

May 18, 2009

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on May 18, 2009. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Keith, Henkel, Evans, Ballantyne, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent:

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Mark Sangwin, Gene Suhr, Jennie Mier, Jan Grashoff, Randy & Donna Reed, Bill Smith

Mayor Bowen announced the Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2009, at the Sac County Cattleman's, Sac City, Iowa

Mayor Bowen announced the Cherokee County Council of Mayors Meeting will be Thursday, May 28, 2009, at the Hy-Vee Distribution Center.

Messerole read a "thank you" from the Aurelia Day Care for use of the Community Center during remodeling at the Methodist Church.

Officer Suhr informed Council that citations have been issued to a resident for the number of dogs kept at their home.

Mayor Bowen requested Suhr put speed trailer in different locations around town, Council advised patrolling Highway 7 and issuing tickets to speeders.

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

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

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	61,878.18	9,396.49
Special Revenue Fund	12,841.79	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	6,770.88	2,617.80
Road Use Tax	6,728.74	434.07
Debt Service	14,776.00	0.00
Expendable Trusts	12.95	234.80
Water Utility	9,614.19	1,468.08
Sewer Utility	8,868.29	1,659.82
Sanitation	5,887.44	5,762.42
Sewer Sinking	4,350.00	4,350.00
Storm Water Utility	462.00	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		22,420.13
Aurelia Foundation/Comm Center	920.00	

Bills Payable:

ACCO	2 pool drain covers/chemicals	6,075.61
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Alta Implement	thermostat for air compressor	39.08
Arnold Motor Supply	oil, oil filters, antifreeze, battery	154.16
Arnold, Sherri Stevenson	reimburse for Library supplies	12.00
Aurelia Comm Bucks	gift certificate for DARE speaker	20.00
Aurelia Lumber	Library supplies, misc City supplies	924.13
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	April utilities	2,656.67
Aurelia Star	publication of minutes, classifieds	124.60
B V County Cat Rescue	capture three cats	60.00
B V Stationery	pens	12.00
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	346.95
Bonnesen Plumbing	Demo House, replace water main	1,960.00
Book Systems, Inc.	Network software for Library	425.00
Brown Supply	water main project	561.97
Builders Sharpening	soil conditioner, mower blades	157.97
Cardmember Service	yahoo, backup Date Tech	216.84
CARS	oil change Police vehicle, oil	51.97
Casey's	April fuel	359.11
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42
Chesterman Co.	pop for CC bar	72.50
Conney Safety Products	safety glasses, eye shield, hard hat	117.90
Dakota Supply	meter & parts for west well	2,417.50
DEMCO	Library supplies	127.18
Econo Signs	8 new stop signs	305.32
First Coop	April diesel fuel & gasoline	202.78
GCC Alliance Concrete	concrete street by school	1,222.00
Gregg Computer Service	sony cell phone Police	130.00
Guarantee Gutter Co.	gutters for pool shade	220.50
Hallett Materials	washed fill sand	173.59
Holiday Inn	spring IMFOA conference	151.96
Hy-Vee	Juice for DARE	10.70
Iowa League of Cities	service fees for drug/alcohol testing	30.00
Jensen Insurance	Messerole fidelity schedule	375.00
Lake Electric	ballasts for Library	29.32
Martin Marrietta	limestone for alleys	298.82
MET	pool water tests	45.00
Long Lines	April cell phones	166.52
Michelle Swanson	new fan for Library computer	35.00
MicroMarketing	Library Books	71.94
MidAmerican Energy	April utilities	148.96
Midwest Radar	certify police radar	60.00
Nu-Telecom	April phone/internet	388.04
Perkins Office Sol.	Ink cartridges, toner	201.64
Plunkett's	pest control, City Hall & CC	80.40
Postmaster	postage for bills & stamps	238.59
Pro Elect	annual alarm monitoring fee	300.00
R & D Industries	repair sound system at CC	592.80
Rosen Publishing	Library books	118.65
Sanitary Services	contract	3,866.50
Stan Houston Equipment	blade for cement saw	89.95
Steve's Window Service	clean CC windows	38.00
Taser International	shipping for Police cartridges	5.85
Telerite Corp.	April Long Distance	63.38

Upstart	summer reading items for Library	444.35
Valley Vet Center	animal services	295.00

Jennie Mier appeared before Council concerning the City of Aurelia's dog ordinance. On April 12, 2009, while Mier was visiting in Aurelia, her lab bit a child. Because Mier has no proof of vaccination, the dog was kenneled for ten days. After that time, the dog was released to her and it has been kept out of town. Since then, Mier has purchased a home in Aurelia and would like to bring dog back into City limits. Council reviewed and discussed the City of Aurelia's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 57.10 KEEPING a VICIOUS ANIMAL *"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to harbor or keep a vicious animal within the City. A vicious animal is so deemed when it shall have attacked or bitten any person (without provocation), or when the propensity to attack or bite persons shall exist and such propensity is known or ought to reasonably be known to the owner thereof"*. Mier left the Council meeting.

Jan Grashoff, Randy & Donna Reed, and Bill Smith appeared before Council concerning the vacant lot at 120 Willow St. The neighbors thanked Council for taking the house down and vacant lot looks good. Council discussed selling the lot to someone interested in building a house. Smith advised Council he may have someone interested in the lot to build a home. Council advised Smith the City's costs incurred are \$4,252.88 which includes asbestos test and removal, taxes, demo of house and garage and legal documents. Council discussed size of the lot and size of house that would fit. Smith will drop off dimensions of proposed house plans to City Hall and Messerole will review set backs required.

Smith advised council the Fire Station Roof is over half done. The roof will be completed in the next couple of weeks and will then start on City Hall roof.

Sangwin discussed with Council purchasing a Street Crack Filler Machine. Sangwin checked prices of new one and it ran around \$25,000 to \$30,000. Rental or lease would run around \$300/day; \$900/week or \$1,200/month. Sangwin also advised that Tim Harris has a used machine for sale for \$500.00 and City could use for a few days to see if interested. Council advised Sangwin to try out used machine.

The swimming pool has been leaking and seems to be coming from the plumbing. City dug up part of the line and Lundell's ran camera through to attempt to locate the leak or leaks. Also, Messerole informed Council the City of Cherokee has two diving boards they would sell for \$50.00, as the current diving board is in need of replacement.

Sangwin reviewed with Council the PublicWorks "Things to do List". Brush & leaf pile were ground up; sprayed park, baseball fields, and sewer plant; repaired air compressor; discharging at lagoon; will put AC unit in newspaper office; water main was replaced by school; street, curb and gutter are done.

Sanwin requested street committee meet to see how many streets can be done within the budgeted amount of \$40,000.00.

City Council is waiting for legal review of Aurelia Community Center Board of Trustees By-Laws. Messerole will contact Kolpin to get a name of referral Attorney in the interim.

Messerole distributed to Council twelve month revenue and expense report for new Community Center.

Henkel discussed Landfill.

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

Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk