

January 8, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in special session on January 8, 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

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 discussed. Lindgren discussed with Council the original 28E Agreement that was signed in 1972 and amended in 1988. Currently the City of Aurelia is obligated to pay \$1,981.42 monthly to the Cherokee Landfill. The anticipated cost of the Garbage Pellet operation is approximately 3.3 million with the bond proposed at 2.9 million. Along with the revenue generated, they will have tax credits, grants, and no interest loans to pay the debt. Council discussed as to what their financial obligation would be if the Landfill was unable to pay the bond amount. Council felt they needed additional information and tabled until their next regular meeting.

Lindgren left the meeting.

Because of the balance of the City’s checking account, rates for Certificates of Deposit were discussed. After further discussion, Evans made motion to purchase 3 Certificates of Deposit for 100,000 each; with maturity dates of 30 days, 60 days, and 90 days, total investment of \$300,000, at First Trust and Savings Bank, second by Henkel. Roll Call Vote “aye” Evans, Henkel, Keith, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried. Lindgren absent.

Bowen discussed with Council the results of a meeting with two architects for a Community Center. Johnny Boyd, architect from Des Moines, has done work at Buena Vista College and Rick Dean from Cannon Moss Brygger & Assoc. out of Spencer came with high recommendations from several contractors in the area. Council felt the need to proceed with a proposed plan in order to get bids from contractors in the spring. After further discussion, Evans made motion to get a preliminary drawing from Cannon Moss Brygger & Assoc. for review, hinging that their fee is competitive with other architect’s fees, second by Ballantyne. Roll Call Vote “aye” Henkel, Keith, Ballantyne, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried. Lindgren absent.

It was the consensus of the Council there needs to be a fund raising committee.

Keith made motion that any money contributed to the City’s Foundation account for the use of a new Community Center will be returned to the contributor if the Community Center is not built, second by Evans. Roll Call Vote “aye” Keith, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried. Lindgren absent.

Messerole distributed to Council the Revenue and Expense budget worksheets for the FY07-08 for review. Council tabled until their regular meeting.

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