

December 6, 2011

The Aurelia City Council met in special session on December 6, 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, Gene Suhr, Dana Evans, James Sak, Peggy Leifer, Denny Allen, Wally Miller, Jim Tell

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. Because the dog has an impeccable safety history and it is a service dog for a handicap person, Miller requested the Council make an exception to the current ordinance and allow them keep the dog with restrictions. Miller stated to Council that currently the City of Aurelia's Ordinance # 58 "Pit Bull Dog" is iron clad as written. Miller offered to spend his time, at no cost to the City of Aurelia, to prepare an addendum to the current Ordinance to allow a disabled person's service dog that is of a Pit Bull breed mix be allowed with restrictions.

Sak informed Council that Snickers went through safety training for 2 years beginning in 2009 to become his service dog and is currently registered with the National Service Animal Registry (NSAR).

Council requested Miller prepare an addendum proposal to them and supply all documentation confirming the safety training the dog has received to become a service animal. After preparing, Miller will supply copies to the City Council and City's Attorney for review.

The Council will make a final decision based on the additional facts that Miller, James Sak and Peggy Leifer supply. After documentation is received this month, Council will set a public hearing for an addendum to the Ordinance.

In the meantime, Snickers is to be contained and kept on a harness and muzzled when outside.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned.

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Dee Keith, Mayor

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Barb Messerole, City Clerk