

Aurora, Nebraska  
March 24, 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 March 24, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, 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, Police Lieutenant Ryan Dummer, Public Works Director Jeremy Cattau and Clerk/Treasurer Barbra Mikkelsen.

Notice of said meeting was given by publication in the Aurora News Register on March 18, 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 March 10, 2026 meeting. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

#### **PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:**

City Administrator Darbro explained Resolution 26-04. Councilor Lackore moved to approve Resolution 26-04 approving and ratifying all actions taken by the Aurora Public Library Board from August 8, 2018, to the present. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AND RATIFYING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD FROM AUGUST 8, 2018, TO THE PRESENT.

WHEREAS, the Aurora Public Library Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Library Board") is a duly appointed board established pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska and the ordinances of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, with authority to manage and oversee the operations of the Aurora Public Library; and

WHEREAS, from August 8, 2018, to the present date, the Library Board has undertaken various actions, including but not limited to decisions, approvals, contracts, policies, and other matters related to the administration, operation, and governance of the Aurora Public Library; and

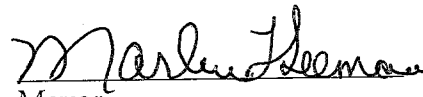
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Aurora desires to confirm, approve, and ratify all such actions taken by the Library Board during the aforementioned period to ensure their full legal validity and effect, and to remove any potential doubt or uncertainty regarding the authority or propriety of said actions.

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

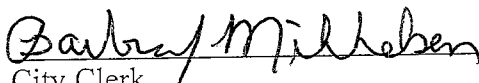
1. That all actions, decisions, resolutions, contracts, expenditures, policies, and other matters undertaken or approved by the Library Board from August 8, 2018, to the date of adoption of this Resolution are hereby fully approved, ratified, confirmed, and validated as the official acts of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, as if each such action had been expressly authorized by the City Council at the time it was taken.

2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



Charles McGraw of Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit reviewed the budget request for 2026-2027 for the public transportation service in Hamilton County. The request is for \$19,625 which is an increase of \$1,705 from last year. A discussion was held. Councilor Bergen moved to table the agenda item until further research could be done. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 26-04 instructing Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska-RYDE Transit to apply for federal funds and to provide for local funding match of \$19,625. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: None. Abstain: Bergen. Absent and voting: Roblee. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

#### RESOLUTION 26-05

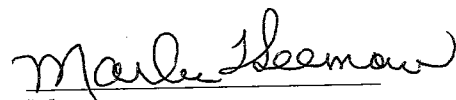
WHEREAS, there are Federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the RYDE Transit-Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska desires to apply for said funds to provide public transportation in Hamilton County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Aurora hereby instructs the RYDE Transit to apply for said funds.

Said funds are to be used for the RYDE Transit transportation operations in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Application for Public Transportation Assistance.

Passed and adopted this 24th day of March, 2026.

  
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Mayor

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Michael Hoback of AMGL, P.C. presented the audit of the City's financial statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Discussion was held. Councilor Bergen moved to accept the audit of the City's financial statements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved to approve payment to SCEDD for construction management services from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, Invoice #2056 for \$920.00 for the CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee. 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 8:24p.m.

  
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