

November 17, 2008

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on November 17, 2008. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Evans, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent: Keith, Ballantyne

Also Present: Cindy Kai, Mark Sangwin, Gene Suhr, Lori Kolpin, Mark Buschkamp

Mayor Bowen announced the Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Boulder Conference Center in Denison.

Mayor Bowen requested the minutes be amended as follows: **Katina Johnson appeared before Council concerning the speeding traffic on East 3rd.**

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

Minutes of previous meetings
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Bills Payable
Police Report

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	50,592.16	10,494.16
Special Revenue Fund	10,179.26	
Local Option Sales Tax	6,778.54	600.00
Road Use Tax	5,887.46	512.87
Debt Service	11,712.50	
Expendable Trusts	22.51	
Water Utility	12,659.72	5,016.30
Sewer Utility	8,994.80	5,369.97
Sanitation	6,122.58	6,045.40
Sewer Sinking	4,350.00	
Storm Water Utility	474.00	
Improvement Reserve	2,084.00	2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		22,999.92
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	9,330.00	0.00

Bills Payable:

American Legion Post	Halloween Patrol	100.00
Arnold, Mark	water meter refund	61.08
Aurelia Lumber	roof patch,coupler,postage	129.43
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	Oct. utilities	2,388.51
Aurelia Star	publications	88.50
B V Stationery	"Paid" Stamp	8.95
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	313.74
Ballantyne, Craig	water meter refund	2.04

Berg, Anna	water meter refund	1.26
Bomgaars	socket, wrench, bracket, wheel	49.29
Builders Sharpening	mulch kit for mower	220.00
CARS	oil change – Police Durango	43.57
Casey's	Oct. Fuel	373.34
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract & landfill fees	2,118.44
Chronicle Times	1 year subscription	82.00
Compton, Jim	water meter refund	20.34
Data Technologies	2009 Summit License Support	1,538.44
Felton, Byron	water meter refund	9.06
Ferguson Enterprises	pipe cutter,hacksaw, misc tools	55.03
First Coop	Oct. diesel	323.67
Forbes & Sons Printers	window envelopes	108.91
Geo-Loop	bushings, chain, connector link	34.00
Grienke, Gilbert	water meter refund	3.99
Gregg Computer Service	work on server for Shield Software	437.50
Hach	DPD Chlorine	77.15
Hines, Doug	water meter refund	30.57
Lockin, John	water meter refund	53.91
Lytle, Tom or Jodi	water meter refund	3.87
Long Lines	Oct. cell phones	87.21
Micromarketing	Library Books	122.89
MidAmerican Energy	Oct. utilities	56.48
Modern Heating	air to air heat pump City Hall	4,610.00
Nelson, Dean	water meter refund	1.83
Nelson, Sherm	water meter refund	5.88
Nu-Telecom	Oct. phone/internet	319.55
Office Systems Co.	service agreement	182.41
Penworthy	Library books	115.91
Perkins Office Sol.	Ink cartridges	98.49
Plunkett's	pest control, City Hall & CC	80.40
R J Thomas Mfg.	15 picnic tables for park	8,427.75
Radke, Erik	water meter refund	7.23
Reiman Publications	Holiday cookbooks	23.99
Sanitary Services	contract	3,800.00
Stan Houston Equipment	sealant repair pool	268.00
Suhr, Gene	water meter refund	22.35

Mark Buschkamp, Director of CAEDC presented the 2008 Annual Report for CAEDC and requested from Council their continued support to continue their success in working with existing businesses and attracting new businesses and opportunities. He advised that a new website, www.cherokeeia.com has been set up and encouraged us to submit information and pictures about Aurelia events to display on the website.

Sangwin reviewed with Council the Public Works “Things to do List”. The brush pile has been chipped and another site was prepared to pile additional brush. Residents are encouraged to use the chips. Water mains were flushed and one hydrant did not shut off completely and will need to be replaced. The new picnic tables have been delivered and will be assembled in the spring. The house at 120 Willow is ready to be demolished. The crack in the floor of the pool causing loss of water has been repaired and the cracks on the deck will be repaired in the spring. Some shingles were replaced on City Hall; the roof on City Hall and the Fire Station will need to be re-shingled in the near future. Street sweeping has been ongoing to remove the fallen leaves. Faded stop signs have been replaced.

City Attorney, Lori Kolpin, was present to discuss the Aurelia Community Foundation, Inc. and review notes from the October 30, 2008 conference call with Ashley Canney, Director of Affiliates for Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. Council decided the “family of funds” was not the way to meet our needs at the present time and instructed the City Attorney to research the costs and time needed to establish our own 501(3)(C) agreement to accept private donations for community projects.

City Attorney discussed the Vicious Dog Ordinance. She reported our ordinance is comparable or even more detailed than other cities. She suggested enforcing the “Running at Large” section of the Animal Control Ordinance and possibly increasing fines for subsequent violations to encourage owners to be more responsible with their animals.

Council reviewed a contract from Central Tank Coatings, for water tower maintenance, in the amount of \$1,250.00 in 2010; \$1,250.00 in 2012; and \$1,250.00 in 2014. Contract includes a written report and digital pictures, cleaning and inspecting, with minor touchups. Evans made motion to approve the proposed water tower maintenance contract from Central Tank Coatings, second by Henkel. Roll call vote “aye”, Evans, Lindgren, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried. Keith, Ballantyne absent.

Kai presented the proposed 2009 Aurelia Municipal Electric Budget. Lindgren made motion to approve 2009 Municipal Electric Budget, second by Evans. Roll call vote “aye”, Lindgren, Henkel, Evans “nay” none. Motion carried. Keith, Ballantyne absent.

Kai informed Council the City’s medical insurance renewal will decrease by 0.53% and City’s dental insurance renewal will stay the same. Henkel made motion to approve renewal of 2009 medical and dental insurance, second by Evans. Roll call vote “aye”, Henkel, Evans, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried. Keith, Ballantyne absent.

Lindgren made motion to approve Liquor License Renewal for Village Boutique, second by Henkel. Roll call vote “aye”, Evans, Lindgren, Henkel, “nay” none. Motion carried. Keith, Ballantyne absent.

SIMPCO’s 2nd Abatement Letter was reviewed and Council recommended some changes in the wording of the letter. Messerole did re-inspections from the list provided from SIMPCO. There were approximately 35 addresses on the list and follow up letters will need to be sent to 12 addresses.

Revenues and expenses for the community center were reviewed. After discussion, Council decided the current community center committee should meet to decide what duties and rules the new Community Center Board will be responsible for. The City has received (8) eight applications for the Community Center Board of Directors position. Council directed the City Clerk to send a letter to each applicant explaining that all the guidelines for a Community Center Board have not yet been established and they will be contacted when the Board is ready.

Henkel gave landfill report. Cells 1 and 2 are about full and they are working on preparing cells 3 and 4.

A joint meeting between the Aurelia City Council and Aurelia Municipal Electric Board will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Cindy Kai, Deputy City Clerk