

August 13, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on August 13, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Evans, Ballantyne, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent: Keith

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Kurt Peterson, Ed Johnson – Aurelia Little League

Trees that need to be trimmed will be covered under Public Works

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

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

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	9,119.15	12,357.07
Special Revenue Fund	396.28	
Local Option Sales Tax	6,930.88	500.00
Road Use Tax	7,271.57	830.07
Debt Service	432.69	
Expendable Trusts	61.79	
Water Utility	11,670.90	3,426.94
Sewer Utility	9,818.28	1,737.62
Sanitation	5,199.92	5,037.92
Sewer Sinking	4,250.00	4,250.00
Storm Water Utility	469.00	
Improvement Reserve	2,084.00	2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		22,269.99
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	22,460.60	9,408.61

Bills Payable:

ACCO	chemicals	832.60
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	June utilities	1,814.32
Aurelia Library	petty cash	70.52
Aurelia Lumber	bolts,hose,paint,bulbs,cement	86.40
B V Stationery	paper,ink cartridges,pens	37.99
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	293.38
Builder's Sharpening	rent on concrete breaker	70.00
Cardmember Service	ad words, antivirus	50.90
CARS	oil change police car/repair pickup	168.13
Casey's	July fuel	266.14

Center Point	Library books	47.08
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	2,010.66
Cherokee Co. Treasurer	pool inspection/taxes	328.00
Conley, Bonnie	reimburse supplies	23.44
DEMCO	Library supplies	111.02
First Coop	July fuel	950.22
Forbes & Sons	regular envelopes	138.64
Galls	uniform knit shirt – Police	100.97
HSBC Solutions	hose for trash pump	75.74
Hallett	stone for redemption center	110.16
Heritage Bank	renew 30 day CD	100,000.00
Hunzelman Putzier	reconcile & prepare annual report	738.52
IA Dept. Nat Resources	NPDES Annual fee	210.00
Iowa One Call	locates	18.00
J. J.'s Last Call	reimburse liquor license/account	292.50
Long Lines	July cell phones	87.07
Mechura Electric	general maintenance Fire Station	314.78
MET	water tests	15.00
Micromarketing	Library Books	193.55
MidAmerican Energy	July utilities	307.62
Moore's Vacuums	belts for vacuum cleaner	5.00
Nu-Telecom	July phone	258.31
Paltz Construction	repair curb & gutter	3,907.25
Perkins office Solutions	paper,pens,library supplies	152.96
Power Plan	maintenance payloader	1,377.43
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Sanitary Services	contract	2,970.00
Telrite	July long distance	64.84
Wesco	ballasts for Library	41.92
Woltman, Patricia	rent – 301 Main St.	350.00

Mayor Bowen opened the public hearing for the rezoning property of 301 N. Main St., 305 N. Main St., 309 N. Main St.

Ed Johnson appeared before Council and thanked them for the \$2,893.40 donation from the City of Aurelia. Johnson reported that revenues are down at the concessions stand and there are still costs of umpires, equipment, etc. Johnson asked if the City would consider some type of recreation fund to help with the costs of these expenses, or even some type of recreation director. Johnson stated if money could be available for them, if needed each year, that would really help. Evans requested Johnson bring in some type of financial report for the Council to review.

Lindgren made motion to approve **Resolution #07-11 “Resolution Acknowledging Offer to Buy 301 N. Main St., Aurelia, Iowa”**, and to set public hearing for August 27, 2007, 7:00 pm; second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Evans, Henkel, Lindgren, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried. Keith Absent.

Mayor Bowen reported an asbestos test is being scheduled for 301 N. Main St. Demolition of 301 N. Main St. was discussed and the City may rent a backhoe and tear down the house themselves.

The parking lot for the new community center was discussed. Mayor Bowen will talk with local contractors. Discussion was held whether to have concrete or blacktop parking lot. It was the consensus the alley behind the community center needs to be blacktopped. Evans will check on state regulations whether the City needs to hire an architect to design the parking lot.

Peterson reported the Public Works Report. It was discussed the City exclude two blocks of Pearl St. and resurface the street in front of the Lutheran Church. Street committee Ballantyne and Keith agreed this should be done. Peterson reviewed with Council a pump maintenance service agreement with Electric Pump with an annual service rate of \$1,083.50. We currently have two pumps and one spare at the City Shop. Council advised Peterson to go with the maintenance agreement. Peterson advised he mowed and trimmed around the new addition and it looks good. Peterson did talk with Adam Booth and he would be interested in mowing and baling since he farms the Gustafson addition. Council thought that would be a good thing and requested Peterson talk with Johnson's first to see if ok with them. Peterson advised Council a couple of curb stops need to be dug up and replaced. Ballantyne requested Peterson to put something up temporarily over the curb plate that is broken at the corner of 4th & Willow Sts. Mayor Bowen advised there needs to be seeding done by the filter house and poles by pool. Bowen advised pump needs to be pulled out of east well and put in the well at City Hall; cistern on Harold Peterson's lot needs to be taken care of; and cave by Suhr's house needs to be filled in. Council advised Peterson to keep his list going and do not remove until completed.

Officer Suhr gave Mayor Bowen a list of streets where the trees need to be trimmed. Bowen gave list to Peterson to take care of.

Employee evaluations were discussed and one person had theirs about done, other Council members are still working on. Mayor Bowen requested these get done sometime this week.

Lindgren made motion to approve 1st Reading of ***Ordinance #659 "Resolution Amending Code of Ordinances by Changing the Zoning Classification at 301 N. Main Street, 305 N. Main Street, 309 N. Main Street from Residential to Commercial"***, second by Evans. Roll call vote "aye" Evans, Henkel, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Keith Absent.

Evans made motion to approve "***Resolution #07-10 "City Street Financial Report FY06-07"***" second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Keith absent.

Evans made motion to approve renewal of Jake's Liquor License, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Keith absent.

Mayor advised the Council that the City of Aurelia received \$225,000 from a Vision Iowa CAT Grant. Evans reported the application review in Des Moines went very well and the Grant committee was very impressed with the grant paperwork submitted to them. The CAT Grant Committee said the City has 90 days to say how we will come up with the additional funds. The CAT funds will be released on a reimbursement basis. For each paid invoice submitted, they will reimburse us for a percentage of what we have spent. This percentage is based on the CAT grant to the total project cost.

The old basement on the lot to the south of the old community center has to be dug out in order to replace the fill material to get proper compaction to prevent settling.

“Dangerous and Vicious Animals” ordinance was discussed. Henkel, Lindgren, and Ballantyne have rewritten the ordinance and Bowen requested they complete and get copies to Council members for their review. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Henkel gave the Council a Landfill Report. The landfill project is moving forward and they are pretty much done with the building. They are in the process of building another cell.

Evans made motion to close public hearing for the rezoning property at 301 N. Main St., 305 N. Main St., 309 N. Main St., second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried. Keith absent.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk