

**City of Aurora, Ohio  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 28, 2019**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, October 28, 2019 the purpose, a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Harold Hatridge  
Dennis Kovach

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor  
Dean DePiero, Law Director  
Karen Aldredge, Chief of Staff  
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Tim Clymer, Finance Director  
Brian Byard, Police Chief  
David Barnes, Fire 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 October 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding an executive session for personnel**

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

**Executive Session for Imminent Litigation**

**MOTION: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (3) to**

**discuss imminent litigation**

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Executive Session for Personnel**

**MOTION: To enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) (1) to discuss the personnel matters**

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Council entered into executive session at 7:21 p.m.

**MOTION: To return to open session**

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

Council returned to open session at 7:57 p.m.

**Mayor's Report**

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said Trick or Treat is on October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She said reminded everyone to vote on November 6. She said there are six Charter amendments on the ballot. She said the Veteran's Day ceremony would be at 11:00 a.m. on November 11 at Veteran's Memorial Park. She said there are a variety of community events coming up. She provided the details for the Turkey Trot 4-mile run and Mash Potato 1-mile run on Thanksgiving.

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

**Law Director's Report**

(Attached)

Mr. DePiero did not read his report.

**Council President's Report**

(Attached)

**MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinance 2019-171 thru 2019-177**

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 third reading.

Mr. Kudley asked for an update on the status of the development.

Mr. Stark said they have started the sidewalk installation and they have the permit from the Army Corp for the bridge. He said he is still waiting for the final plans for the bridge.

**Ordinance 2019-152**

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDDING 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)

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-152**

Ms. Grandillo moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-153**

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDDING 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)

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-153**

Ms. Eckard moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**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 third reading.

**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

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

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

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-168**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Eckard seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-170**

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CORE & MAIN LP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00, AS THE BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR 2019 CULVERT PIPE PURSUANT TO THE BID PRICING ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE STREET CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (#40)

To second reading.

**Ordinance 2019-171**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BULK ROAD SALT FROM CARGILL, INC., AT THE PRICING OF \$71.89 PER TON (BASIC SALT), AND \$84.31 PER TON (CLEARLANE SALT) WHICH WAS OBTAINED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY, UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATION PURCHASING ASSOCIATION ("CUE") IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$456,633.00, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) AND THE STREET CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND (#40) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO HAVE SUFFICIENT LOADS OF SALT ON HAND FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON

**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 2019-171**

Ms. Eckard moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-172**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SIXTY (60) MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LAKE BUSINESS PRODUCTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$597.88 PER MONTH FOR (5) COPIERS, FOR FIRE, POLICE, PAYROLL, SERVICE AND PLANNING, ZONING & BUILDING DEPARTMENTS, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01), WATER FUND (#70), AND THE SEWER FUND (#72), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ENSURE THE NEW COPIERS WILL BE INSTALLED BEFORE THE CURRENT COPIER LEASES EXPIRE

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

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

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-172**

Ms. Eckard moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-173**

AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND INCREASING, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, VARIOUS RATES AND CHARGES ASSESSED BY AURORA, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN CHAPTERS 921 (SANITARY SEWER REGULATIONS), 925 (WATER), 951 (AURORA CEMETERY), AND 1101 (SUBDIVISION AND SITE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) OF AURORA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMENDING AURORA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REFLECT COST OF LIVING INCREASES IN PRICES OCCURRING GENERALLY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO SET FEES BY JANUARY 1, 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 2019-173**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-174**

AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE CORNICE COMPANY AS THE BEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE HARTMAN PARK VAULT RESTROOM PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$306,900.00, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO BEGIN THE PROJECT AS SOON AS THE OHIO EPA APPROVES THE PERMIT

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

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

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-174**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Eckard seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-175**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIRE FORCE INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,729.50, WHICH IS LOWER THAN THE STATE BID PRICING, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE FIRE PARAMEDIC LEVY FUND (#39) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-175**

Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Wolf seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-176**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNCLASSIFIED, PART-TIME SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME TO ADVERTISE, INTERVIEW AND TRAIN THE CANDIDATE

To second reading.

**Ordinance 2019-177**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$140,750.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND (#01) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR 50% OF THE ENGINEERING COST FOR THE UNDERGROUND DESIGN OF UTILITY LINES FROM STATE ROUTE 82 TO TREAT ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO BEGIN THE PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

To second reading.

**Citizens Comments**

There was none.

**Council member and Committee Remarks**

Ms. Eckard commented on the 220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display at Heinens and how well done it is. She thanked all of those that have volunteered for leaf raking.

Ms. Barner asked everyone to come out and support the Aurora Greenmen on Friday for an undefeated season. She wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

Mr. Vaca said he talked with the engineer with Reminderville regarding California Street on the Reminderville side. He said he would like to know how Aurora is making out with their side.

Mr. Stark said for a project that was to be simple, this project has been one of the most difficult projects. He said not being in control of it has been even more difficult. He said the contractor is well over their date of completion and the Village of Reminderville has not gone after them for damages. He said he has been in communication with the village and is waiting for a specific date and if they do not start the work the city will hire their own contractor to do the work.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

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

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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George Horvat, Council President

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Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council