

**City of Aurora, Ohio
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2019**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, September 23, 2019 the purpose, a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Jacob Cook, Troop 269 led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Present: Reva Barner
Amy Eckard
Kathi Grandillo
Harold Hatridge
George Horvat
Dennis Kovach
John Kudley, Jr.
James Vaca
Scott Wolf

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor
Dean DePiero, Law Director
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Tim Clymer, Finance Director
Brian Byard, Police Chief
Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation
Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council
Colleen Martin, Deputy Clerk of Council

Consideration of Minutes

MOTION: Approval of the September 23, 2019 special meeting minutes

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

MOTION: Approval of the September 23, 2019 regular meeting minutes

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Ms. Ami Cignac, General Manager, Aurora Inn

Ms. Amy Cignac, General Manager, Aurora Inn, introduced herself. She said the inn is going through

transition and there is management change. She said the inn has a long history and the hope is to maintain that and have a history for the future. She said the inn is still in the business and she asked the community for their support to come out for dinner or to have a drink. She said if your company needs a space for a meeting or an event to consider them. She said the goal is to improve the service and they are prepared to do all of the right things and to make sure they are a viable member of the community.

Mr. Wolf stated he was there Saturday night and they are very much open.

Ms. Barner thanked Ms. Cignac for sharing. She suggested that Ms. Cignac do everything she can to get the news out there that they are open and making improvements. She said she would spread the news as much as she can and be an advocate in the community. Ms. Barner said she looks forward to the changes.

Ms. Cignac thanked everyone for the feedback.

Mr. Kudley said the Aurora Alumni Association had their awards banquet there last week and the food was outstanding.

Executive Session for Personnel

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (1) to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Council, Mr. DePiero and the Mayor entered into executive session at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: To return to open session

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Council returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor's Report

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said the dedication of Paddock Preserve is Monday, October 21 at 3 p.m. She said that Trick or Treat is on Thursday, October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Womer Benjamin provided a brief recap of those she met with and functions that she attended since the last meeting of Council.

Mr. Wolf said if anyone would like to see a Bald Eagle hunting, to go to Paddock Preserve. He said they are nesting nearby and it is really something to see.

Law Director's Report

(Attached)

Mr. DePiero said Officer Jo LaPerna has exercised his right to appeal his termination through arbitration. He said this week negotiations begin pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreements with the OPBA three divisions; patrol, dispatchers and sergeants.

Council President's Report

(Attached)

MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinance 2019-158 thru 2019-169

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Citizens Comments - Legislation

There was none.

Councilman Remarks - Legislation

There was none.

Legislation**Ordinance 2019-147**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION THE WATER AND SANITARY SEWER LINES ON LAKELAND WAY, WARBLER WAY AND SUNRISE CIRCLE ALL OF WHICH ARE PART OF THE FOREST RIDGE SUBDIVISION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO BEGIN MAINTAINING THE LINES

To second Reading

Ordinance 2019-152

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ALLIED CORPORATION, NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 AS THE BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR 2019 BITUMINOUS HOT MIX PURSUANT TO THE BID PRICING ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01)

To third reading

Ordinance 2019-153

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDED A CONTRACT TO THE SHELLY COMPANY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00, AS THE BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR 2019 CRUSHED LIMESTONE, WASHED GRAVEL AND OTHER MATERIALS PURSUANT TO THE PRICING ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE STREET CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND (#40)

To third reading

Ordinance 2019-157

AN ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH WSOS COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,171.80 TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE GIS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF AURORA FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE WATER FUND (#70) AND THE SEWER FUND (#72) AND STORMWATER UTILITY FUND (#75) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO AVOID A DISRUPTION IN THE SERVICE

To second reading.

Ordinance 2019158

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,650.00 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THREE NUISANCE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1077-1089 NORTH AURORA ROAD, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENSURE THE NUISANCE PROPERTIES ARE DEMOLISHED THIS YEAR

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-158

Mr. Kudley moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-159

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN GREENBERGER TO AURORA’S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER, REPLACING KEVIN KRANE FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS COUNCIL DESIRES TO APPROVE THIS APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 1137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-159

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-160

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MR. KEVIN KRANE TO AURORA’S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, REPLACING STEVEN GREENBERGER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS COUNCIL DESIRES TO APPROVE THIS APPOINTMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 1137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURORA

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-160

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-161

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF, AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO H&H LAND CLEARING, LLC FOR 2019 BRUSH GRINDING AS THE BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH H&H LAND CLEARING PURSUANT TO THE HOURLY PRICING FOR ITEM 2 ON THE ATTACHED BID TAB, NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO START THE GRINDING BEFORE THE WINTER SEASON

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-161

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-162

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEST TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,741.99, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN ALUMINUM FLATBED AND SNOW PLOW FOR A CITY TRUCK, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO HAVE THE TRUCK READY FOR THE WINTER SEASON

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-162

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-163

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEVERLY MCCLEERY, AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, TO PROVIDE CDL TRAINING SERVICES FOR 13 CITY EMPLOYEES, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-163

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-164

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE E. PIONEER TRAIL WATERMAIN PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS THE END OF OCTOBER 2019

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-164

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-165

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE E. PIONEER TRAIL RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS THE END OF OCTOBER 2019

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-165

Mr. Kovach moved; Ms. Barner seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Resolution 2019-166

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE LENA DRIVE FORCEMAIN PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS THE END OF OCTOBER 2019

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2019-166

Mr. Kovach moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-167

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,325.00 FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE E. PIONEER TRAIL WATERLINE PROJECT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND THE WATER FUND (#70), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO CONTINUE DESIGN WORK IN ORDER TO BID THE PROJECT IN EARLY 2020

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.
Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-167

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf
NAYS: None

Ordinance 2019-168

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,194.00 WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE, FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2019 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020, FOR THE FINANCE AND UTILITY DEPARTMENTS, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE WATER FUND (#70) AND THE SEWER FUND (#72) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO CONTINUE SUPPORT SERVICES

To second reading.

Resolution 2019-169

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 5705.34 O.R.C AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS CERTIFICATION MUST BE MADE TO THE COUNTY BY NOVEMBER 5, 2019

MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance read on three separate occasions.

Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-168

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

Citizens Comments

There was none.

Council member and Committee Remarks

Ms. Grandillo said that on Wednesday the Rotary Club is having the Ohio Supreme Court Justice Judy French speak. She said it is free and open to the public and it is open to the public. She said they meet at the Aurora Inn at 7:00 a.m.

Ms. Barner asked for an update on Phase 6 at Barrington.

Ms. Januska said they have approval for the final phase that will connect Club Drive. She said they had there preconstruction meeting and began construction. She said there were some issues with construction and stopped for a while but are moving again. She said as soon as the road completed the builder is set to be Payne & Payne. She said once the plat is filed they will build a model and then move forward.

Ms. Barner asked when to expect the road connection to be complete.

Ms. Januska said she will double check with the developer on his timetable.

Ms. Barner said the sidewalks look fantastic. She encouraged everyone to come and support the undefeated Aurora Greenmen.

Ms. Eckard reminded everyone the leaf raking for seniors is November 9. She said anyone who would like to help is welcome.

Mr. Hatridge said he would like an update on the Jehovah Witness building.

Ms. Januska said they have submitted their traffic study and it is under review. She said they are waiting for a complete site plan to do preliminary and final plan approval. She said they have not submitted thus far.

Mr. Hatridge asked if construction would begin this year.

Ms. Januska said it might not. She said she would check and see where they are.

Mr. Hatridge commented on how great the sidewalks look in front of the cemetery.

Mr. Vaca said the traffic signal at Treat Road seems to be at a standstill. He asked why.

Mr. Stark explained the lengthy process for the installation and said they are waiting for the mast arms to be delivered does not expect them to be delivered to the contractor until close to the end of the year. He said the weather would determine installation.

Mr. Kovach said he hopes Ms. Januska continues to be aggressive with the nuisance home on Townline.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on a 9-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Barner, Eckard, Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kovach, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

George Horvat, Council President

Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council