

Aurora, Nebraska
August 12, 2025

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 p.m. on August 12, 2025 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Wayne Roblee, Daniel Bartling, Mark Dunn, Dick Phillips and Esther Bergen. Mayor Marlin Seeman conducted the meeting. City Officials present were City Administrator Adam Darbro, City Attorney Ross Luzum, Chief of Police Paul Graham, Public Works Director Jeremy Cattau and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on August 6, 2025. Notice of meeting was simultaneously given to the Mayor and all members of the Council and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda of this meeting was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Seeman stated "AS PERSCRIBED BY LAW A COPY OF THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE DOUBLE DOORS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS."

MINUTES:

Councilor Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the July 22 and August 4, 2025 meetings. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:
REPORTS BY OFFICERS, BOARD, COMMITTEES:**

Clerk/Treasurer Mikkelsen presented the Expenditures and Clerk/Treasurer reports for the month ending July 31, 2025. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn reported the claims presented by the Clerk were in order and moved that said claims be allowed and checks drawn on the various funds for payment of same be approved. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

Julissa Rivera, interim Executive Director of First Light Child Advocacy Center presented their request for financial support for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Councilor Lackore moved to approve the request for financial support for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from First Light Child Advocacy Center for \$2,500. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 25-09 designating an agent to approve special designated liquor licenses. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 25-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, DESIGNATING AN AGENT TO APPROVE SPECIAL DESIGNATED LIQUOR LICENSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Aurora, Nebraska, has determined that it would be more efficient to designate an agent to approve any special designated liquor license, and

WHEREAS, the designation of an agent to determine whether a special liquor license is to be approved or denied by the City of Aurora is authorized under §53-124.11 of the Nebraska Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Aurora be that designated agent,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Aurora:

1. That by virtue of §53-124.11 of the Nebraska statutes, the City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Aurora is hereby designated agent for the City of Aurora to determine whether a special designated liquor license is to be approved or denied.
2. In determining if the special designated liquor license should be approved or denied, the above-designated agent shall determine that all statutes, rules, and requirements affecting the approval or denial of said special designated liquor license have been reviewed and given due consideration.
3. In the event the designated agent is out of the City of Aurora for an extended period of time, the City Administrator or the Mayor shall be the designated agent to determine if said license is to be approved or denied.
4. In the event the designated agent determines that unusual or special circumstances are involved in approving or denying said license, including any documented citizen objection or complaint related to alcohol sales and/or sales permits by the applicant within the time period of one (1) year prior to said application, they shall refer said application to the City Council for approval or denial of said license.
5. An applicant for a special designated liquor license that has had the license denied by the designated agent may appeal the determination of the designated agent to the City Council. In order to be heard on appeal by the City Council, the applicant shall file with the City Clerk/Treasurer, not later than three (3) days following the denial, a request to be heard by the City Council.
6. The notice of the approval or denial of the license shall be forwarded to the Nebraska Liquor Control in the same manner as if the approval or denial was issued by the City Council.

Passed and approved this 12th day of August, 2025.

Marlen Leeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra J. Mihelich
City Clerk



Councilor Dunn moved to approve a plumber's license for Damon Perdue of Frontier Mechanical, LC. Councilor Roblee seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. The motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:
ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.

Marlene Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra M. Heber
City Clerk

