

Aurora, Nebraska  
February 10, 2026

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 February 10, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: 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 February 4, 2026. 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 January 27, 2026 meeting. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore and Roblee. 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 January 31, 2026. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore and Roblee. 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 and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore and Roblee. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

Joann Griffith and Richard Rhoden, A'ROR'N Days Committee members, informed the City Council of street closures and events that will be happening during A'ROR'N Days in June of 2026.

City Administrator Darbro explained Resolution 26-02 to set the industrial sewer rate for the Iams Company. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 26-02. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Lackore and Roblee. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO.26-02

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has established a Wastewater Treatment Plant, and

WHEREAS, the Wastewater Treatment system has been extended beyond the actual city limits of the City of Aurora, to the Iams Plant, and

WHEREAS, Section 52.31 of the Municipal Code of the City of Aurora provides that the Mayor and Council may establish rental rates for the use of the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, Rates for the IAMS Plant have been previously established by Resolution 05-26, adopted December 13, 2005, which are currently in effect, and are to be adjusted as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the costs are established for the operation of said Wastewater Treatment Plant and the amount to be billed to the Iams Plant, shall be based on the prior year's audit and billed in twelve (12) equal increments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, that the City Council of Aurora, Nebraska, is adopting a rate schedule for the payment by the said Iams Plant, hereinafter referred to as Iams:

1. The City of Aurora shall establish Maintenance Capital Funds that include costs for recurring capital expenditures, necessary to operate and maintain the Sewer System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Capital expenditures in this fund may include but are not limited to replacement pumps, pickups, trucks, lawn mowers, lab equipment, office equipment, etc. This fund shall be used solely for capital items. For capital purchase and capital leases that are amortized over a number of years, the amortized annual amount shall be used to determine the amount to apply to the Maintenance Capital Fund. Any amount left in a Maintenance Capital Fund at the end of the year shall be carried forward as a credit and in the event more than the budgeted fund is expended, the overage shall be added to the budgeted amount for the following year.

2. Sewer system costs shall be defined as the documented operational, administrative, and maintenance costs for the collection system including but not limited to sewer pipes, manholes and lift stations used to collect the sewage and transport to the wastewater treatment plant, plus insurance, vehicles, tools, supplies, utilities, personnel and professional costs, maintenance and repairs defined as costs to maintain and upgrade the existing system to current operational standards. Initial capital costs for expansions, major renovations, and subdivision connections to the sewer system will be handled as projects and will not be included in maintenance costs. Future costs to maintain these expansions, renovations and connections shall become part of the future maintenance costs.

3. Residential and commercial users shall pay eighty percent (80%) of the sewer system costs and the industries shall pay twenty percent (20%) of said costs. Industry's Share of the sewer system costs shall be allocated between the two (2) major industries proportional to their share of the Industry Flow Allocation rounded to the nearest whole percentage point. The Industry Flow Allocation shall be 1,000,000 gallons per day and the City of Aurora shall operate and maintain the sewer system so that it has at least 1,000,000 gallons per day of flow capacity available for Industry. Iams' share of the Industry Flow Allocation shall be 100,000 gallons per day, therefore, Iams shall pay ten percent (10%) of the Industry's Share. If the City of Aurora grants Iams a higher or lower percentage of the Industry Flow Allocation, their portion of the Industry's Share shall be changed accordingly.

4. Wastewater Treatment Plant shall include documented administrative, operational, and maintenance costs for the oxidation ditch, clarifiers, digesters, sludge handling, lab and office building, pumps, piping, and grounds for the facility, plus vehicles, tools, supplies, utilities, insurance, personnel and professional costs associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant, plus Maintenance and Repairs and a Maintenance Capital Fund. Maintenance and repairs shall include costs to maintain or upgrade the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant to current operational standards.

5. Residential and commercial users shall pay eighty percent (80%) of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) costs and the industries shall pay twenty percent (20%) of said costs. Industry's Share of the costs shall be proportional to the Industry BOD and Flow Allocation of the WWTP's BOD and Flow capacity and rounded to the nearest whole percentage point, except for odor control costs, which shall be allocated one hundred percent (100%) to Industry. The BOD and Flow capacity of the WWTP is 4,180 pounds per day and 1,900,000 gallons per day. The Industry BOD Allocation shall be 691 pounds per day and the Industry Flow Allocation shall be 1,000,000 gallons per day, therefore, Industry shall pay seventy percent (70%) of the operating and maintenance costs for the WWTP. If, in the future, the City of Aurora grants an Industry BOD or Flow Allocation that is higher or lower than 691 pounds per day, Industry's share of the operating and maintenance costs for the WWTP shall be adjusted accordingly. The City of Aurora shall operate and maintain the WWTP so that it has at least 4,180 pounds per day of BOD capacity and 1,900,000 gallons per day of Flow capacity. If the City of Aurora expands the WWTP, Industry's percentage of the operating and maintenance costs shall be adjusted accordingly.

6. Industry's share of the Wastewater Treatment Plant costs shall be allocated between the two (2) major Industries proportional to their share of the Industry BOD Allocation rounded to the nearest tenth of a percentage point. Iams' share of the Industry BOD and Flow Allocation shall be 500 pounds per day and 100,000 gallons per day, therefore Iams shall pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the Industry's Share. If the City of Aurora grants Iams a higher or lower percentage of the Industry BOD or Flow allocation, their portion of the Industry's Share shall be changed accordingly. A copy of the Aurora Industrial Sewer Rate Structure based on costs of service, dated February 2nd, 2026, is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A," as an example of the allocation of the costs and percentages herein.

7. The Industry's Share of the Sewer System Costs and Wastewater Treatment Plant Cost shall include a prior year industrial gain or loss adjustment. If the Industry fees collected in the prior year exceed Industry's Share of the prior year's actual expenses, a credit will be applied to the next year's Industry's Share. Conversely, if the total of the fees collected from Industry in the prior year is less than Industry's Share of the prior year's actual expenses, the next year's Industry Share shall include a cost to make up the shortfall. All charges to be paid by Industry shall be based on the prior year's actual expenses adjusted for Prior Year Industrial Gain or Loss and divided evenly over a twelve (12) month period.

8. The Average Daily Limit shall be defined as the total loading for the week based on a 24-hour composite sample divided by seven (7) days. The Average Daily Limits for the following items are as follows:

Average Daily Limits	Iams
BOD - lb.	500
FLOW - GPD	100,000
TSS - lb.	291
FOG - lb.	600

Surcharge Rates for average loading in excess of average daily limit shall be as follows:

BOD	\$0.62 per lb.
Flow	\$3.75 per thousand gallons
TSS	\$0.12 per lb.
FOG	\$0.10 per lb.

The amount of the Surcharge shall be calculated each week at the Surcharge Rate times the amount of the average daily loading that exceeds the average daily limit times seven (7) days. Surcharges collected shall be kept in a Capital Reserve Fund to fund fines the City may incur due to the increased industrial loading and increased operating costs or repairs to the sewer system or wastewater treatment plant.

This rate shall go into effect on the first day of March 2026. Annual rate adjustments as determined by prior year audited costs will go into effect the first of the month following the receipt of the prior year audited costs.

Passed and approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

Marlin Heeman  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Milheben  
Clerk



Public Works Director Cattau reviewed Resolution 26-03 declaring surplus property for the Public Works Department, Police Department and Library. Councilor Dunn moved to approve Resolution 26-03. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### RESOLUTION 26-03

**WHEREAS**, Section 17-503.01 of R.R.S. 1943 Nebraska Statutes requires that Cities post a resolution declaring the sale of surplus property, and

**WHEREAS**, City has determined the following to be surplus property:

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

1986 Ford 5 Yard Dump Truck      VIN# 1FDPF70H8GVA18072  
36,727.6 miles  
300 Gallon Gravity Flow Fuel Tank on Stand  
EH Wachs Hydraulic Utility Pipe Cutter

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2013 Ford Explorer    VIN# 1FM5K8B85DGB71188    76,871.80 Miles

#### **LIBRARY**

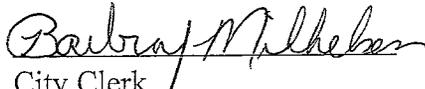
Microfilm Reader: Canon Scanner 300  
Microfilm Printer: Canon Fileprint 450  
Desk, Vertical File, and Computer Cart are a 3-piece set  
Desk: 4' H x 2'5" W x 5' L  
Vertical File: 4'4" H x 2' W x 2' L  
Computer Cart: 2'4" H x 2' W x 2'4" L  
Copy Machine: Canon Image Runner 2200  
Desk: 2'4" H x 2'5" W x 5' L  
Desk: 2'2" H x 2'5" W 4' L  
11 – 21" Hanns-G Computer Monitors  
11 – 21" Touchscreen Planar Computer Monitors  
Top to a reference table 1'7" H x 1'7" W x 7'3" L and divided into 6 compartments, three on each side  
Accu-cut Machine and Dies    4" Dies, Large Dies, and Extra Large Dies

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City staff be authorized to sell said listed surplus property at public auction and/or advertise for sealed bids.

Passed and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

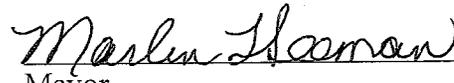
  
City Clerk



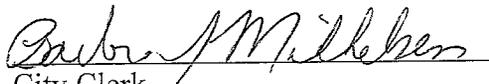
Councilor Bergen moved to approve the appointment of Andrew Willis to the Aurora Planning Commission. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. The motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS:  
ADJOURNMENT:**

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

