

February 19, 2018

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on February 19, 2018. Mayor Suhr called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Redig, Nelson, Stroud, Johnson, Baker, Suhr

Absent:

Also Present: Messerole, Mark Sangwin, Brian Flikeid, Clint Corderman & Ross Fitzgerald - NW Iowa Bulldogs, Nicole Peterson – SIMPCO, Nicole Weathers & Leah Niemeier – Friends of Aurelia; Luke, Zachary & Tyler Erpelding – Erpelding and Sons, Mike Bartholomew – Alta Aurelia Shooting Sports

Mayor Suhr announced WIMECA annual meeting on April 4, 2018 at Willow Vale Golf Course and Country Club in Mapleton.

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

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

January Revenues

Property Taxes	11,117.40
Local Option Sales Tax	8,495.16
Licenses & Permits	50.00
Use of Money & Property	6,689.87
Road Use Tax	8,642.65
State & Local Grants	0.00
Water Utility	9,016.27
Sewer Utility	13,511.81
Sanitation	9,214.25
Storm Water Utility	475.00
Other Fees & Charges	35.00
Special Assessments	0.00
Miscellaneous	932.78
Transfers In	4,165.00
Total	72,345.19

January Disbursements

General Fund	28,447.03
Special Revenue	4,441.80
Local Option Sales Tax	518.25
Road Use Tax	30,118.23
Debt Service	0.00
Capital Project	0.00
Expendable Trusts	0.00
Water Utility	5,618.12
Sewer Utility	4,514.19
Sanitation	8,861.95
Storm Water Utility	0.00
Transfers Out	4,165.00
Total	86,684.57

February Bills Payable

Aurelia Electric	utilities	5,091.56
Aurelia Library	petty cash	71.24
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	garbage collection	3,733.50
Aurelia Lumber	door stops, CC	30.00
Blacktop Service	milling & asphalt	27,643.63
Bomgaars	clothing allowance, shop supplies	130.33
Brown Supply Co.	new fire hydrant & extension	2,490.00
Builders Sharpening	new chain saw & chain	178.45
CAEDC	Cherokee Co. Banquet	120.00
Cardmember Service	CEUS, meetings, chain saw	1,745.13

Casey's	fuel	289.66
Cherokee Auto Parts	air filters for skid loader	106.79
Cherokee Co. Extension	CEU's Sangwin & Wieland	105.00
Cherokee Co. Farm Bureau	reimburse CC rent	100.00
Cherokee Co Solid Waste	contract	5,090.45
Chronicle Times	1 yr. subscription – City Hall	94.00
Document Depot	shredding of documents	20.00
Erpelding & Sons	snow removal	105.00
Hach	ph wastewater tester	95.79
IA State University	Traffic Safety Conf -Police	50.00
First Cooperative	diesel fuel	634.14
Julius Cleaners	laundry & entrance mats	104.45
Kiesler's Police Supply	freight on police rifle	15.00
Messerole, Barb	12 oz cups CC bar	59.88
Maple Valley Hardware	shop & cleaning supplies	159.46
Micro Marketing	library books	95.98
Mid-America Publishing	legals & pool help wanted	241.05
MidAmerican Energy	gas utility	355.50
Motor Parts Sales	fuel cylinder	60.94
Nu-Telecom	phone & internet	582.25
One Office Solutions	office supplies	80.01
Plunkett's	pest control, City Hall, CC, Shop	117.19
Postmaster	utility bills	295.60
Rasmussen Ford	oil change & brakes police car	387.00
Steve's Window Service	clean CC windows	40.00
Steve Craig/SLC Pool	pool class & CEUS	740.00
Title Resource Network	Earnest Money, 417 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St.	500.00
Sunbelt Insurance	water loss & water/sewer line protection	903.60
U S Cellular	Fire Dept. cell phone	100.18
Unity Point Clinic	2018 data membership dues	26.67
Verizon Wireless	cell phones	209.98
Walmart	office supplies	25.37
Wittgraf Law Firm	legal advice	<u>90.00</u>
	TOTAL	53,114.78

Redig made motion to open public hearing “Public Hearing on Authorization of Loan Agreement and Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the City Thereunder”, second by Baker. Roll call vote “aye” Redig, Nelson, Stroud, Johnson, Baker “nay” none. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to open public hearing “Amendment of FY2017-18 Budget”, second by Johnson. Roll call vote “aye” Nelson, Johnson, Baker, Stroud, Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to open public hearing – “Purchase of Property at 417 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.”, second by Stroud. Roll call vote “aye” Johnson, Baker, Redig, Stroud, Nelson “nay” none. Motion carried.

Clint Corderman and Ross Fitzgerald, NW Iowa Bulldog Football, appeared before Council concerning a donation for their 4<sup>th</sup> season. After further discussion, Baker made motion to

donate \$2,500.00 to NW Iowa Bulldogs, second by Redig. All members present voting “aye” motion carried. The Bulldogs thanked Council for their continued support.

Nicole Weathers & Leah Niemeier – Friends of Aurelia, appeared before Council concerning possibly contributing to cost of asphaltting walking path or for new appliances or new heating/cooling unit at shelter house.

Nicole Peterson, SIMPCO regional planner, discussed the new City Comprehensive Plan. Council chose to move forward with the survey public participation method. Council will meet with Nicole at a special steering committee meeting on April 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm, to review survey results and begin drafting plan.

Mike Bartholomew, Head Coach of Alta Aurelia Shooting Sports, appeared before Council to update them on the team’s activities and shooting competitions. Council will discuss donation amount at their regular March meeting.

Public Works Report was reviewed. Gathered information for age & location of fire hydrants; did snow removal & hauled snow; maintenance of equipment; installed door stops on CC doors; cut down few more ash trees; CEUs; will attend CPO classes.

- A. Map of Fire Hydrants was discussed. Currently 55 hydrants; 26 installed 1955; 11 installed 1970 to 1980; 5 installed 1980 to 1981; 13 installed 1996 to 2018.
- B. City Shed on 1<sup>st</sup> Street was hit by First Coop Loader. Discussion was held on need for the shed.
- C. Scout Hall Ceiling was discussed. Janet & Lynn Laursen cleaned the ceiling, Dustin & Sangwin will scrape and repaint.

Police report was discussed.

An anonymous letter received from a “concerned citizen” was discussed. No action was taken by Council per advice and direction of legal counsel. Luke, Zachary, and Tyler Erpelding – Erpelding and Sons, appeared before Council concerning their family business of snow and ice removal and lawn care services. The City of Aurelia currently has on file their Commercial General Liability Coverage Declarations.

Clerks Report was discussed.

Redig made motion to close public hearing “Public Hearing on Authorization of Loan Agreement and Issuance of Notes to Evidence the Obligation of the City Thereunder”, second by Nelson. Roll call vote “aye” Johnson, Baker, Stroud, Nelson, Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to close public hearing “Amendment of FY2017-18 Budget”, second by Baker. Roll call vote “aye” Johnson, Baker, Stroud, Nelson, Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to close public hearing – “Purchase of Property at 417 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.”, second by Johnson. Roll call vote “aye” Stroud, Nelson, Johnson, Baker, Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Redig made motion to approve **Resolution #18-05 “Resolution Instituting Proceedings to Take Additional Action for Issuance of Not to Exceed \$375,000 GO Capital Loan Notes”**, second by Nelson. Roll call vote “aye” Redig, Stroud, Nelson, Johnson, Baker “nay” none. Motion carried.

Stroud made motion to approve **Resolution #18-06 “Resolution Authorizing Issuance of \$375,000 GO Capital Loan Notes and Levying a Tax for Payment Thereof”**, second by Redig. Roll call vote “aye” Nelson, Johnson, Stroud, Baker Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Redig made motion to approve **Resolution #18-07 “City Budget Amendment and Certification Resolution – FY2018”**, second by Nelson. Roll call vote “aye” Stroud, Johnson, Baker, Nelson, Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Baker made motion to approve **Resolution #18-08 “Resolution Accepting Offer to Acquire 417 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street”**, second by Stroud. Roll call vote “aye” Stroud, Baker, Johnson, Nelson, Redig “nay” none. Motion carried.

Wage contribution to Municipal Electric for Deputy Clerk position was discussed. Council has, in the past, contributed ½ of current annual wage, ½ amount of individual medical insurance, and ½ of the employer’s contribution to IPERS. After further discussion, item was tabled until March 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the Water/Wastewater Rate Study conducted by Iowa Rural Water associates. After further discussion Redig made motion to raise water rates to minimum monthly bill of \$8.39/mo. (167 cubic ft included) and set water usage to anything above 167 cubic ft. at single rate of \$0.0445470, second by Baker. All members present voting “aye”, motion carried.

Redig made motion to approve **Resolution #18-03 “Utility Board of Trustees Compensation”**, setting compensation of a Utility Board of Trustee Member to \$40.00/meeting effective January 16, 2018, second by Stroud. Roll call vote “aye” Stroud, Baker, Redig “nay” Nelson. Motion carried 3-1. Johnson abstained.

Discussion was held concerning reimbursement of lifeguard and WSI certifications. After further discussion, City will again reimburse pool employees for lifeguard and WSI certifications at end of 2018 season.

Nelson made motion to approve Tax Abatement for 700 Willow Street, second by Redig. All members present voting “aye” motion carried. Johnson abstained.

Redig made motion to approve liquor license renewal for The Tap and Community Center, second by Nelson. All members present voting “aye” motion carried.

Baker informed Council that Aurelia Development discussed changing town motto. This idea may be taken to the school for their suggestions. Council thought this was a good idea.

Landfill report was given.

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

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Gene Suhr, Mayor

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Barb Messerole, City Clerk