

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, John Popovich
ABSENT: Joe Warr
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Don Walton, Police Chief Charles Allen

1). CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jon Sanford called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2). PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor led City Council and audience into the Pledge of Allegiance.

3). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted Joe Warr absent.

4). MINUTES

MOTION (Popovich) to approve November 7, 2024 regular, November 7 organizational and November 7 closed session meeting minutes as presented; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

MOTION (Heinrich) to approve agenda as presented; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Walton: Present tonight again to inform City Council that it has been a year for the Riverside Drive Dain special assessment and still nothing has been done to his property. He is paying the special assessment and not seeing any benefit to him at all; still floods his yard out every time it rains. City Manager feels a place to start is to write a letter on behalf of the City and Council addressing his concerns to the new drain commissioner who will be in office January 2025.

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief Chuck Allen was present tonight and handed out two different November monthly stat sheets. One stat sheet was his call sheet and the other was all calls the Arenac County Sheriff Department responded to in our jurisdiction. He will be retiring from Iosco County Sheriff Department the end of December and will only be working for the City Police Department then. Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 7 and has Arenac County Sheriff Department assisting.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 MDOT Annual Resolution

MOTION (Barbour) to approve the annual MDOT performance resolution for the 2025 year; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.2 Poverty Exemption Resolution

MOTION (Heinrich) to approve poverty exemption resolution for the 2025 year following federal poverty guidelines; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

9.3 Vehicle Driving Policies

City Manager presented 3 policies in regards to vehicle use for City employees. Vehicle Use Policy, Driving Record Review Policy and Motor Vehicle Driving Policy. These policies were suggested by our insurance company to adopt along with a social media policy. Dale will have social media policy at the next City Council meeting.

MOTION (Barbour) to adopt all 3 vehicle driving policies for the City; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City received a \$10,000 grant from SCIT 2% grant for the ballfields.
- Informed Council of DeShano Homes looking at possibly expanding Country Garden Apartments and/or mini-storage buildings on their property off Court Street. Will need to get more information from DeShano so City knows next step to take either re-zoning or variance.

- Eric Frey building at 544 E Huron Road has now been shut down and red-tagged. Arenac County Building Department did issue a building permit without no zoning approval. Since then, a stop order has been issued and permit revoked.
- City Campground season will be changing from April 15-October 15 to opening the 2nd weekend of April and closing the 2nd weekend of October.
- Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting this Saturday, December 7 starting at 6:15 PM.
- Old Fashion Christmas will be held inside chapel on Sunday, December 8 at 2 & 4 PM.
- Holiday Auction will be held at Four Ones Landing on Thursday, December 5.
- Ballfields nothing to report. Group is looking at getting over to Alger to remove fencing. Found another tiler company and have that lined up pending weather.
- Marijuana smell at Pure Green facility across from Pier 23 gas station. Called the State on this complaint and they can not do anything about it. Need to call jurisdiction in which it is located. Spoke with Au Gres Township Supervisor and he will look into. Suppose to be getting new air make-up units to eliminate smell; they started receiving complaints again as well!

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor: Attended 2% grant distribution with Dale. Wanted to thank all who is involved with the City's festivities: City DPW workers, ACE Group, Au Gres Chamber of Commerce, Women for Au Gres, Fire Department, etc. in making our town look so great! Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting is this Saturday, December 7.

11.3 Council Members:

Heinrich: town looks nice!

Popovich: ditto on the Christmas spirit! New citizen on Main Street had questions on the city's water bill; told them to stop in or call City Hall for answers.

Barbour: Town is gorgeous!

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION (Popovich) to approve payment of bills as submitted; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Heinrich) to approve October financial statements as submitted; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 8:42 p.m.; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk