

CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
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 Chuck 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 August 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Popovich).
Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

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

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief Chuck Allen was present tonight to present August monthly stats. Mentioned that the State of Michigan is now requiring Continuing Education Credit (CEC's) for all police officers in the State of Michigan. With this effective mid-year, only 12 credits are required for the 2024 year and will then it will be 24 credits annually. Chuck will get his credits in this year through the Iosco County Sheriff Department.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Baseball field update:

No one present tonight. Dan Heinrich reported that still working on 5013(c) application and finishing up the survey. Dan and Dale did go to Sims Township and Turner Township to ask for support in a joint 2% grant application for the September 2024 distribution to go towards cost of building the new ballfields. Still needs to attend Whitney and Au Gres Township board meetings this month.

8.2 Campground Bid Package:

Contacted contractors of Bilacic Trucking, Lynch, Killingbeck and Stoney Acres. No contact information for Cypher. Bid opening set for September 17, 2024.

8.3 MSHDA Update:

All parties (City, land owner, grant administrator) are on board with MSHDA MI Neighborhood Project to build 5 turnkey homes; next step is to get City housing board to meet and discuss plans and house styles. Grant application opens up October 1, 2024.

9). NEW BUSINESS: None

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Will need to discuss campground expansion start date after bid opening
- Trash contract with Republic Service expires 12/31/2024; will be a next City Council meeting with a new contract. Will need to decide to stay with recycling dumpster or change back to curbside recycling.
- Low cable wire on Fannie Street with is impeding trash pick-up. City and Republic have contracted Charter but Charter needs Consumer Energy to cut vines of power lines before they can raise cable line. Consumer Energy was busy with emergency storm restoration.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens: None

11.2 Mayor: Received correspondence from the US Postal Service that they have secured a new location for the post office at the former McDonald’s building. Hopes everyone has a great Labor Day holiday!

11.3 Council Members:

Barbour: Didn’t even know there was a chili cook-off at the City Park; need to get word out to public more.

Popovich: Speed sign was placed on Michigan Avenue and would like turned around to face other direction. Wondering about lot between himself and Smiencinski on Au Gres River Drive what is going on? City Manager explained that property owner will be filling in ditch.

Warr: Nothing

Heinrich: Looking forward to fall weather!

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 July financial statements as submitted; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 8:01 p.m.; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk