

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, John Popovich, Joe Warr
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Au Gres Police Chief Charles Allen, Sarah Dettloff, Sean Mattia, Adam Arend from EGLE Coastal Management Program

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 (Warr) to approve May 6 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

MOTION (Heinrich) to set agenda as presented; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Handed out stats sheet for the month of May. Memorial Day Parade went smoothly and great parade with many participants! Caught fugitive from another state and sent back to prison.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Adam Arend, EGLE- Michigan Water Resources Program

Adam Arend from EGLE Coastal Management Program gave a presentation on their program and raising awareness of grant opportunities. They work with EMCOG and have grant opportunities every October. They have you tube videos on their website along with starting to host workshops again; more information will follow on dates for Arenac/Iosco area. City received grant from CZM in 2020 for fishing pier and signage at the Riverside Park. Best suggestion as the city thinks about projects and if they would qualify would be to go to webpage and fill out form and someone from their office will be in touch. City Council thanked Adam for coming in.

9.2 Resolution of Support- MDOT Grant Category B Program

MOTION (Warr) to approve resolution of support for the MDOT Grant Category B Program for Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Water & Albert Street at a total grant submission of \$250,000; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

9.3 Budget Adjustments 24/25 year

MOTION (Warr) to approve budget adjustments as presented for the 24/25 year; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

9.4 STING Membership

City Council talked about STING membership and the city cancelling their membership 3-4 years ago. Consensus was to continue not belonging to STING.

9.5 Water/Sewer Rate Increase

MOTION (Warr) to approve water rate increase of dropping the 2000 gallons included with the minimum and sewer increase of \$6.00 per 1000 gallons effective July 1, 2025; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Au Gres River Drive & N Court Street paving complete.
- 2% Grant of \$8650 City received for a subsurface locator to help find underground utilities.
- Southcourt Estates Housing- waiting for final approval to move forward with project.
- Campground expansion- waiting until ball season and Car Show weekend done to start.
- City received a \$10,600 grant from Arenac Community Funds for a maintenance/concession building at the new ball field location.
- Our Town Au Gres on WKJC radio station will be June 4, 2025.
- Taste of Au Gres and first concert is June 4, 2025.
- Au Gres Chamber Tiger Bus Trip is this Sunday, June 8 for \$100- tickets still available.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens:

Sean Mattia- would like to fill vacancy on Park & Recreation Board due to his mom's passing (Margaret Warr). Jon Sanford appointed him to this board.

11.2 Mayor: Weather looks great! New paved roads look great!

11.3 Council Members:

Heinrich: Great Memorial Day Parade! Roads look nice and great to see ballfields coming together!

Warr: Streets look great! Status on concrete dumping? City Manager said property owner and concrete company were informed and has been handled. N Court Street intersection- who is responsible for striping? City Manager already contacted PK Contracting to do N Court Street intersection and a section of road in front of the school. Certain things in the city that look like need some attention and/or maintenance and are lacking. He will come up with a list of these items and give to City Manager to see if we can either increase staffing or hire it out to handyman? Still would like to see City get all river easements marked with signage and feels that this CZM grant might be something City could apply for. City Manager has list of all easements and need to figure out who owns them. If City owns, it will then be an additional job to maintain all these properties.

Popovich: Parade and paving were great! Arenac County still working on fairgrounds. Himself and Dale attended Park & Recreation Commission to ask to take over running Au Gres Township County Park; request was denied. NEMSCA program that is available for Arenac County is a great program and has 61-million-dollar budget for 23 counties.

Barbour: Wondering if fire hydrant next to Riverside Manor Apartments is fixed yet? Yes fixed.

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Barbour) to approve May financial statements as submitted; support (Warr). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 8:53 p.m.; support (Warr). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk