

Aurora, Nebraska
August 26, 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 26, 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 20, 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 August 12, 2025 meeting. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

City Attorney Luzum gave the Oath of Office to Police Officer Grant Fox.

Tamar Jimenez of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on what the Aurora Chamber of Commerce has been doing for the community. Councilor Dunn moved to approve a \$7,500 contribution to Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Roblee. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshusen of JEO Consulting Group spoke on Change Order No. 8 for the Aurora 1st Street Project he stated it was a decrease of \$54,546.45. He stated it was mostly from not having to use temporary pavement that had been part of the original bid. Councilor Roblee moved to approve Change Order No. 8 for the Aurora 1st Street Project. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Roblee and Bartling. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshusen of JEO Consulting Group spoke on Payment No. 9 to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for 1st Street Improvement Project. He stated the City's share of this pay application is \$657,609.43. Councilor Lackore moved to approve Payment No. 9 to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for 1st Street Improvement Project with the City's share being \$657,609.43. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips Bergen, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Darbro explained the revision in the interlocal agreement with Hamilton County for Emergency Management Services. He stated that the county had decided to eliminate the position of Deputy Emergency Manager Director that city had been helping to fund and that the city will no longer have that expense. He also stated that the city would no longer be charging rent for the office space for the Emergency Management Director at the Fire Hall. Councilor Bergen moved to approve the revised interlocal agreement with Hamilton County for Emergency Management Services. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Luzum reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Inclusive Playground Committee and Hamilton Community Foundation for the construction of the all-inclusive playground project. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hamilton County Inclusive Playground Committee and Hamilton Community Foundation for the construction of the all-inclusive playground project. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Darbro reviewed the agreement between the Aurora Fire Department and the York Fire Department for and Interdepartmental Agreement for Shared Use of Fire Safety Trailer. Councilor Dunn moved to approve the agreement between the Aurora Fire Department and the York Fire Department for and Interdepartmental Agreement for Shared Use of Fire Safety Trailer. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Roblee, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Darbro led a discussion on the City of Aurora Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Marlin Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra J. Mikhelsen
City Clerk

