

**CITY OF AU GRES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Jon Sanford, John Popovich, Joe Warr, Dan Heinrich, Jane Barbour, Joe Warr

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Police Chief Charles Allen, Sarah Detloff, Roc Agrwal

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 (Barbour) to approve August 11, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

5). SET AGENDA

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

6). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

7). AU GRES CITY POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief Charles Allen was present tonight and had stat sheet for the month of August passed out. Finally got speed sign back repaired and it is currently on Court Street. Will be moving for the holiday weekend coming up.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9). NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Award Bid- Water Tower Repairs

The City received three bids on the water tower repairs. A big discrepancy from the low bidder at \$35,000 to the high bidder at \$77,000. All 3 bids incorrectly quoted the cathodic protection anode. After Keith Nelson spoke with two of the three companies, it is best to rebid the project out. Still hoping for a quick turn around time and to have project completion still by year end. The City did receive \$26,635 from the 2% grant towards the cost of this project.

MOTION (Warr) to reject all bids for the water tower project and put back out to re-bid through Nelson Tank; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

9.2 Set Date to Tour City Facilities

City Council expressed interest in touring city facilities like DPW garage, water and sewer plants. Consensus was first date option is Wednesday, September 23 at 9 AM for the tour and alternate date will be Tuesday, September 29 at 9 AM.

10). CITY MANAGER REPORT

- ROWE- Working with them on updating our Planning and Zoning Ordinances for data centers and solar farms.
- Southcourt Homes- one house has signed purchase agreement with interest in another one.
- Park Expansion- added 20 trees to the site expansion and will be renting out these lots for Halloween in the Park. Chris will be calling all campers that are on the wait list for seasonal lots for the 2027 year. Still working on getting Phase II bid out soon for the bathhouse, concrete pads and final landscaping.
- Army Corp of Engineers Breakwall vegetation removal project is still happening with the North wall done by the end of December and the South side early Spring 2027 dependent on weather. Areas could be shut down to the public during herbicide treating.
- Halloween in the Park is scheduled for October 17, 2026.
- Wanted to extend a thank you to Jan Gore for putting together information session on Rain Gardens and working with Lake Huron Forever and Huron Pines on this program.

11). COMMENTS

11.1 Citizens:

Sarah Detloff: Write up work order for pirate ship at Riverside Park- mentioned to her that something is dangerous/unsafe on equipment.

11.2 Mayor: Nothing

11.3 Councilmembers:

Barbour: Nothing

Popovich: Not impressed with Farm Market produce; went across the street to where Lynch's were set up at Nixon's Laundromat and bought produce there. Felt bad for Lynch's and that he is not welcome at Farm Market. Summer is coming to an end and hopes that they can resolve for next year.

Warr: Want to thank City staff for a great job making the city attractive and welcoming place!

Heinrich: Park addition is looking really neat. Noticed new house going in on S Main Street and another lot being cleared out. City Manager commented that the city is seeing lots of building activity and potential of 4 new water hook-ups.

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 (Barbour). Motion carried.

13). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m.; support (Heinrich). Motion carried.

Jon Sanford, Mayor

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk