

April 20, 2009

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on April 20, 2009. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Keith, Henkel, Ballantyne, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent: Evans

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Mark Sangwin, Mike Kruger, Mark Buschkamp

Mayor Bowen announced the Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting will be Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Schleswig Golf Club, Schleswig, Iowa.

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

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Police Report

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	7,496.31	38,375.97
Special Revenue Fund	825.97	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	6,770.88	0.00
Road Use Tax	8,374.07	7,051.22
Debt Service	950.34	0.00
Expendable Trusts	330.47	0.00
Water Utility	8,899.79	7,335.47
Sewer Utility	8,393.91	5,584.23
Sanitation	5,841.41	5,770.92
Sewer Sinking	4,350.00	4,350.00
Storm Water Utility	460.00	0.00
Improvement Reserve	2,084.00	2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	1,727.87
Sewer Replacement Reserve		0.00
Payroll		22,013.60
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	70.84	

Bills Payable:

Ahlers & Cooney	prof services/reduce sewer loan rate	320.70
Aurelia Day Care	3 rd qtr donation FY098-09	600.00
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	March utilities	2,951.68
Aurelia Lumber	Library supplies, mis supplies City	598.91
Aurelia Star	publication of minutes, classifieds	157.84
B V Stationery	applicators envelope glue	7.08
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	75.09
Cardmember Service	yahoo, print shop software	99.99
Central States Lab	soil sterilant	842.32
Casey's	March fuel	370.95
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract/demo of house	3,081.32
Cherokee Co. Recorder	record deed purchase vacant lot	17.80
Chesterman Co.	pop for CC bar	58.00

Des Moines Stamp	“for deposit only” stamp	21.30
Diane’s Crafts & Things	balloons for Jeff Bowen surgery	10.70
Fire Proof Plus, Inc.	shop – annual inspection	35.00
First Coop	March gasoline & Diesel fuel	297.69
GCC Alliance Concrete	concrete repaired street light	160.00
Hach	chlorine	133.89
Hallett Materials	street sand, gravel for alleys	183.73
Helen’s Laundry	towels and rugs CC	50.92
Iowa League of Cities	Academy – Kai	85.00
John’s Equipment	repair Orek vacuum	40.05
Messerole, Barb	reimburse for purchase of cell phone	72.79
MET	wastewater & water tests	150.00
Long Lines	March cell phones	147.65
Michelle Swanson	netgear wireless router	127.50
MicroMarketing	Library Books	258.69
MidAmerican Energy	March utilities	241.26
Nu-Telecom	March phone/internet	310.44
Office Depot	Kleenex towels	44.99
Perkins Office Sol.	Minute book, highlighters	194.52
Pilot Tribune	Library – 1 year subscription	59.00
Plunkett’s	pest control, City Hall & CC	80.40
Rehab Systems	root cutting televising sewer line	350.00
Rhoadside Blooming House	Flowers – Elsie Otto funeral	45.95
Sanitary Services	contract	3,781.00
Sennert, Paul or Sara	purchase vacant lot	1,000.00
Steve’s Window Service	clean CC windows	38.00
Tee’s Plus	DARE pins, shirts, pencils	228.98
TCY Machine	repair stop sign post	62.00
Taser International	cartridges	71.85
Telerite Corp.	March Long Distance	64.08
Vector	group insurance	169.13

Mayor Bowen requested Officer Suhr place the speed trailer on Hwy. 7, Main Street, or on the way to school. Council requested Suhr and reserve officers spend more time patrolling the town.

Mayor Bowen opened public hearing for the Iowa Finance Authority lowering the City of Aurelia’s interest rate, on two existing Sewer Revenues Bonds dated 1999, from 3.92% to 3.00% effective June 1, 2009.

Mike Kruger, Aurelia Youth League, discussed with Council a list of 2009 replacement equipment, estimating \$2,143.80, needed for their summer program. This list includes purchasing new catching gear, batting helmets, softballs, baseballs, and bases. After further discussion, Keith made motion to contribute \$1,000 to Aurelia Little League for safety equipment, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye”, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Sangwin reviewed with Council the PublicWorks “Things to do List”. Will need to haul brush, leaves, and grass again, will begin draining swimming pool and have ordered two new drain covers; replaced some more water meters, down to 3 on list; Lundells cleaned and video taped 6th Street found 2 cracks and cleaned out roots. Water main by the ball diamond, south of the school, was replaced, concrete needs to be replaced; leveled off lot

at 120 Willow Street, need to seed yet; turned water on at shelter house and took new picnic tables to park; Bob Haselhoff tilled up volleyball court at park. Council requested putting a gutter on south side of new patio cover at swimming pool to keep roof debris from going into pool.

Mark Buschkamp, CAEDC entered Council meeting. Mayor Bowen requested agenda item #12 be next – Strategic Planning Survey.

Mark Buschkamp requested each City Council member fill out the Strategic Planning Survey for Cherokee County. Buschkamp also updated Council on current projects.

Bid to re-roof City Hall and Fire Station was reviewed from Bill Smith in the amount of \$11,673.00 per city's specifications. After further discussion, Keith made motion to accept the bid from Smith for the re-roofing of City Hall for \$4,471.00 and Fire Station for \$7,202.00, total bid amount of \$11,673.00, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye", Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Henkel made motion to approve Liquor License for 3-Petes, second by Keith. Roll call vote "aye", Lindgren, Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Lindgren made motion to approve Resolution "Approving and Authorizing an Amendment to SRF State Loan & Disbursement Agreements", second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote "aye", Ballantyne, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Henkel made motion to close public hearing for the Iowa Finance Authority lowering the City of Aurelia's interest rate on two existing Sewer Revenues Bonds dated 1999 from 3.92% to 3.00%, effective June 1, 2009, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye", Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried. Evans absent.

Re-inspections of nuisance abatements from SIMPO were discussed. Council directed SIMPCO to send second letter to property owners and remind them of City-wide cleanup on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

Messerole has had inquiries on what City is going to do with vacant lot at 120 Willow St. Council requested anyone interested in the vacant lot come to Council on Monday, May 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

City Council is waiting to review Aurelia Community Center Board of Trustees By-Laws.

Henkel gave Council Landfill Repot.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk