

Aurora, Nebraska
August 11, 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 August 11, 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 August 5, 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 Dunn moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2026, meeting. Councilor Phillips 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 July 31, 2026. Councilor Phillips moved to approve said reports. Councilor Bergen 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 Bergen 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.

Andrew Wilshusen of JEO Consulting Group spoke on Change Order No. 10 for the Aurora 1st Street Project he stated it was a decrease of \$3,716.00. It was for balancing out the remaining quantities. Councilor Dunn moved to approve Change Order No. 10 for the Aurora 1st Street Project. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling and Dunn. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Andrew Wilshusen of JEO Consulting Group spoke on Final Payment No. 14 to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for 1st Street Improvement Project. He stated the this pay application was for \$21,592.50. Councilor Bergen moved to approve Payment No. 14 to Mid-Nebraska Land Developers for 1st Street Improvement Project for \$21,592.50. Councilor Phillips seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Tamar Jimenez of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce spoke about what the Aurora Chamber of Commerce has been doing for the community. A discussion was held on whether or not the City should contribute to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Bergen moved to not fund the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Phillips and Bergen. Voting Nay: Lackore, Bartling, and Dunn. The Mayor stated there being no majority, the motion fails.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve a \$5,000 contribution to Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bartling, Dunn and Lackore. Nay: Phillips, Bergen and Jensen. Mayor Seeman stated, "As mayor, I choose to vote Aye". With the mayor voting in favor, the motion carried.

City Attorney Luzum read Ordinance No. 1239: 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 Dunn moved to bring Ordinance No. 1239 before the council for the second reading and to suspend the statutory three reading rule for consideration of this Ordinance. Councilor Bergen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jensen, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips, Bergen and Lackore. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Councilor Dunn moved for final adoption of Ordinance No. 1239. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Mayor Seeman then stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1239 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following Councilors voted Aye: Dunn, Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen and Bartling. 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.

Councilor Lackore moved to approve Resolution 26-10 declaring surplus property from the library. Councilor Jensen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Phillips, Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling and Dunn. The motion carried and the following resolution was declared passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-10

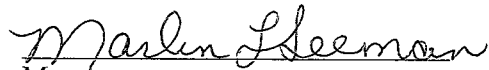
WHEREAS, Section 17-503.01 of R.R.S. 1943 Nebraska Statutes requires that Cities post a resolution declaring the sale of surplus property, and

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

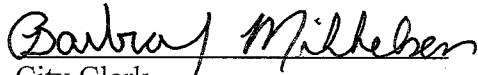
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| 10 | Oak chairs red upholstery with arms |
| 16 | Oak chairs red upholstery without arms |
| 4 | Oak chairs purple upholstery with arms |
| 30 | Oak chairs purple upholstery without arms |
| 1 | Oak bench purple upholstery |
| 5 | Round tables |
| 1 | Rectangular (matches round tables) |
| 13 | 8' banquet tables |
| 25 | Misc. colored chairs (in basement) |
| 1 | 8' green chalkboard |
| 2 | wooden chairs with plaid upholstery |

1 green chair
1 end table with lamp
1 large brown upholstery office chair on casters
5 blue/grey office chairs on casters
4 older metal office chairs on casters
2 wooden captains chairs
2 wooden beige upholstered chairs on casters
1 small metal desk
2 circular wire book racks

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City staff be authorized to sell said listed surplus property at public auction.
Passed and adopted this 11th day of August, 2026.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Councilor Bergen move to approve a plumber's license for Bradley Groothuis, Groothuis and Sons Plumbing, LLC of Funk, Nebraska. Councilor Dunn seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Bergen, Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Dunn and Phillips. Nay: None. The motion carried.

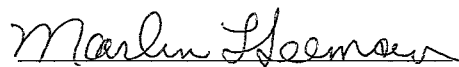
Councilor Dunn move to approve a plumber's license for Brady Penas, Sewer Rooting & Plumbing, of Grand Island, Nebraska. Councilor Lackore seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Lackore, Jensen, Bartling, Dunn, Phillips and Bergen. Nay: None. The motion carried.

City Administrator Darbro gave a budget update.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Having completed all items on the agenda, and there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Seeman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

