

May 21, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on May 21, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Keith, Evans, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent: Ballantyne

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Kurt Peterson, Kordell Kruse, Jim Compton, Jan Grashoff. Deb Dodd, Jake Schutt, Randy & Donna Reed, Angie Paltz, Roger Redig, Todd Mummert

A thank you was received from DECA students.

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

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

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	61,229.86	6,803.47
Special Revenue Fund	12,911.34	
Local Option Sales Tax	5,880.31	5,921.46
Road Use Tax	6,366.76	1,040.00
Debt Service	14,097.79	
Expendable Trusts	44.64	
Capital Project-Comm Center		14,776.83
Water Utility	9,473.54	1,197.34
Sewer Utility	8,767.37	1,413.52
Sanitation	4,980.57	4,939.42
Sewer Sinking	4,250.00	4,250.00
Storm Water Utility	457.00	
Improvement Reserve	2,084.00	2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	1,727.87
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		11,521.19

Bills Payable:

ACCO	chemicals for pool & water	3,376.10
Ames Environmental	bulk sample analysis	157.83
Aurelia Lumber	sheet rock,screws,paint,lights	1,081.54
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	April utilities	2,551.33
Aurelia School	annuals for library	75.00
Aurelia Star	publications	407.63
B V Stationery	paper, paper clips, pencils	24.53
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	255.45
Banker's Trust	Sewer GO Bond Prin. & Int.	54,895.00

Bauer Built	spare tire for Fire Truck	137.25
Bonnesen Plumbing	fix leaks in shelter house	191.77
Book Systems, Inc.	network software – Library	425.00
Builders Sharpening	chain saw and oil	723.99
Cannon, Moss, Brygger	architect service for Comm. Cntr	12,105.68
Cardmember Service	google adwords/yahoo search	58.01
Casey's	April fuel	273.28
Center Point Lg Print	Library Books	66.72
Cherokee Co. Engineer	plow bolts and nuts	22.56
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42
Conley, Bonnie	reimburse purchase of book	11.46
D.A.R.E. Iowa	Suhr – DARE Conference	25.00
Denny's Heating	Repair air conditioner	76.50
Diamond Lake Co.	Library Books	223.95
Diamond Vogel	paint for pool house	1,098.07
Eddy Walker	st sweeper seal kit	30.89
Ferguson Enterprises	mechanical test plug	22.27
First Coop	April fuel	145.68
First Trust & Savings	renew Certificates of Deposit	200,000.00
Forbes & Sons	CC project brochures/gb stickers	1,063.67
Hach	water test equipment	37.45
Holiday Inn	Messerole IMFOA	167.01
Howey, Pat	Reimburse materials for Office	9.03
IOS	mop heads	24.18
Iowa Codification	new ordinance	220.00
Iowa Dept. Nat Resources	Public Water Supply Certification	120.00
Jensen Insurance	Messerole Fidelity Bond	375.00
Knowledge Industries	Library books	79.80
Kolpin Law Firm	professional services	1,155.00
Lake Electric	heater for city hall office	201.09
Lakeshore Canvas	repair pool cover	540.00
Law & Order	Police – 1 yr subscription	24.95
Long Lines	April cell phones	86.95
MET	wastewater test	43.00
Micromarketing	Library Books	128.70
MidAmerican Energy	April utilities	267.43
Nu-Telecom	April phone	286.50
Penworthy	Library Books	190.24
Peterson, Lorinda	lifeguarding class	325.00
Perkins office Solutions	ink cartridges,paper,	276.60
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Power Plan	hydraulic ends for payloader	71.20
Postmaster	postage for CC fund raiser	15.60
Rehab Systems	sewer cleanings & root cutting	600.00
Reiman Publications	Library book	28.98
Sanitary Services	contract	2,955.00
Swanson, Michelle	repair Library computer	90.00
Telrite	April long distance	62.32

Valley Glass	replace glass in Library door	420.00
Valley Vet	services for small dogs	30.00
Vector	group insurance	220.44
Wal-Mart	camera/books/videos	594.54
Wells Fargo	sewer revenue note	41,351.45

Jake Schutt asked Council if he could close off Main Street on Friday, July 6th, from the corner of 2nd & Main Streets north to 3rd & Main Streets for a band to setup. Council advised that the businesses will be open during the day. Council advised Jake to only block off Main St. between Craig's and Forbes & Sons until later in the day and property owners need to be notified ahead of time. Keith made motion to allow Jake's to totally close off Main Street on Friday, July 6th from 2nd & Main Streets north to 3rd & Main Streets at 7:00 or 8:00 at night and Jake is to contact all property owners ahead of time, second by Evans. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Evans "nay" none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Several residents appeared before Council concerning the property at 120 Willow St. The owner has passed away and the property is in bad shape. The City of Aurelia will contact the heirs concerning the property. Also discussed was the water problem in that area. The catch pond did slow up the water, but did not alleviate the problem. Mayor Bowen talked with the County about blocking the culvert under M21 to divert the water south reducing the amount of water coming through the culvert and coming down their street.

Angie Paltz appeared before Council concerning sewer back-up that occurred twice in her basement. The sewer was plugged on the corner and the City of Aurelia did get it cleaned out. Council advised Paltz to get an itemized list of damaged items and get to Messerole. It was discussed that the sanitary sewers around town need to be cleaned out periodically for preventative maintenance.

Council and Mayor thanked Kordell Kruse for the nice work he has done on the house at 129 Willow Street.

Peterson reported to Council the west well is working, the lagoon was by passed because of the amount of rainfall, old sewer line in alley by Community Center has been videoed, Prichard will be here end of week to grind up tree branches at the yard waste collection site, and the park will be sprayed next week. Swimming pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 26th, and the pool house is being painted. Bridge south of town is done with new guardrails. It was discussed that the owner's of the Café were not notified of the water leak outside of their building and should have been.

Council discussed the fence around the lot Harold Peterson has donated to the City. The fence is to be given to the Heritage House. Council advised Peterson to mow 309 Main St. and take care of weeds between City Hall and the Library.

Roger Redig is applying for a CAT grant through Vision Iowa. The amount he is asking for is \$371,581. This amount includes \$54,500 for demolition and site preparation of old building; \$179,000 for the purchase of houses and complete construction of parking lot;

\$44,550 for heating and cooling; \$17,621 for bar expenses; \$30,911 for tables, chairs, and fixtures; \$26,528 for kitchen items. Council and Mayor thanked Redig for all his hard work.

Aurelia Foundation Account has received a total of \$251,188 total in donations and pledges.

Todd Mummert appeared before Council concerning applying for a liquor license. Council advised Mummert to apply for liquor license with the state and the Council would have no problem approving a liquor license for him.

Lindgren made motion to approve ***Resolution #07-02 "Designation of Authorized Representation for the Vector Agency"*** second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Evans, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Keith made motion to renew cigarette permit for Casey's General Store, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye" Lindgren, Evans, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Community Center demolition bids were reviewed at the City Council special meeting on May 15, 2007. Lundell Construction Co. bid \$11,800; Schoon Construction bid \$19,860. Council will approve demolition bids after potential award of contract for new Community Center. Evans and Bowen are working on a burn variance permit for the debris from the old Community Center. Demolition of old Community center will be on the June 18th regular Council Agenda.

Council advised the old brown tables originally in the Community Center are not for sale, but can be used by citizens.

Bids for structural contents owned by the City of Aurelia were opened; Al Weiland bid \$100 for all water pipes and water heater, fuse boxes, interior and exterior wiring, all electrical switches and plug-ins, all fans and lights, furnace and duct work, air conditioner and lines. Beckly Haselhoff bid \$50 for the pair of french doors. Keith made motion to accept sealed bids for the structural items providing project moves forward, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye" Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Council discussed reopening the sealed bids for structural contents owned by the City Aurelia. After further discussion, Keith made motion to advertise "last chance" sealed bids for structural contents owned by the City of Aurelia until 4:30 pm, June 18, 2007, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Evans "nay" none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Lindgren made motion to approve Vision Iowa Letter of Support and direct Mayor Bowen to sign, second by Evans. Roll call vote "aye" Keith, Lindgren, Evans, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Evans made motion to approve ***Resolution #07-03 “Resolution of the Aurelia City Council authoring an application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for a Community Attraction and Tourism Grant and Committing Financial Support of the Aurelia Community Center”***, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Evans, Henkel, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried. Ballantyne absent.

Messerole discussed with Council ordering new brushes and poles for the swimming pool, Council advised Manager to look for the ones we have. Pool Lockers were discussed, Council advised pool committee to check out which ones will fit and get them ordered and installed.

City Ordinance, Chapter #50 currently states “*dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush or noxious growths of any kind of grass over eighteen (18) inches tall or other vegetation ...*” was discussed. Council requested the ordinance be changed to twelve (12) inches tall. Messerole will prepare resolution.

City Clerk job description was discussed. Messerole will put job description for City Clerk from the Ordinance Book into the Employee Handbook.

City of Aurelia’s current “Dangerous and Vicious Animals” Code, Chapter 57, was discussed. Mayor Bowen advised Messerole to look over existing code and add any additional information she received from other cities. Council tabled until next regular meeting.

Henkel gave the Council a Landfill Report. The landfill is proceeding with the new building and they are looking for companies to purchase the pellets. Project is moving forward.

Council discussed a substance abuse policy for the Personnel Policy Handbook. Mayor Bowen advised Messerole to get information from other cities on their policies and make up a draft policy for Council’s approval.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk