance with Wellmark BCBS of Iowa, Option 2, Alliance Select JNH/T97 which is 5.03% less than the current policy and renew Delta Dental with no premium changes, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Mayor Bowen reappointed Roger Redig to the Municipal Electric Board for a 6 year term. Lindgren made motion to approve reappointment, second by Evans. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Evans, Keith, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Council reviewed SIMPCO's mitigation grant application for a Pre-Disaster Local Mitigation Plan. If City is awarded grant, SIMPCO will prepare mitigation plan at no cost. Evans questioned if the City was a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is one of the requirements. Messerole will contact Aimee Barritt concerning the NFIP. Evans made motion to have Mayor sign Mitigation Grant application subject to the NFIP membership, second by Keith. Roll call votes "aye" Evans, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Fire Hydrant by Studebakers was discussed. The Fire Department had a hard time turning on the hydrant when there was a fire on November 30, 2006. A new fire hydrant has been ordered and will replace old one.

There is a 12' aluminum boat down at the shop. After further discussion Council advised to store boat in the shed by First Coop and make sure there are two oars and two life jackets. The boat may be used by the Fire Department in an emergency.

The "Dead End" sign on Locust Street was discussed. Several residents living on Cherry, Elm, and Honeysuckle Streets have expressed a concern that people cannot find their homes, as they think the street does not extend any further. Council advised to change the sign to a "Not a Thru Street" sign and advised Peterson to order.

Evans made motion to write-off utility bad debt in the amount of \$939.19, second by Lindgren. Roll call votes "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans "nay" none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Ballantyne made motion to approve Application for Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Frances Hiemstra, second by Keith. Roll call vote "aye" Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

City of Aurelia's current "Dangerous and Vicious Animals" Code, Chapter 57, was discussed. Council tabled until next regular meeting.

Community Center update. The Meeting on Saturday, December 16, 2006 had a decent turn out. The consensus of the attendees was to move forward. Keith and Henkel have been assigned to a committee to find grants to use for new Community Center. The committee will look into an architect and the building committee will proceed. Randy Anderson gladly donated the dirt for fill and offered his land for the debris to be burned. Keith made motion that the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary may use the new community center for regular meetings, fund raisers, community projects, and storage at no charge, second by Evans. Roll call vote "aye" Ballantyne, Evans, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

Keith made motion that 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, second by Ballantyne. Roll call votes "aye" Evans, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Henkel absent.

The City of Aurelia's checking account currently has a balance of \$500,000. Council discussed purchasing three \$100,000 Certificates of Deposit and stagger their maturity dates. Messerole will get rates for Certificates of Deposit and call Auditor concerning expenditure of the money. Messerole will get current CD rates and Council will discuss at their next meeting.

Discussion was held concerning portable storage containers behind Fox's building. Bowen will contact individual and advise they must go through the proper channels and apply for a building permit with the City Clerk.

The pump at the east well and the pump on the well under the water tower were discussed. The pump currently under the water tower does not pump enough gallons per minute, but the pump at the east well does. Bowen suggested switching pumps so the pump on the water tower well will be sufficient.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk