

Aurora, Nebraska
July 14, 2026

A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Aurora, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session 7:30 p.m. on July 14, 2026 at the City Hall.. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Todd Jensen, Daniel Bartling, Dick Phillips, Mark Dunn 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 July 8, 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 DOORS IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM.

MINUTES:

Councilor Bergen moved to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2026, meeting. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, 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 June 30, 2026. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore and Jensen. 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 Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Lackore, Jensen and Bartling. Nay: None. Abstain: Bergen. The motion carried. A listing of said claims is attached to these minutes.

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.

Councilor Phillips moved to bring Ordinance No. 1238 before the council for the second reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Phillips moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1238. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1238 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None.

The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members elected to the Council was by the Mayor declared passed and adopted and the Mayor signed and approved said Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of same and affixed her signature thereto. Said Ordinance shall be preserved and kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the Ordinance Record of the City of Aurora, Nebraska and same be incorporated herein by reference.

City Administrator Darbro presented Resolution 26-09 (the agenda had Resolution 26-8 which was a scrivener's error). He stated it allowed for the normal sewer rate increase and created a debt service fee to help pay the waste water treatment plant expansion bond debt. Councilor Phillips moved to approve Resolution 26-09 setting annual sewer rates through 2031 and establishing a debt service use fee through 2033. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-09

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Nebraska, by and through its Sewer Department, provides sanitary sewer system service to domestic, non-domestic, and industrial users, both inside and outside the city limits;

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;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL that the following be assessed for such use.

DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USERS

Domestic and non-domestic users of the sanitary sewer system, both inside and outside the city limits, shall be assessed a sewer use fee monthly based upon their total water usage. Meters for recording the usage of such services shall be read monthly, or estimated when necessary. Bills for said services shall be prepared, mailed, and collected on a monthly basis as determined from the above meter readings and estimates; provided however, that the domestic sewer service rate shall be based upon the average water use for the months of January, February and March unless inclement weather or other circumstances prevent the reading of the meters in any of those three months, then in that event, the City Council shall direct the method to be used to establish the rate. The established rate shall then be effective for the next twelve months beginning with the April billing. Sewer service rates will be recomputed at each billing for non-domestic users. Charges for multiple units served by one common water meter shall be assessed based upon the minimum fee for each unit plus the rate per 1,000 gallons used thereafter. The following rates apply:

RATES FOR 2026

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$17.00
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.75 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2027

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$17.50
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.85 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2028

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$18.00
All over 1,000 gallons \$3.95 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2029

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$18.50
All over 1,000 gallons \$4.05 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2030

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$19.00
All over 1,000 gallons \$4.15 per thousand gallons

RATES FOR 2031

First 1,000 gallons . . a minimum charge. \$19.50
All over 1,000 gallons \$4.25 per thousand gallons

USERS NOT ON CITY WATER SYSTEM

Those sanitary sewer system users which are not consumers of City water shall be charged at the same rate based upon each 1,000 gallons of wastewater discharged to the sanitary sewer system. The cost of a suitable continuous recording device for determining the flow of discharge into the sanitary sewer system for these customers shall be borne by the customer. In the alternative, those customers who do not have such a recording device shall pay the following flat rate per month for sanitary sewer system service:

NON-METERED FLAT RATE:

2026.....	\$41.33
2027.....	\$43.40
2028.....	\$45.57
2029.....	\$47.85
2030.....	\$50.24
2031.....	\$52.75

INDUSTRIAL USERS

Users contributing industrial waste, as distinct from those discharging only non-process related wastewater, shall be charged monthly on the basis of their contribution of wastewater flow, organic load, and suspended solids and oil and grease into the sanitary sewer system. Rates for KAAPA Partners Aurora, LLC have been established by an agreement dated February 9, 2023 and rates for the IAMS plant have been established by Resolution 26-02 adopted February 10, 2026 and remain in effect. Rates for other industrial users will be established by the Mayor and City Council prior to their connection to the sewer system.

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE USE FEE

A monthly capital maintenance use charge shall be assessed to each user of the sanitary sewer system in addition to the regular rates charged for use as set forth in this section, to be applied as follows:

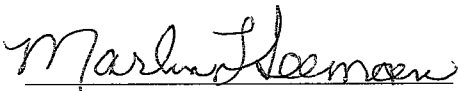
Beginning in April 2023, a \$2.00 monthly charge shall be assessed to each user of the sanitary sewer system.

DEBT SERVICE USE FEE

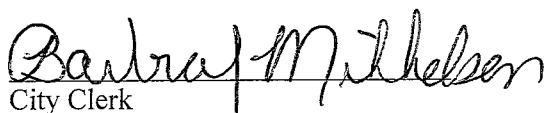
A monthly debt service use charge shall be assessed to each user of the sanitary sewer system in addition to the regular rates charged for use as set forth in this section, to be applied as follows:

Beginning in August 2026, a \$3.00 monthly charge shall be assessed to each user of the sanitary sewer system. This charge shall be applied to the debt service payment of the 2011 sewer bond for the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This fee shall remain in effect through September of 2033 and shall terminate following the final bond payment.

Passed and adopted this 14th day of July, 2026.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk



City Administrator Darbro reviewed the contract with EMS Unlimited to provide EMS services for the City of Aurora and Hamilton County. A discussion was held with several questions being asked and answered. Councilor Lackore moved to approve the contract with EMS Unlimited to provide EMS services for the City of Aurora and Hamilton County. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. 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 8:03p.m.

Martin Seeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Darbro J. Mithelken
City Clerk

