

**Minutes**  
**Aurora City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 09, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall  
21420 Main St. NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Richardson, City Recorder  
Jason Andersen, Police Supervisor  
Bob Southard, Water Superintendent  
Jan Vlcek, Finance Officer

STAFF ABSENT: Otis Phillips, Waste Water Superintendent

VISITORS PRESENT: Don Hemstreet, Reserve Officer  
Christine O'Brien, Aurora  
Jason Saucedo, Aurora PD  
Kris Sallee, Aurora

1. Call to Order of the City Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greg Taylor at 7:00 p.m.

2. Administrative assistant does Roll Call

Mayor Taylor – present  
Councilor Graupp - present  
Councilor Brotherton -present  
Councilor Sahlin – present  
Councilor Vlcek - present

**3. Consent Agenda**

- I. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2012 & Special Meeting September 20, 2012
- II. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – September 04, 2012
- III. Historic Review Board Minutes – August 23, 2012

**Correspondence**

- I. City County Employment Claims Report**
- II. Letter From Aurora Colony Visitors Association on Police Dept. Sept 24, 2012**

- III. **OR 99E Woodburn to Aurora Corridor Segment Plan**
- IV. **Marion County Economic Summit Meeting**
- V. **PGE bill showing first round of energy savings, Otis Phillips**

Councilor Vlcek asks if there is a map for the corridor segment, Mayor Taylor states that City Planner Wakeley may have a map. Mayor has concerns and asks if there is an opportunity to provide comment because there are many items that I don't agree with. Councilor Graupp states that bottom line they want us to change 2<sup>nd</sup> street and main so that they enter onto 99E at a 90 degree angle. Councilor Graupp states that they are now looking at funding so it will be quite a ways off. This is at this point an ODOT project list or wish list.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Councilor Graupp and seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Motion Passes.

**4. Visitors**

Anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items not already on the meeting agenda may do so in this section. No decision or action will be made, but the City Council could look into the matter and provide some response in the future.

No one spoke at this time.

**5. Discussion with the Parks Committee, Nothing was said.**

**6. Discussion with Traffic Safety Commission, No one from Traffic Safety was present.**

**7. Reports**

**A. Police Chief's Report – (included in your packet) Chief McCuistion read his report.**

- **The average speed for the month was 23 miles over.**
- Barking dog on Filbert ongoing issue
- Continued problems with air cards in police cruisers
- Car 27 maintenance
- 16 citations with total of 28 violations
- Suspicious Vehicle reported in the Orchard Street area, looking into garages.

Councilor Brotherton asks Supervisor Andersen about the stalled vehicle near Champoeg State Park. Andersen stated it was a really bad corner and we were asked to assist another agency.

Supervisor Andersen approached the Council and asked if it would be feasible to compensate the reserve officers in some way since they have been putting in so many volunteer hours, Councilor Graupp explains the budget shortfall.

Finance Officer Vlcek asked clarification on the 6,030 in presumptive fines, this is in large part to an increase in vehicles being towed, which I believe we are doing far too many and the case law states that if a person is able to pull into a safe zone said vehicle doesn't need to be towed and I plan on a discussion with the officers.

Mayor Taylor reiterates what Councilor Graupp explained on the budget shortfall and so I really do not believe we can afford to at this time compensate the reserve officers.

Supervisor Andersen asks City Council what will happen to the reserve officers if you go with Marion County because if you do the reserves will have to start completely over they will not just be absorbed by the County and these guys have given many hours to the city and would prefer to stay here.

No more questions of the Chief

**B. Finance Officer's Report – Financials** (included in your packets)

1. Revenue & Expense Report

- Auditors report should be completed in 4 to 6 weeks they have been here the past two days.

There were no more questions from the council.

**C. Public Works Department's Report –** ( included in your packet)

1. Monthly Status Report (Storm Water)

2. Monthly Status Report (Water)

Superintendent Southard does a brief overview of his report as provided.

- The water filtration unit was down today it will be fixed at their cost.
- Well levels at this point are low; they are more than I like to see.
- Ehlen Road project is moving forward the pipe should be in the ground by Thursday.
- The crosswalk on Ottaway and 99E has been completed with the permanent fix.
- Stop sign at 3<sup>rd</sup> is down.
- Finally purchased the tree corer so we can take care of the trees in the park.

- A. Waste Water Treatment Plant Update (from Otis Phillips),
- Report is attached however Superintendent Phillips is absent.

D. **City Recorder's Report** (included in your packet)

City Recorder, Richardson gives a brief overview of her report as included in the packet. There were no questions from the Council.

E. **City Attorney's Report** – (not Included in your packet)

- Attorney Koho was not in attendance.
- The Rodger Eddy situation will be forwarded to Planning Commission for a review on a variance.

8. **Ordinances and Resolutions**

9. **Old Business**

A. **Discussion and or Action on Backflow Management Policy**, there is a brief discussion on this matter however the resolution was not considered at this time. The Council decides to set this matter a side for now until a meeting with BMI can be arranged.

B. **Discussion and or Action on City Police Proposal**

- **At the last meeting it was stated that we have to provide police services with further research it has been confirmed that we do not have to provide police services however it is the consensus of the Council based on citizen comment that we contract with one or the other of the agencies.**
- Councilor Graupp states that at this point he is very open minded to either proposals.
- Councilor Sahlin stated that he had taken the time to speak with citizens however many of them did not have a comment.
- Councilor Vlcek stated that in his opinion Hubbard is the closest agency and therefore would provide better and faster response time if the contracted officer was not on duty. I also think that this option would be a better match with our community policing since they in fact come from a small city. If Marion County were just down the road then maybe they could compete however that is simply not the case. I did hear some negative comments from the public about Hubbard however I think that this is to be expected since again they are just down the road so to speak.
- Councilor Brotherton stated that he thought Marion County proposal was less of an expense to the city. He also went on to say that Marion County might be a welcome change.

- Councilor Graupp asked if we went with Hubbard ( it is clarified that the additional cost comes into play if we go with Hubbard then we still need to purchase the 30,000 dollar transponder with the County we do not)
- Councilor Sahlin did ask for clarification on the cost; however it is explained that this can fluctuate depending on the pay grade of the officer chosen.
- Mayor Taylor states that he had sat down and spoke to both agencies again and the following statements are as follows;
  - ❖ The contract cost is basically the same
  - ❖ Both entities are very capable
  - ❖ Both entities will allow schedule fluctuation, and if the Marion County Officer is not on duty they stated if we contract with them we then become a priority call.
  - ❖ Marion County is a yearly contract
  - ❖ Hubbard is a 3 year contract, I would prefer a one year contract
  - ❖ With the County they would allow us to sit on the interview panel in Hubbard they would supply the officer.
  - ❖ Special events are not a problem for either agency and would not be any further cost.
- This is certainly a first for our community and this is a very hard decision to make. I have heard various responses from the community some of which have been in favor of Hubbard however I have had the majority of the comments in favor of Marion County. Since this is a first if we choose Marion County which at this point with the yearly contract being my choice if it doesn't work out we can then contact Hubbard.

Supervisor Andersen of the Aurora Police Department, responds to Mayor Taylor, I have concerns with Marion County because at this point the County does not respond and to my knowledge refuse to respond. I personally find this very unprofessional conduct. Hubbard police have always been very helpful they respond whenever they are asked this department is just down the road so response time would be much quicker if needed on the off hours of the assigned officer. Hubbard is in our area at various times anyway and has better knowledge of our community. As police professional I would like to make myself available to help the Council make the best choice for our community and to ask the right questions.

At this point members of the Aurora Police Reserves state that in the years that they have spent in Aurora volunteering countless hours they agree with Supervisor Andersen in that they cannot remember a time when Marion County has responded and as far as a working relationship Hubbard has always shown a presence here in Aurora. They would like to see Hubbard be chosen and at that time they would then like to continue with their service to Aurora through the reserve program.

Officer Saucedo, would also like to point out that the County substation is clear out by Gervais not in Woodburn as previously stated so response time again would suffer and in four years of service to Aurora I have not seen a County Officer. Don Hemstreet also a reserve officer with Aurora agrees as well.

Chrissie O'Brien, Aurora states that her any many others feel they will need to obtain a weapons permit to protect themselves because the response time for the County will be poor they are never in our area. Hubbard police department is just down the road it should be very clear the choice.

Kris Sallee, Aurora asks about education that could be provided to the community.

Mayor Taylor at this point states let's put it to a vote.

I will accept a motion;

Councilor Vlcek moves that we go with the City of Hubbard receiving no second.

Councilor Graupp makes a motion to accept Marion County for police services and begin contract negotiations and Councilor Sahlin seconds. Motion is approved with 4 ayes and Councilor Vlcek opposed.

## 11. New Business

- A. Discussion and or Action on 21200 Highway 99E possible enforcement action.** , in 2003 there was conditional use agreement for landscape and fencing of the property signed, Councilor Sahlin states that we need to make him uphold what his agreement was. This was for 3months obviously we blew that stated Mayor Taylor.

**Council decides to have City Attorney Koho send an enforcement letter out to the property owner.**

- B. Discussion and or Action on Memo from City Recorder, Richardson for Lexipol Manual.** Discussion is brief considering we are now going to enter into contract with the County there is no need for a Manuel.

**A motion to not renew the contract is made by Councilor Sahlin and second by Councilor Graupp. Motion Passes.**

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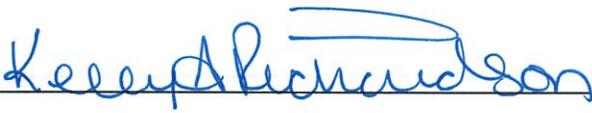
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12. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the October 09, 2012, meeting at 8:53 p.m. was made by Councilor Sahlin and seconded by Councilor Graupp. Motion Passed Unanimously.

  
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Greg Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kelly Richardson, City Recorder