Minutes
Aurora City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Aurora City Hall
21420 Main St. NE, Aurora, OR 97002

STAFF PRESENT:	Kelly Richardson, City Recorder Jan Vlcek, Finance Officer Otis Phillips, Waste Water Superintendent Dennis Koho, City Attorney Pete Marcellais, Marion County Deputy
STAFF ABSENT:	Bob Southard, Water Superintendent
VISITORS PRESENT:	Kris Sallee, Aurora Jackie Valentine Aurora Bryon Schriever, Aurora Ron & Mary Vankleef, Aurora Jim Fisher, Aurora

1. Call to Order of the City Council Meeting

   The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Graupp at 7:00 p.m.

2. Administrative Assistant does roll call

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

3. **Consent Agenda**

   I. City Council Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2013 & August 29
   II. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 06, 2013
   III. Historic Review Board Minutes –July 18, 2013

Correspondence

I. Email Brownfields Assessment for Marion County

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Councilor Vlek, seconded by Councilor Brotherton. 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.

Byron Schriever Aurora, speaks of his concerns with water quality, and the problems that have been occurring, I understand the filtration project has been completed and I have brought you a whole house filter that I took off and it has been in place since March 17th 2013 so this is 6 months old, and I brought in the water that surrounds the filter in the casing before it tries to get through. (the water is brown and the filter is quite brown and dirty)

Councilor Vlcek has asked if he has contacted his neighbors to see if there water is of the same quality.

I (Schriever) was told that the arsenic and the chlorine reacts and it grows a type of algae and I was told that if someone is drawing water then they could get the slug that lets loose.

Vlcek is surprised that there is such a difference between Main Street and Keil Park.

The Council will look into it and do a study.

Councilor Sahlin we are not ignoring you and we will be working on this situation. Thank you for bringing in the samples so we can see what is happening.

Mayor Graupp, I have asked Bob in Public Works to look at some projects and to address many of these types of issues however it is not ready to release in a public forum as of yet. We will have a plan together in the next month or two.

Jim Fisher, American Legion Hall a different water situation, Thursday we had a lot of rain and we vacuumed out near 60 gallons of water off of the basement floor and because the way the city has paved 3rd street this water flows directly into our basement, Bob from Public Works has stated to me that it is our problem and I really don't think that this is our problem. We have been placing sand bags all around to take care of this issue and if it's true then the city needs to leave our sand bags alone.

Mayor Graupp, Greg Taylor the previous Mayor and Bob went and looked at it a year ago I will meet you there so I can see what the issue is so I can asses it and I will meet with Public Works to see what can be done.

Thank you from Jim…

No one else spoke.

5. **Discussion with Parks Committee,**

6. **Discussion with Traffic Safety Commission,** Deputy Marcellais, Marion County lets Council know that he is working on getting a light for the Ottaway crosswalk along with the noise issue related to the trains blowing their whistle.

7. **Reports**

A. **Marion County Deputy Report – (included in your packet)**

- **Reads his report as presented**
- **Suspicious activity, was the vagrant in town**
- **I would like to get watch groups**
- **I will be working closely with the North Marion School District**

No more questions from Council.

- **Finance Officer's Report – Financials** (included in your packets)
  1. Revenue & Expense Report
  2. Letter of intent to retire
- I have included the reports for July and August and I wanted to point out the ending balances. (Mayor I see they have been increasing).
- Has everyone filled out there questionnaire from the auditor's office
- Mayor Graupp will send each councilor a copy
- I am working on the positions as per the budget that will be opening due to the 3 retirements.

- **Public Works Department's Report –** (included in your packet)
  1. Monthly Status Report (Storm Water)
  2. Monthly Status Report (Water),

Bob is on vacation so Otis states that everything is looking good.

Mayor Graupp, on the water side I posted a new water flyer on the web-site to loosen the degree of water restriction use from level 2 as posted previously.

Councilor Sahlin I still want a full assessment of our water system and why these issues are occurring. Bob and I (Mayor Graupp) have been meeting on Wednesday mornings to figure out this situation and to work on new ideas to present to Council in the future.

Councilor Brotherton asks how we are going to pay the City Engineer to work on this study that you are proposing, Councilor Sahlin I think we can pay hourly. Mayor Graupp some of these items are going to cost and we have to focus on those first.

Councilor Vlcek on another note we need to get these wheel stops on Main street near 3rd done.

We will look into it…

A. **Waste Water Treatment Plant Update** (from Otis Phillips, (included in your packet)
B. All good, no problems currently I am getting an estimate on software to check on the plant from home to save me from driving in every Saturday and Sunday.
    - We start watering again in November we have been shut down for 17 days since I was on my honeymoon. While I was gone the switch for the lift station 4 went down so I have quotes for the new transfer switch.
    - Councilor Sahlin asks if the Colony Pub ever installed their grease trap interceptor. Yes they have and it is looking better at lift station 2.
    - Councilor Vlcek, are we having as bad of a problem with the baby wipes as Portland is, yes we have had some issues.

No more questions from Council.

- **City Recorder's Report** (included in your packet) , Reads her report as presented there were no questions from the Council.

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

    - **Gives a brief summary/update on the Eddy situation,** which basically is that we had a phone conversation where I explained the council's position.
    - **Councilor Sahlin gives Koho and Council some comments and concerns he had.** Council agrees with the concerns and asks Koho to address them. Also it is discussed as to whether or not there are two lots of record or not.
    - **Mayor Graupp,** does state that if Eddy came in with a plan and a timeline of all the items we might consider it.

Resident Jim Fisher, American Legion Hall asks council for property lines of the property and Mayor Graupps states that you would need to get that map from Marion County and suggests not to enter the property.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Discussion and or Action on Ordinance 473 On Municipal Code Update to Title 17. From Legislative Amendment 2013-01 (LA-13-01)

1st Reading by title only. No questions from anyone.

A motion is made by Councilor Brotherton to adopt the first reading of Ordinance Number 473 and is seconded by Councilor Vlcek. Motion Passes Unanimously.

9. New Business

A. Election of New Councilor from the Attached Letters of Interest, Mayor Graupp one letter was submitted and I realized that in the confusion that we only allowed 4 days so it is my suggestion to extend it for an additional month get it out there for 30 days. **City Recorder Richardson** also points out that the interested party didn't even attend the meeting either.

B. Discussion and or Action on Job Postings, I don't want to wait until the very end.

Councilor Vlcek as a group do we want to decide if we want to hire one person or two people for these positions.

Mayor Graupp, we need to replace Public Works Superintendent Southard with a qualified applicant with the proper certifications to carry us. The assistants position to balance the budget will need to be a part time position. We are looking at a interoffice transfer for the Finance Officers position if all of the training is completed. We would be going from 3 full time employees down to two and a half and then dropping tier one PERS which will save us in the long run.
We will have 3 months of overlap for Bob and Ricky so we can train these people as well.

Few questions were,

- Do we want to have one person that over see's the water from conception?
- In the future when the budget is in a better place we could look at this again.

Mayor Graupp, FYI, I hosted Rick from advantage precast in Salem he is looking for space/land to expand his business and he really likes our town.
South of the UGB area, is what we are talking about..

Attorney Koho, wanted to inform the council that he is a very large community donor for the city of Keizer. Mayor Graupp there could be some compromising that may take place but we will look at that later. There could be some gateway situations and some give and take.

Councilor Sahlin is cautious and states that we need to make sure we have this deal first before we go on with this conversation.

Mayor Graupp we courted him and he like what he saw in our little town at this time.

This is a low impact to the city as far as infrastructure.

We are also looking into Senators Merkley's office helping with a shovel ready project for grants and funding possibilities.

Councilor Sahlin asks on the status of the storm water master plan. Because when this is done we will need to look at the fees associated with it.

10. Old Business

B. Discussion and or Action on Consideration on Eddy Property Proposal.

11. Adjourn

Mayor Graupp adjourns the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Bill Graupp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Richardson, City Recorder