

Aurelia GFWC walk the Path



The Aurelia GFWC/Iowa Women's Club had a perfect day for their visit to the Kiwanis Storybook Path on Monday, September 15. For those who could not walk the path, golf carts were made available, along with a Women's Club driver to make sure everyone was able to read the story as they progressed along the path. There was also great interest in seeing Denny Allen's sculptures. The community is so thankful to Denny, to Duane, to Kiwanis and their beautiful trees, and the well-kept path, as well as to the Women's Club. Any woman in Aurelia is welcome to join the club. They meet the third Monday of each month at the Aurelia Community Center. Contributed by Ann Tell

Aurelia awarded Iowa DNR Trees for Kids Grant to Plant 10 new trees

AURELIA, IA – The City of Aurelia has been awarded a Trees for Kids grant through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to plant 10 new trees within the city's right-of-way. The grant provides up to \$2,500 to purchase trees and mulch, with the goal of enhancing public spaces and engaging local youth in hands-on environmental stewardship.

Prior to applying for the grant, Aurelia's Hometown Pride Committee reached out to residents through Facebook, flyers, and press releases to gauge interest in trees along the right-of-way in front of their homes. Ten properties were identified as eligible, many of which had lost trees due to the 2021 tornado, the emerald ash borer, or have other needs for replanting.

As part of the Trees for Kids program, youth are required to participate in the planting process. In Aurelia, the Alta-Aurelia Key Club is partnering with the Hometown Pride Committee to plant the trees. The public is invited to join the planting event on Tuesday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the Aurelia Community Center.

"This project is another example of how Aurelia Hometown Pride works to improve our community," said Jen Radke, Trees for Kids Project Lead for Aurelia Hometown Pride. "By enhancing amenities, building leadership, fostering citizen pride, boosting economic vitality, and strengthening collaboration, we are helping Aurelia grow stronger for the future. These new trees will benefit generations to come."

For questions, please contact aureliahometownpride@gmail.com. Stay up to date by following Aurelia Hometown Pride on Facebook.

LEGAL NOTICE

Washta City Council met in regular session Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall. The following Council was present: Long, Riggs, Patterson. Also present were members of the community. Mayor pro tem Joy called the meeting to order, motion, Long, 2nd Riggs, ayes: 3/0, to approve the consensus business which includes the new agenda, previous minutes, new bills, and all reports. Fund Receipts Disbursements

General	\$460.89	\$3,222.42
Sewer		601.32
Road Use	1,682.15	1,199.73
Water		1,893.50
Local Option	2,394.24	1,750.44
Landfill/Garbage		1,395.88
	\$4,537.28	\$10,063.29

List of the current bills allowed and ordered paid:

Cherokee Solid waste monthly 1395.88

Lyle Paulsen salary 1480.28

IPERS taxes 616.34

Cindy Hanner 43 -hrs @Lib 441.85

Betsy Clark 10- hrs @ lib. 122.64

Karen Clark 55.22 hours 850.75

EFTPS taxes 1043.38

Chronicle Times Minutes/ads 88.38

WesTel phone/internet 151.00

Frontier phone community center 56.15

New Coop fuel 56.24

Mid American electric 882.08

Foundation Lab water test 30.00

Correctionville Building Center ceiling tiles/door lath 142.55

Karen Clark mileage reimbursement for training 126.00

Jennifer Conner reimburse candy for homecoming 95.59

USPS yearly box fee 78.00

Karen Clark reimburse for office supplies 18.50

Paulsen brought up the need for a dehumidifier at the community center and upgrading the dehumidifiers that are currently in the pump house. After getting an update from Paulsen, Long motioned and Patterson 2nd ayes 3/0 for getting 2 new Moiswell dehumidifiers at a cost of \$1,128.60.

We will be putting out bids for mowing/baling the lagoon for the summer of 2026. Ads will go in local papers.

The council reviewed the Street Finance (Road Use) Report and had no questions.

Chris from Triple C called to let us

Aurelia Church celebrates its 100th year of ministry

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurelia, is celebrating its 100th year of ministry.

On Sunday, September 21, at 3 pm, the church is hosting a concert, "Our Musical Heritage" that will feature native Alta, IA, organist and handbell clinician, Melody Turnquist-Steed.

The choral director and Music Missionary will be Deaconess Sandra Rhein.

A Festival Choir, Praise Handbell Choir and the St. Paul Youth Choir will also perform.

All are invited for an afternoon of musical experience that spans generations of church music.

A reception will follow.

Melody Turnquist-Steed received degrees in Organ Performance from the University of Northern Iowa, University of Cincinnati, and the University of Southern California.

She has studied organ with Marilou Kratzenstein, Jesse Eschbach, Roberta Gary, and Gerry Rhodes.

Until January 2017, she served as Associate Professor of Music and Assistant Academic Dean at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, where she was the director of the Bethany College Core Experience and the Bethany College Handbell Ensemble in addition to her duties as College Organist.

In 2013 she was honored for her service to the College as a recipient of the Mortvedt Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership. Prior to her appointment at Bethany College, she served as organist at the prestigious Westwood United Methodist Church in Los Angeles.

An active recitalist, she has toured Romania as an organ soloist and has performed at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the International Trumpet Guild with trumpeter Keith Benjamin.

Their trumpet/organ duo, Clarion, has recorded three compact discs: Clarion, New Music for Trumpet and Organ (1994), New Vintage (2001), and Ripples (2019).

They have concertized throughout the United States, England, Scotland and Hungary, and have been featured on the National Public Radio program, Pipe Dreams!

Dr. Steed is currently serving as a Music Specialist at the Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence in Waterloo, Iowa.

Deaconess Sandra Rhein



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AN OPEN FEEDLOT OPERATION

Michael Staab (feedlot owner's name) has submitted a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on behalf of West Fork Feedlot (feedlot name), an open feedlot operation with a capacity of 4500 animal units. This operation is located in Tilden Township, Tilden, Grand Meadow, Cherokee County, and plans to apply manure in Henry, Fredonia, Meadow Township(s), Cherokee, Plymouth County(s).

The NMP is on file at the Field Office #3, 1900 N. Grand Ave, Ste E17, Spencer, IA 51301 and is available for public inspection, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

In determining whether to approve the NMP, the DNR will consider written comments regarding whether the NMP complies with Iowa law. The DNR will conduct a public hearing regarding this NMP if a request for hearing is received within 10 days of the publication date of this notice. Persons requesting a public hearing will be notified of the time and place for the hearing at the address, telephone number or e-mail address provided in the request for a hearing. Information regarding electronic submission of comments and requests for public hearing may be obtained at the following internet address: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/afo/index.html> under "Current News."

Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to: Gene Tinker, AFO Coordinator, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50319. Both comments and hearing requests must be received by the Department within 10 days of the publication date of this notice. (CT09-19/L#48)

PUBLIC NOTICE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AN OPEN FEEDLOT OPERATION

Kale Nelson (feedlot owner's name) has submitted a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on behalf of Kale Nelson, an open feedlot operation with a capacity of 1304 animal units. This operation is located in Pitcher Township, Cherokee County, and plans to apply manure in Pitcher, Afton Township(s), Cherokee County(s).

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LEGAL NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on September 15, 2025. Mayor Pro-Tem Roman Redig called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Council Members Present: Nelson, Redig, Johnson, Fassler

Council Members Absent: Bruce

Also Present: Steph McSparran, Brian Flikeid, Mark Sangwin, Dustin Wieland, Jackie Bleil, Kim Huseman

*Fassler made motion to approve consent agenda, second by Nelson. Roll call vote: "aye": Johnson, Fassler, Nelson, Redig, "nay": none. Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

Minutes of previous meeting/Clerk/Treasurer & Investment Reports/Bills Payable

AUGUST REVENUES

Property Tax	\$828.14
Local Option Sales Tax	\$11,611.11
Use of Money & Property	\$420.00
Road Use Tax	\$11,070.01
Water Utility	\$28,022.45

Sewer Utility	\$15,838.33
Landfill/Garbage	\$10,084.55
Storm Water Utility	\$473.00
Licenses & permits	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,797.00
Other Fees & Charges	\$913.93
TOTAL	\$84,088.52

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	\$44,968.72
Road Use	\$2,930.82
Special Revenues	\$6,990.40
Water Utility	\$14,785.20
Sewer Utility	\$8,964.32
Sanitation Utility	\$9,777.92
TOTAL	\$88,417.38

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL - BILLS PAYABLE

Aurelia Electric utilities	\$3,711.46
Aurelia Utilities garbage customers, pool tax	\$4,734.27
Aurelia Lumber Co softener salt cc, roof supplies	\$953.99
Alpha Wireless radio maintenance	\$160.00
AgState fuel, diesel	\$585.63
AT&T Firstnet cell phone, hotspot	\$260.04

Acco pool pump protector, chlorinator parts	\$713.69
Ames Auto Body police vehicle repairs	\$7,869.84
Avery Westphal WSI certification, WSI bonus	\$450.00
Bomgaars shop tools	\$108.51
Blue Lakes Website website service	\$65.00
Cardmember Services books, fuel, supplies, stamps	\$570.17
Carquest windshield nozzle	\$28.93
Cherokee Chronicle Times legal publications	\$860.87
Cherokee Area Econ Develop annual allotment	\$3,640.00
Cherokee Co Extension registration	\$90.00
Cherokee Co Solid Waste monthly assessment	\$5,090.45
City of Mollville code enforcer fees	\$792.75
Clover pos fees cc	\$112.24
Connor Beeck Window window cleaning	\$50.00
Document Depot shredding	\$24.50
Dustin Wieland mileage	\$120.00

First Financial pos fees cc \$106.42

Hallett Materials fill sand \$113.29

HomeServe water, sewer loss ins \$1,241.40

Hy Vee liquor \$39.37

Iowa One Call locates \$45.00

ISG engineering services \$1,160.00

Kadence Langschwager WSI certification, WSI bonus \$450.00

MidAmerican utilities \$151.27

Northside Tire battery ram p/up \$229.95

Nuvera phone,internet svc \$923.44

One Office office supplies \$107.37

Pioneer cc reimbursement \$300.00

Shaela Graham WSI bonus \$200.00

Simmering-Cory codification \$8.00

Tree Lancing Service tree removal \$600.00

Utility Equipment repair clamp \$252.31

Verizon cell phone, hotspot \$76.90

VisualEdge IT copier contract \$86.82

TOTAL: \$37,083.88

Nelson made motion to open public hearing for Resolution 25-12 "Resolution Approving the City of Aurelia's 1st Budget Amendment of the FY26 Budget", second by Fassler. All members present voting "aye". Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

Redig made motion to approve Water Systems Improvement Owner/Engineer Agreement with ISG, second by Fassler. All members present voting "aye". Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

Public works report was given.

Police report was given.

Clerks report was given.

SCE invoice for 516 E 2nd St was discussed.

Redig made motion that the city will not be responsible for the invoice from SCE for 516 E 2nd St., second by Nelson. All members present voting "aye". Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

New office computers were discussed.

Fassler made motion to approve Rebnord Technologies quote for \$6579.40 for 4 new computers and installation, second by Johnson. All members present voting "aye". Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to close public hearing Resolution 25-12 "Resolution Approving the City of Aurelia's 1st Budget Amendment of the FY26 Budget", second by Fassler. All members present voting "aye". Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to approve Resolution 25-12 "Resolution Approving the City of Aurelia's 1st Budget Amendment FY26 Budget", second by Fassler. All members present voting "aye". Absent: Bruce. Motion carried.

Nelson made motion to approve Resolution 25-13 "Resolution Directing the Clerk to Publish Notice of Hearing on the Proposed code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 92 "Water Rates" Aurelia, Iowa", second by Fassler. All members present voting "aye". Motion carried

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Roman Redig, Mayor Pro-Tem

Stephanie McSparran, City Clerk

(CT09-19/L#160)

LEGAL NOTICE

Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission Secretary's Minutes of Thursday, September 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Cherokee County Solid Waste Commission was held Thursday, September 11, 2025, commencing at 6:30 p.m., at the Separation Center. Commission members present were, Puffett, James, Fiser, Redig, and Smith. Also present were John P. Loughlin, co-counsel and Tony Agnitsch, manager, Stephanie Thill, Burkhardt and Dawson, Rhonda Thompson, Hopkins Insurance.

The agenda was presented with two additions as follows first to add Rhonda representing ICAP for insurance renewal and second to appoint a treasurer on behalf of the Commission. Following discussion there was a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented by James. Second by Fiser. Motion unanimously carried.

The minutes from the August meeting were presented and reviewed. Following discussion there was a Motion to approve the minutes as provided by Fiser. Second by James. Motion unanimously carried.

Rhonda Thompson of Hopkins insurance representing ICAP presented the attached insurance renewal. Following discussion there was a motion to approve payment of the annual renewal, includes at 2.3% increase, for total premium of \$46,565.00 which includes general liability, cyber, auto, public officials, vehicles, property, and equipment breakdown by James. Second by Fiser. Motion unanimously carried.

The financial report was presented next. The payables were presented and three additional payables were presented as follows:

- Central Wire- \$1,034
- ThorPro-\$155.15
- SCS Engineering-\$5,695.66

Following discussion there was a motion to approve the attached amended list of payables as presented by Puffett. Second by Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

Next was a discussion regarding CD investments and deposit limits for the 6 banks in Cherokee County. Following discussion there was a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution authorizing the following maximum deposits for each bank listed, amending any prior limits set:

- Farmer's State Bank- \$250,000.00
- United Bank of Iowa- \$250,000.00
- State Savings Bank- \$250,000.00
- Cherokee State Bank- \$250,000.00
- Central Bank- \$600,000.00
- North Star Community Credit Union- \$700,000.00 by Puffett. Second by Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

The engineers report was presented next. No action was taken.

The managers report was presented next. Following discussion there was a motion to approve Eagle Ridge as an additional signatory on the employee cafeteria plan by Smith. Second by Fiser. Motion unanimously carried.

Next was a discussion regarding election or appointment of a treasurer to: represent the Commission. Following discussion, Tony Puffett was nominated. There were no other nominations. Accordingly, motion by Fiser to elect Tony Puffett treasurer. Second my Smith. Motion unanimously carried.

There was a discussion regarding online access for financial information for the board members prior to monthly meetings. Following discussion there was a motion to approve access to Commission financial records through the Burkhardt and Dawson portal, password protected by Smith. Second by Fiser. Motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business there was a motion to adjourn by Fiser. Second by James. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Loughlin, secretary

ATTEST

Roman Redig, Chairman

Check#	Date	Payee	Amount
EFT 8/15/25	TREASURER	STATE OF IOWA	494.75
EFT 8/15/25	IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTE		3,271.63
18272 8/18/25	BOMGAARS		325.49

PR18273 8/20/25 TONY J. AGNITSCH 82.62

PR18274 8/20/25 TONY J. AGNITSCH 2,341.22

PR18275 8/20/25 MELISSA K. AGNITSCH 1,410.85

PR18276 8/20/25 CHASE M. BAKER 226.46

PR18277 8/20/25 TREVER E. LARSEN 1,385.17

PR18278 8/20/25 TYLER M. SCOTT 1,314.96

PR18279 8/120/25 ERICA BUSH 1,349.15

EFT 8/20/25 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 941 2,453.87

EFT 8/21/25 BLAINE'S WATER CONDITIONING 76.25

EFT 8/31/25 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 903.79

EFT 9/1/25 IOWA DNR SWAP LOAN ACH PYMT 1,388.89

EFT 9/1/25 WELLMARK BLUE CROSS 2,949.07

PR18275 9/3/25 MELISSA K. AGNITSCH 1,267.41

R18276 9/3/25 TONY J. AGNITSCH 2,341.22

PR18277 9/3/25 TREVER E. LARSEN 1,559.01

PR18278 9/3/25 ERIC A. BUSH 1,346.92

PR18279 9/3/25 CHASE M. BAKER 171.81

PR18280 9/3125 TYLER M. SCOTT 1,303.87

EFT 9/3/25 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 941 2,435.83

18275 9/11/25 AURELIA KIWANIS 77.20

18276 9/11/25 BURKHARDT & DAWSON 4,135.06

18277 9/11/25 CB HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AGENCY 97.64

18278 9/11/25 CHEROKEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER 832.00

18279 9/11/25 CHRONICLE TIMES 139.75

18280 9/11/25 CITY OF CHEROKEE 6,160.00

18281 9/11/25 CCSWC - CLOSURE/PC COSTS 2,500.00

18282 9/11/25 C-M-L TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE 172.47

18283 9/11/25 DAVID BAKKER 470.00

18284 9/11/25 CCSWC - EQUIP RE-SERVE 9,000.00

3285 9/11/25 EUROFINS ENV. TESTING NORTH CENTRAL LLC 1,435.80

18286 9/1125 FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY INC. 762.00

18287 9/11/25 JSS, LLC 325.00

18288 9/11/25 CCSWC - LANDFILL EXPANSION 14,000.00

18289 9/11/25 LOFFLER COMPANIES INC. 283.93

18290 9/11/25 MARIA G. NELSON 230.00

18291 9/11/25 MOTOR PARTS SALES COMPANY 105.92

18292 9/11/25 NORTHSIDE TIRE INC. 307.98

18293 9/11/25 ROAD MACHINERY & SUPPLIES CO. 3,035.24

18294 9/11/25 SANITARY SERVICES 102.00

18295 9/11/25 CCSWC - SAVINGS 25,000.00

18296 9/11/25 SCHMILLEN CONSTRUCTION, INC 5,392.47

18297 9/11/25 SMITH & WEST LAWN ENFORCEMENT 600.00

18298 9/1125 THOMPSON PRO-PANE 3,643.93

18299 9/11/25 TRIPLE C PEST CONTROL 150.00

18300 9/1125 VAN'S SANITATION & RECYLING 1,011.20

18301 9/11/25 BOMGAARS 155.95

18302 9/11/25 CENTRAL BANK 173.61

18303 9/11/25 HYVEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 507.08

EFT 9/11/25 CHEROKEE RURAL WATER 87.05

EFT 9/11/25 SUN LIFE FINANCIAL 333.18

EFT 9/11/25 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 277.55

EFT 9/11/25 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 186.03

EFT 9/11/25 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 10.23

EFT 9/11/25 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 49.26

18304 9/11/25 CENTRAL STATES WIRE 1,034.00

18305 9/11/25 DOORPRO 155.15

18306 9/11/25 SCS ENGINEERS, AR DEPT 5,655.66

Total 118,994.58

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