

January 15, 2018

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on January 15, 2018. Mayor Suhr called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Redig, Nelson, Stroud, Baker, Suhr

Absent: Johnson

Also Present: Messerole, Mark Sangwin, Brian Flikeid, Dale Barrie – Iowa Rural Water Association; Bill Anderson – CAEDC; Brian Lockin – Lockin Insurance; Steve Peterson – Aurelia Star

Mayor announced Cherokee Area Economic Development Recognition Banquet Saturday, February 10, 2018 at WITCC. Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting Thursday, January 18, 2018, Clay County Event Center, Spencer, Iowa.

Redig made motion to approve consent agenda, second by Nelson. All members present voting “aye”, motion carried.

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

December Revenues

Property Taxes	7,155.71
Local Option Sales Tax	8,495.16
Licenses & Permits	398.00
Use of Money & Property	1,568.17
Road Use Tax	10,376.34
State & Local Grants	12,175.00
Water Utility	9,247.72
Sewer Utility	13,678.93
Sanitation	9,238.89
Storm Water Utility	476.00
Other Fees & Charges	1,295.04
Special Assessments	824.00
Miscellaneous	1,475.15
Transfers In	4,125.00
Total	80,529.11

December Disbursements

General Fund	21,954.64
Special Revenue	4,857.60
Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use Tax	2,197.81
Debt Service	0.00
Capital Project	0.00
Expendable Trusts	1,290.00
Water Utility	7,193.19
Sewer Utility	5,509.74
Sanitation	9,184.82
Storm Water Utility	13.00
Transfers Out	4,125.00
Total	56,325.80

January Bills Payable

Aurelia Electric	utilities	3,422.43
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	garbage collection	3,771.50
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	reimburse unpaid utilities	550.40
Aurelia Lumber	softener salt, hydrant blocks	35.94
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	battery for police taser	170.64
Blacktop Service Co.	milling and asphalt	27,643.62
Blue Lake Website	website	18.25
Bomgaars	shop supplies	288.15
Builders Sharpening	oil and filters	39.28
CAASA	donation	1,000.00

Cardmember Service	Library books, membership	405.59
Casey's	fuel	285.48
Cherokee Co. Auditor	2017 election fees	1,458.72
Cherokee Co Solid Waste	contract	5,090.45
Counsel	maintenance contract	44.79
Creative Product Source	thin blue line stickers	307.97
Data Technologies	W2 forms	31.81
Erpelding & Sons	snow removal sidewalk	140.00
Feld Fire	lift bag for Fire Dept.	4,629.00
Fire Proof Plus	cc suppression inspection	133.75
First Cooperative	diesel fuel	270.38
Geo-Loop	use of sand blasting equipment	300.00
HyVee	CC bar supplies & office supplies	299.16
IMFOA	annual membership	50.00
Iowa One Call	locates	9.00
Iowa Poetry Assoc.	library books	9.00
IA Workforce Dev.	4 th qtr. 2017 unemployment	10.63
Jack's Uniforms	softshell jacket – police dept.	119.95
Jerry's Tree Service	remove 5 ash trees & 1 maple	2,550.00
Johnston Auto	parts for maroon pickup	70.42
Julius Cleaners	laundry & entrance mats	67.70
Loews Carpet One	transition plates @ CC	233.16
Maple Valley Hardware	shop supplies	7.59
MET	wastewater & water tests	378.00
Mid-Sioux	donation	1,000.00
Micro Marketing	library books	2.99
Mid-America Publishing	legals	633.79
MidAmerican Energy	gas utility	221.66
Mid-States Organized Crime	2018 annual membership fee	100.00
Motor Parts Sales	oil & parts	32.90
Northwest IA City Clerks	annual dues	25.00
Nu-Telecom	phone & internet	567.04
One Office Solutions	paper & office supplies	171.75
Plumbing & Heating	turbo torch	103.03
Plunkett's	pest control, City Hall, CC, Shop	117.19
Steve's Window Service	clean CC windows	40.00
Sunbelt Insurance	water loss & water/sewer line protection	917.70
TCY Machine	repair broken fitting	32.00
U S Cellular	Fire Dept. cell phone	100.12
Verizon Wireless	cell phones	<u>209.70</u>
	TOTAL	58,117.63

Dale Barrie, Iowa Rural Water Association, appeared before Council concerning their water/wastewater rate study. Proposal to raise water rates and raise sewer rates to meet lagoon debt obligation was discussed. The City of Aurelia water rates have not been raised in Aurelia for over 20 + years. It was discussed to revise current water rate tier to have only one tier instead of three. Item was tabled until regular February meeting.

Bill Anderson, CAEDC Executive Director, updated Council on the annual report and highlighted activities and programs from 2017.

Brian Lockin, appeared before Council to discuss renewal of insurance for the City. Lockin advised Council they will be receiving a dividend check approximately in amount of \$9,100. Overall impact of premium renewal for 2018 will be no more than 3% increase. The City's Workman's Comp Modification has stayed down and Lockin praised City Staff. Lockin will meet with Department Heads to review inventory for next renewal. Redig made motion to accept insurance proposal for April 1, 2018 renewal, second by Nelson. All members present voting "aye" motion carried.

Public Works Report was reviewed. Trees cleaned up at park; maintenance on equipment; snow removal.

- A. City is in need of a new sander truck, Sangwin is looking at purchasing a used dump truck/sander truck, spending up to \$60,000 out of upcoming budget FY2018-19.
- B. Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new skid loader. This item will be budgeted in next year's FY2019-20 budget.

Property for sale at 417 E. 3rd St. was discussed. Messerole has been in contact with realtor, property currently listed at \$7,000. Discussion was held whether City would desire to purchase and demo house and garage themselves. After further discussion Redig made motion to proceed with acquiring property, not to exceed spending \$2,000, second by Nelson. All members present voting "aye" motion carried.

Police report was discussed.

- A. New camera for squad car or computer for squad car was discussed. FY 2018-19 Police Budget request increase of \$4,500 to allow for purchase of either of two items.

Council discussed Committee Assignments for 2018. Suhr reappointed Redig as Mayor Pro-Tem. Redig made motion to appoint Suhr & Baker to New Housing Development; Johnson to Community Center & Property; Redig to Utility Board; Nelson & Johnson to Budget Committee; Suhr & Krause to Personnel Committee; Stroud & Baker to Recreation Committee (Pool); Johnson to Library; Redig & Stroud to Water & Sewer; Redig & Baker to Public Safety/Fire Board Trustee; Stroud & Nelson to Streets & Alleys; Suhr & Baker to Aurelia Development Corp.; Nelson to Day Care, second by Stroud. All members present voting "aye" motion carried.

Redig made motion to reappoint George Wittgraf as City Attorney; Barb Messerole as City Clerk; Roman Redig to Landfill Commission; Ardelle Staver & Ann Tell to Library Board; Roger Haselhoff to Planning & Zoning Board; Sue Johnson & Lynn Jesse to Community Center Board; Deke Kempfert & Nancy Webb to Board of Adjustment, second by Baker. All members present voting "aye" motion carried. Messerole will check with Les Todd to see if he wishes to continue as Aurelia's County Development representative.

Clerks Report was discussed.

Discussion was held concerning SIMPCO's proposal of \$5,000.00 to revise City's current comp plan. After further discussion, Redig made motion to approve proposal and proceed with comp plan with SIMPCO, second by Baker. All members present voting "aye" motion carried.

Baker made motion to approve Ahlers Cooney Attorneys' Bond Counsel & Disclosure Counsel Engagement Agreement, second by Nelson. Roll Call Vote "aye" Stroud, Nelson, Baker, Redig "nay" none. Motion carried. Johnson Absent.

Nelson made motion to approve **Resolution #18-01 – “Resolution Fixing Date for Meeting on Proposition to Authorize Loan Agreement and Issuance of Notes, Not to Exceed \$375,000 GO Capital Loan Notes” to Evidence Obligations of the City** and set public hearing for Monday, February 19, 2018, second by Stroud. Roll Call Vote "aye" Baker, Stroud, Nelson, Redig "nay" none. Motion carried. Johnson Absent.

Redig made motion to approve **Resolution #18-02 - “Resolution Approving Post-Issuance Compliance Policy”**, second by Baker. Roll Call Vote "aye" Baker, Redig, Stroud, Nelson "nay" none. Motion carried. Johnson Absent.

Redig updated Council on Fire Department's Election of Officers. After further discussion, Baker made motion to approve officers for 2018; Lucas Erpelding as Fire Chief; Roman Redig as 1st Assistant Chief; Mark Lindgren as 2nd Assistant Chief; Roger Redig as Secretary/Treasurer, second by Nelson. Roll Call Vote "aye" Stroud, Baker, Nelson "nay" none. Motion carried. Redig Abstained and Johnson Absent.

Nelson made motion to approve Rob Kannegieter's Application for Tax Abatement at 201 E. 6th St., second by Baker. All members present voting "aye" motion carried.

Nelson made motion to approve an easement for Alex Burditt from end of Miller Drive to his current property line, second by Baker. All members present voting "aye" motion carried. Messerole will prepare easement and file with the County Recorder.

Landfill report was given.

Budget workshop will be held Monday January 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

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

Gene Suhr, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk