

Aurora, Nebraska
June 23, 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 June 23, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Todd Jensesn, Daniel Bartling, 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 June 17, 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 Lackore moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2026 meeting. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Julissa Rivera, Executive Director of First Light Child Advocacy Center presented their request for financial support for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Councilor Phillips moved to approve the request for financial support for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 from First Light Child Advocacy Center for \$2,500. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Jensen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshuses of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., reviewed the agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to perform a design study along Highway 34 between 12th and 13th Street to provide a pedestrian underpass concept along with a cost opinion for this improvement. It was stated that Local businesses and foundations have stepped forward in support of the project and have committed to assisting in the funding of the design study. Councilor Phillips moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to perform a design study along Highway 34 between 12th and 13th Street to provide a pedestrian underpass concept along with a cost opinion for this improvement. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen Lackore, Jensen and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshuses of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., reviewed the agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to design a Water Main Extension between Well 6 and Well 7 parallel to 14 Road. Councilor Lackore moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to design a Water Main Extension between Well 6 and Well 7 parallel to 14 Road. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen and Bartling. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. The motion carried.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1238: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, STATE OF NEBRASKA, TITLE VII TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER SEVENTY-THREE: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES; SCHEDULE I: SPEED LIMITS, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; TO ORDER THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN BOOK, PAMPHLET, OR ELECTRONIC FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Administrator Darbro explained Ordinance No. 1238 changing speed limits on Highway 34 from the West limits to the East limits. Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1238 before the council and to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling and Phillips. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. The motion carried.

City Administrator Darbro presented Resolution 26-08. He stated it was a 3% increase to match what Mid-Nebraska did for an increase. Councilor Lackore moved to approve Resolution 26-08 setting sanitation rates. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-08

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, provides garbage collection services to domestic and commercial residents of the City.

AND WHEREAS, Section 91.06 of the Municipal Code of the City of Aurora provides that fees for such service shall be established by resolution of its Council.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the following fees shall be assessed for such service:

RATES FOR 2026

A. Service with Toter. Residential or business establishments shall be charged for each residential unit or business establishment \$15.54 per month for one toter one pickup each week plus \$4.10 for each additional toter. Each additional weekly pickup is an additional \$11.39 per month plus \$4.10 for each additional toter picked up.

B. Service with 2-Yard Containers. Customers utilizing 2-yard containers shall be charged \$53.56 per month for each pickup per week, plus \$12.73 per month container rental.

Bills not paid by the tenth of the month, following billing, will be subject to the above rates plus a ten- percent (10%) service charge.

RATES FOR 2027

A. Service with Toter. Residential or business establishments shall be charged for each residential unit or business establishment \$16.01 per month for one toter one pickup each week plus \$4.22 for each additional toter. Each additional weekly pickup is an additional \$11.73 per month plus \$4.22 for each additional toter picked up.

B. Service with 2-Yard Containers. Customers utilizing 2-yard containers shall be charged \$55.17 per month for each pickup per week, plus \$13.11 per month container rental.

Bills not paid by the tenth of the month, following billing, will be subject to the above rates plus a ten- percent (10%) service charge.

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2026.

Marlin Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra M. Milleben
City Clerk



Councilor Phillips moved to approve the Noise Control Special Variance Application from Deb Kalkwarf for Grandview Café- Street dance, June 26 and June 27, 2026 for 8:30am-12:30am both nights. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Dunn. 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 7:57p.m.

Marlin Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbra M. Milleben
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