

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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 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 all members present.

4). MINUTES

MOTION (Warr) to approve May 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

MOTION (Heinrich) to approve agenda as submitted; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

Police Chief Charles Allen was present tonight and welcomed back by City Council. He gave stats for the previous month of 5/9-6/5/23 under Chief Lorenz tenure. Informed and gave copies of Golf Cart Ordinance to Arenac County Sheriff Department. Stickers and registration are going on now and available either at City Hall, the Campground or with the Police Department.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Budget Adjustments 2022/23

MOTION (Warr) to approve budget adjustments as submitted for fiscal year 2022/23; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

9.2 Yeo & Yeo Audit Engagement Letter 2022/23 Year

MOTION (Warr) to approve audit engagement letter with Yeo & Yeo to conduct City's audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

9.3 Proclamation- Bopp Busch 75 years

MOTION (Warr) to approve proclamation to Bopp-Busch for 75 years in business in the Au Gres community and present them certificate along with award at their company picnic July 22, 2023; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Sidewalk/curb repair: Young Len Svanberg was only builder that expressed interest in doing. There is a minimum of 5 yards to order concrete; 5 yards will do approximately 100' feet and can jump around to several locations. Approximate cost will be \$8-10,000 for 100 feet. One sidewalk that needs to be repaired is a 12-15' section on the corner of Water Street/Michigan Avenue. City will begin repairing sidewalks starting July 1, 2023.
- Frog Bit pull was Saturday, June 3. Jon Sanford was in attendance. Frog bit not in bloom yet so they will delay spraying until end of June. Small turn out and educated all volunteers; once spraying is complete it will be up to riverfront homeowners to maintain and pull.
- WIFI at campground is old and streaming/signal is real bad; trying to find a company to service and/or repair/replace. Currently we have SkyWeb and approximate cost is coming in around \$12,000 to upgrade; other companies could be upwards of \$60,000. Chris and Dale will continue to work on coming up with affordable solution.
- Events coming up this summer include Summer Smash Walleye Tournament June 17, Arenac County Fireworks Golf Outing June 24, Recycle Event June 24, Saginaw Bay 4H Fish Camp June 26 & 27 and July 1- tailgate party followed by fireworks
- Reminder July City Council meeting has been changed due to holiday to Tuesday, July 11.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor:

- Summer is always busy and town looks great thanks to staff!
- Welcome back Police Chief Charles Allen and wanted to thank former chief Matt Lorenz for his service and help in securing grants for the city for all the recent technology upgrades.
- Veteran banners look great!
- Memorial Day Parade was nice with great parade participation and spectators!
- Frog Bit pull had small turnout of people but off to a good start and very informative.
- My Town Au Gres will meet and air on WKJC 104.7 FM tomorrow from 7-10 AM at Ali's Restaurant.

11.3 Council Members

Heinrich: Parade had nice turn out. Riverside Park paving looks great! City Manager will be reaching out to Duane Martin on striping parking lot and adding in handicap areas. City received 2% grant for striping lanes on Court Street and signage by AGS School.

Warr: Wanted to know situation in front of Ken Glupker's house on Detroit Street. City Manager reported plugged sewer riser under road full of tree roots; Dependable Sewer repaired and tv'd. Property owner next to Gore property on Au Gres River Drive was inquiring about a fence and was told they could not put one up. City Manager told them to call him; fences are allowed in rear yard, not on river. City Manager went on to explain it has been very busy with zoning with lots of new property owners and not knowing the rules, etc. Any type of improvement you are doing: deck, shed, fencing, etc needs to come in to City Hall and pull a permit and get zoning approval. Get the word out. Wondering what the cost would be to do curb, gutter and sidewalks on Au Gres River Drive?

Popovich: Nothing

Barbour: Parade was awesome! Wanted to know for next year if they could throw candy? City Manager told her that is allowed. Veteran banners look great! Any word on Dr. Becky coming to Au Gres? No word but was told that she is done working for McLaren.

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Heinrich) to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m.; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk