

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, Joe Warr, John Popovich
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Police Chief Matthew Klosowski-Lorenz, Arenac County Commissioner Bobbie Burke, AGS Superintendent Chris Ming

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 all members present.

4). MINUTES

MOTION (Popovich) to approve April 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Warr). Motion carried.

MOTION (Warr) to approve April 11, 2023 budget workshop meeting minutes as presented; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

MOTION (Warr) to approve agenda as submitted; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief Matthew Klosowski-Lorenz was present tonight to give stats for March and April. Au Gres City Police Department has lien audit next Monday, May 8. Superintendent Chris Ming mentioned students are hanging back behind ballfields and drinking and throwing beer bottles onto private property next door; if police could keep eye on and patrol down there frequently to deter them.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Arenac County Foreclosure List

Arenac County Treasurer sent a list of foreclosed property that will be coming up for tax sale this year. City always has first right to these properties before going out for auction. The list only included 1 boat slip in Harbortown and the lot next to Freakin' Pickles on US-23. City has no interest and recommend approving waiver of claim.

MOTION (Warr) to pass waiver of claim for the 2023 foreclosed parcels; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

9.2 Ordinance Golf Carts

City Manager handed out draft ordinance on golf carts and registration form. City Council had no changes or questions. Ordinance will need to be published in paper for it to become effective. City can also put in our newsletter to help get word out along with Police Chief stopping, informing and registering every golf cart he sees.

MOTION (Warr) to adopt City Golf Cart Ordinance as presented; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

9.3 Riverside Drain Loan Increase

Riverside Drain project had additional costs and contingencies that were not included in original total of \$225,000. Arenac County Drain Commissioner is asking for City Council to increase maximum loan amount from \$225,000 to \$275,000. City did receive our assessment notice on this project and it equates to 25% of the total project (\$72,000 due to the city being assessed all roads). City will pay the annual installment of \$7200 for 10 years since we are charging interest on this loan.

MOTION (Warr) to approve Riverside Drain Loan increase from a maximum of \$225,000 to \$275,000 for the entire project; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Ennes building gone and City will be putting lot up for sale at \$59,500 with a minimum 6% commission stipulation depending on potential development.
- Post Office sent out notices asking for public input to relocate post office. City has been working with post office and provided a number of potential sites.
- SPARKS Grant opened up for round 2 applications; will resubmit for campground expansion.
- Veteran banners scheduled to be in and go up the week of May 15.
- Pavilion update- still working on options and bracing existing rotten poles.
- Friday May 19 from 1:30-2:30 PM Senator Michele Hoyenga and Representative Hoadley will be holding office hours from 1:30-2:30 PM at City Hall.
- Arenac Community Fund Golf Outing set for May 19 at Huron Breeze Golf Course.
- Memorial Day Parade set for Sunday, May 28 at 1 PM starting at Riverside Park and ending at AGS School.
- Frog Bit pull is scheduled on Saturday, June 3 at 9 AM at Riverside Park. There will be an informational meeting that Friday, June 2 from 6:30-8:30 PM. After pulling, CISMA is then hoping to spray the river.
- STING information included with packet. City opted out of STING several years ago and they are wondering if interest in getting back in program. Consensus of City Council was to not join.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens:

Matthew Lorenz: Wanted to ask City Council to consider hiring a part-time officer to help relieve some of the pressure trying to get his hours in with doctor appointments, holidays, events being held between both towns, etc. City Manager was adamant the answer was no and that they had discussed this issue before.

Burke: Collaborative event was held at Full Gospel Church; nice event with lots of resources.

11.2 Mayor: Nice to see Ennes building gone. Hoping to continue with pavilion remodel project.

11.3 Council Members

Barbour: Nothing

Popovich: Nothing

Warr: Will City get map of the Riverside Drain district? City Manager answered yes.

Heinrich: Waiting for better weather. Taking an inventory on sidewalks and the conditions. Some are really bad and need to be edged. City Manager hoping to start this year with streetscape maintenance, edging sidewalks, etc. Once City gets them maintained, hoping that the property owners or their landscape companies will continue to maintain. Warr thinks if we cut down the sod at the edges and curb that will help slow down the growth over the sidewalks.

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Warr) to approve March financial statements as submitted; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Heinrich) to adjourn meeting at 7:57 p.m.; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk