

December 14, 2011

The Aurelia City Council met in special session on December 14, 2011. Mayor Keith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

City Council Present: Nelson, Schulenberg, Bowen, Fredericksen, Lindgren, Keith
Absent:

Also Present: Messerole, James Sak, Peggy Leifer, Denny Allen, Wally Miller, Jim Tell, Diane Dunn, Marvin Krause, Terry Holub, Nancy Jarratt, Tom Jarratt, Bruce Rapp, Ron Anderson, Pat Howe, Jacob Schutt

Wally Miller appeared before Council concerning Snickers the pit bull breed mix owned by James Sak and Peggy Leifer. Miller stated to Council that Jim is a disabled veteran who has established this dog as his service dog. The Current City of Aurelia's Code of Ordinance #58 "Pit Bull Dog" states it is unlawful to keep, or harbor, own in any way possess a Pit Bull Dog or any mixed breed of pit bull dog within the City of Aurelia.

Council reviewed a letter from Miller, Miller, Miller, P.C. with follow up documentation of the safety training of the mixed pit bull breed, and his proposed addendum "Service Dog & Disabled Person Exception" to the current code of ordinances Chapter 58 as previously requested by the Council. Council also reviewed a letter from Mazurek Law Firm stating concerns of an Aurelia citizen who is requesting the dog be removed by enforcing Chapter 58 "Pit Bull Dog". Council also reviewed a petition signed by 35 citizens to uphold Chapter 58 "Pit Bull Dog".

After hearing from everyone in attendance, Mayor Keith respectfully requested the Council discuss and consider all input received. Following further discussion, Bowen made motion to uphold the current City of Aurelia Ordinance #58 "Pit Bull Dog" as it stands, second by Nelson. Roll Call Vote "aye" Nelson, Schulenberg, Bowen "nay" Fredericksen, Lindgren. Motion carried 3 – 2.

Mayor Keith respectfully informed James Sak and Peggy Leifer to have the dog kenneled out of the Aurelia City limits pending legal advice from the City's Attorney.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.

Dee Keith, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk