

**CITY OF AU GRES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026  
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Sanford, Jane Barbour, John Popovich, Joe Warr, Dan Heinrich  
ABSENT: None  
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Sarah Dettloff, Rakash Agrwal, Nicholas Hodgkinson , Brett Dixon, Jeff & Jennifer Thomas

**1). CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jon Sanford called meeting to order at 7:02 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** (Barbour) to approve March 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Heinrich).  
Motion carried.

**5). SET AGENDA**

**MOTION** (Warr) to set agenda with addition of agenda item 9.10 Street Signs; support (Heinrich).  
Motion carried.

**6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None

**7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Police Chief Charles Allen was absent tonight but had stat sheet for the month of February included in packet. Jon Sanford mentioned about sitting on US-23/West Street and catching speeders. Also, maybe park his personal truck inside garage when working so people won't know when he is working.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**9). NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 Open Public Hearing/Sale of Property

**MOTION** (Barbour) to open public hearing for sale of 1 lot in the Industrial Park to John Rollins at 7:08 pm; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.2 Public Comments

City Manager explained that John Rollins would like to purchase lot 8 in the Industrial Park from the City for \$16,000. He already owns lot 7 and this does not interfere with the disc golf course. No public comments.

9.3 Close Public Hearing

**MOTION** (Popovich) to close public hearing at 7:13 pm; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.4 Council Action/Sale of Property

**MOTION** (Heinrich) to sell parcel #200-001-000-006-08 to John Rollins for \$16,000; support (Popovich).  
Roll call vote: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

9.5 Resolutions: 1% Administration Fee & Delinquency Fees

**MOTION** (Warr) to approve 1% administration fee along with delinquency fees on the summer and winter 2026 tax bills; support (Popovich). Motion Carried.

9.6 Set Budget Workshop Date

Consensus from City Council that Thursday, April 16 at 6:15 PM will work to hold budget workshop date.

9.7 Mosquito Millage Renewal- 5 years

**MOTION** (Warr) to approve putting on the August 4, 2026 ballot for mosquito millage renewal decrease to 1.5 mills for 2027-2031; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.8 Library Service Agreement

Enclosed is rough draft of library service agreement with the Iosco-Arenac District Library. District will take over all services and operations of the Au Gres Community Library. This will align with the majority

of other libraries and will have only one set of rules to follow. City does own building and will come up with an annual rent payment. District library will then keep all millage money to run operations. Trying to come up with a solution on the conference room and what to do with it. If City Council wants to look over and get back with him on any questions or concerns.

9.9 Review of Civil Infraction Ordinance

Enclosed is rough draft of civil infraction ordinance. The City does not have any civil infraction ordinance in place right now so if any violation of the zoning ordinance occurs, really have nothing to back city actions. Look over and get back with City Manager on any questions or concerns.

9.10 Street Signs

**MOTION** (Warr) to approve County Road Commission agreement to install 40 signs in the city limits at a price not to exceed \$6517; support (Heinrich). Motion carried

**10). CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Southcourt: getting closer to completion of houses
- Campground Expansion: cabins scheduled to be delivered Wednesday, April 8, 2026
- Michigan Avenue paving project out for bids right now.
- TIFA Grants were due March 31. Received 8 grants and will be reviewed tomorrow at 5 PM.
- Bioswale/Rain Garden "Rooted in Au Gres" sponsorship letter went out looking for sponsorship with Huron Pines and Lake Huron Forever to help maintain these gardens. These rain gardens are in 3 locations by the School, in front of the Michigan Avenue Park and the Riverside Park.
- Fish cleaning station back open for the year.
- Au Gres City Campground will open this Friday, April 10.
- New Ballfields: fencing will be installed starting the week of April 13, 2026. Electricity still needed in the concession stand area.

**11). COMMENTS**

11.1 Citizens:

Rakash Agrwal: Wanted to clarify that right now our Police Officer can not write tickets since we have no civil infraction ordinance. City Manager explained that this is more for enforcing zoning ordinance violations like grass or unlicensed cars, etc. Our City Police Officer writes tickets under the motor vehicle code.

11.2 Mayor: Hopefully Spring will be here soon!

11.3 Councilmembers:

Heinrich: Hoping for warmer weather and less rain!

Warr: Rousseau Apartments rebuild is moving along quite fast from the fire.

Popovich: Was wondering if City receiving interest on the 4 new homes being built? Arenac County is working on buttoning up some final detail for the Event Center and will be hosting an Open House.

Barbour: Enjoys watching our town wake up this time of the year!

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

**13). ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** (Heinrich) to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.; support (Popovich). Motion carried.

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Jon Sanford, Mayor

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LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk