

Aurora, Nebraska
February 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 February 24, 2026 at the City Hall. Present were Councilors: Paul Lackore, Daniel Bartling, 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 January 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 February 10, 2026 meeting. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee and Phillips. The motion carried.

PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, COMMUNICATIONS:

Cody Wickham of D.A. Davidson reviewed the bond ordinance.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1227: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2026, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,250,000) TO PROVIDE FINANCING AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF VARIOUS STREET, WATER SYSTEM AND STORM SEWER SYSTEM AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY; PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND FORM OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SETTING OF CERTAIN TERMS AND FORM OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE INTEREST ON AND PRINCIPAL OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Councilor Lackore moved to bring Ordinance No. 1227 before the council and to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee and Phillips. The motion carried.

A discussion was held on agenda item #4 regarding allowing the Canine Companion Therapy Dog Program at the Alice M. Farr Library. Library Director Laurel Marlatt spoke in favor of the program and the plan for having a dog in the library. Members of the Library Board also spoke in favor having the dog therapy program. Time was given to answer questions and to hear the concerns.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve of allowing the Canine Companion Therapy Dog Program at the Alice M. Farr Library. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Dunn, Lackore and Bartling. Nay: Bergen. Absent and not voting: Roblee and Phillips. The motion carried.

City Administrator Darbro explained the agreement with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) for the transfer of ownership of the EV Charging Stations located at the southwest corner of 12th and N Street. Councilor Lackore moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NPPD for the transfer of ownership of the EV Charging Stations. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Public Works Director Jeremy Cattau explained the reasons for the potential elimination of the crossing guards during pool season, at the crosswalk located at 13th Street and Q Street/US-34. Chief of Police Paul Graham, Swimming Pool Managers Madison Farris and Eleanor Cerveney spoke in favor of eliminating the crossing guards. A discussion was held.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the elimination of the crossing guards, during pool season, at the crosswalk located at 13th Street and Q Street/US-34. Councilor Bartling seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee and Phillips. The motion carried.

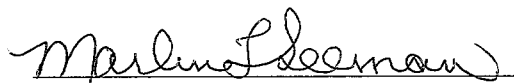
Councilor Dunn moved to approve Project DTR-#011 for the Aurora CDBG Downtown Revitalization Façade Forgivable Loan Program. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Bartling, Dunn and Bergen. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee and Phillips. The motion carried.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Grant Paschke to the Board of Commissioners of the Aurora Housing Authority. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Roblee and Phillips. The motion carried.

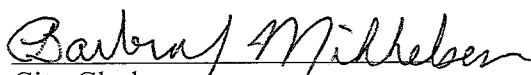
MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

