

**City of Aurora, Ohio  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 25, 2019**

The Council of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, February 25, 2019 for holding a regular public meeting. Council President George Horvat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Kathi Grandillo  
Harold Hatridge  
George Horvat  
John Kudley, Jr.  
Amy McDougald Eckard  
James Vaca  
Scott Wolf (Mr. Wolf was not present in Council Chambers when roll was taken)

Absent: Reva Barner  
Dennis Kovach

Also Present: Ann Womer Benjamin, Mayor  
Dean DePiero, Law Director  
Denise Januska, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building  
Kris Allen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Laura Holman, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Harry Stark, Director of Public Services  
Jack Burge, Director of Economic and Entrepreneurial Development  
Brian Byard, Police Chief  
Donna Hawks, Clerk of Council  
April Secura, Deputy Clerk of Council

**Consideration of Minutes**

**MOTION: Approval of the February 11, 2019 meeting minutes**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Ms. McDougald Eckard abstained.

AYES: Grandillo, Horvat, Hatridge, Kudley, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: McDougald Eckard

**Mayor's Report**

(Attached)

Mayor Womer Benjamin said that on Monday, March 4 there would be a one-time brush pick up because of the recent windstorm. She said brush should be on the curb by 7:00 AM, that morning.

Mayor Womer Benjamin provided a brief recap of those she met with and functions that she attended since the last meeting of Council. She said she wants to note with sadness the passing of longtime residents, veterans and dear friends of hers Mr. Lou Hubach and Mr. Ben Sutton, Sr. She said the community, will miss their vitality and many contributions.

Mr. Vaca said thank you for the brush pickup.

Mr. Hatridge asked if the brush pickup information is on the website.

Mayor wormer Benjamin said it is; and it is on Facebook.

Mr. Kudley said that Mr. Hubach and Mr. Sutton were not only important individuals in the community, there were instrumental in the establishment of the Aurora Historical Society in 1968. He said those are major contributions and they are sadly missed.

#### **Law Director's Report**

(Attached)

Mr. DePiero did not read his report.

#### **Council President's Report**

(Attached)

**MOTION: To amend the agenda by adding Ordinance 2019-022 thru 2019-027**

Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Citizens Comments - Legislation**

There were no comments.

#### **Councilman Remarks - Legislation**

There were no remarks.

#### **Legislation**

##### **Ordinance 2019-018**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (3) 2019 FORD EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTORS FROM LIBERTY FORD, AT A COST OF \$87,218.50, LESS THE TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$16,000.00 FOR (3) VEHICLES CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE CITY, FOR A NET COST OF \$71,218.50, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO HOLD PRICING

To third reading.

##### **Ordinance 2019-021**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION APPROXIMATELY .2069 ACRES OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GERALD AND LINDA DIDEON ALONG AURORA LAKE ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO DEDICATE THE PROPERTY TO PUBLIC USE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Mr. DePiero explained that over a year ago, the city accepted the dedication of Aurora Lake Road and entered into an agreement that made the portion that was private now public. He said there was a small portion owned by the Dideon family, this legislation is dedicating that property for public use as well.

**MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance be read on three separate occasions**

Mr. Wolf moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To Adopt Ordinance 2019-021**

Ms. McDougald Eckard moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf

NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-022**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAX ABATEMENT TO ILPEA INDUSTRIES/OEM-MILLER FOR A 100%, 15 YEAR ABATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA KNOWN AS CRA I AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

**MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-022**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-023**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT "A" TO AURORA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 161, "EMPLOYEES GENERALLY," TO REFLECT CHANGES IN COMPENSATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE AND/OR TO PLACE THOSE NEWLY HIRED INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE ON EXHIBIT "A" AT THE COMPENSATION SPECIFIED FOR THEM, APPROVING SUCH COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (**COOPER, PITRE**)

**MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-023**  
Mr. Grandillo moved; Ms. McDougald Eckerd seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-024**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH, CHAGRIN PET, GARDEN & POWER EQUIPMENT SUPPLY INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,327.31, THROUGH STATE PRICING, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 JOHN DEERE GATOR, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (#60), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SO THE EQUIPMENT CAN BE READY TO USE BY THE SUMMER SEASON

To second reading.

**Ordinance 2019-025**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH, D. PETERMAN LANDSCAPING & SNOW PLOWING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,506.00, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 93 TREES IN THE VILLAS OF BERTRAM SUBDIVISION, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PUBLIC SPACE FUND (#63), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SO THE CITY ARBORIST CAN PROCURE THE TREES WHILE THE BEST SELECTION IS AVAILABLE

**MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-025**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-026**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 935.01 "EXEMPTION LEVEL" OF AURORA'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REFLECT 2019 POVERTY LEVELS AS DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS THE NEW LEVELS NEED TO BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2019 CITY PROGRAM

**MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Wolf moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-026**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Ordinance 2019-027**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD EXPLORER FROM LIBERTY FORD FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AT A COST OF \$32,790.46, LESS THE TRADE IN ALLOWANCE OF \$2,500.00 FOR (1) 2008 F350 TRUCK CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE CITY, FOR A NET COST OF \$30,290.46, TAKING THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM THE SEWER FUND (#72) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO HOLD PRICING

**MOTION: To suspend the rule that requires an ordinance be read on three separate occasions**  
Mr. Vaca moved; Ms. Grandillo seconded. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 2019-027**  
Mr. Hatridge moved; Mr. Vaca seconded. The motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

**Citizens Comments**

There were no remarks.

**Council member and Committee Remarks**

There were no remarks.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn**  
Mr. Vaca moved; Mr. Hatridge seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Grandillo, Hatridge, Horvat, Kudley, McDougald Eckard, Vaca, Wolf  
NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.