

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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, Police Chief Charles Allen, Arenac County Reporter Doug Marsh, Sarah Dettloff, Yeo & Yeo Auditor Christina LaVielle, John & Leslie McKenzie

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 present.

4). MINUTES

MOTION (Warr) to approve August 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Barbour). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

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

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief Charles Allen was present at meeting tonight and handed out stat sheet for the month of August. City Manager wanted to let Chuck know that the speed limit sign needs to be moved off US-23. He made contact with Riverside Drive resident (1814) and will get property cleaned up.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Yeo & Yeo Presentation Christina LaVielle

Christina LaVielle from Yeo & Yeo was present tonight to go over audit presentation for the 2024/25 fiscal year. City is in great financial shape and touched on highlights of General Fund, Sewer and Water Funds. General Fund revenue is comprised of 48% from taxes, 19% from State Revenue Sharing and the remainder with local contributions (9%), transfers (2%), charges for services (14%) and other revenue (8%). General Fund ended the fiscal year with a total fund balance of \$987,646.

Sewer fund had operating revenues of \$310,486 with operating expenses including depreciation of \$305,307 for a positive operating income of \$5179. Total fund balance for sewer fund is \$942,359.

Water fund had operating revenues of \$392,499 with operating expenses including depreciation of \$301,620 for a positive operating income of \$90,879. Total fund balance for water fund is \$1,138,485.

City's MERS Pension is at 89.79% funded and OPEB is 72.04% funded. City Council had no further questions. City staff & Council thanked Christina for coming up and doing the presentation.

9.2 Rough Draft Civil Infraction Ordinance

City Manager had rough draft of civil infraction ordinance that our new City Attorney Tim Freel provided for us to duplicate as we see fit. City Manager had a question on section 9. City Council members had no further comments just to check and see if fee structure could be established for each city ordinance-example; fee structure A is \$100 fine, etc. instead of first offense, second, etc. Dale will get with City Attorney. Once ordinance is approved it will need to be published in newspaper.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Passed on his condolences to Joe Warr; nice send off for Sean Mattia with fire trucks, motorcycles, etc. in the procession.
- Building Department has not contacted Dale in regards to Ken Drive property. Dale did pull up EGLE permit and it showed approval to build a house on this property zoned wetlands. Dale feels City did their part by approving zoning; it is up to County Building Department now to enforce building codes. Building permit is coming up for renewal in September 2025.

- Southcourt – lowest bidder was General Housing and meeting with them on Thursday September 4. City will be closing on the 4 properties September 8, 2025.
- Campground expansion- waiting to hear from Bilacic Trucking on start date.
- Dawn Senior Living- open house scheduled for September 6, 2025
- RiverMill Event Venue- ribbon cutting/open house scheduled for Sunday, September 7.
- Max Fox received his Eagle Scout. He put in and built the Gaga Ball Pit inside the City Campground; city will send an appreciation plaque to this ceremony. Eagle Scout Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2025.
- Rib Rally- went good this year and donated all money back to the ballfields, around \$6000 for dugouts. Dan Heinrich would like to send a thank you to this group for this donation. Dale suggested maybe a photo op with new dugouts.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor: None

11.3 Council Members:

Barbour: None

Popovich: None

Warr: Wanted to extend thank you to the Fire Department for spearheading the escort for Sean Mattia funeral service. Nice to see all events were well attended and successful this summer.

Heinrich: Town busy for Labor Day holiday. Met with ballfield group and getting quotes of fencing. Jennifer Maser raised around \$1000 from concession sales. City committed \$100,000 for the ballfield project move and it might be little short; will have to see when fencing bids come in.

11). PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

12). APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION (Barbour) to approve July financial statements as submitted; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m.; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk