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## ALL WELCOME City Meetings for Jan. / Feb. 2018

### Meetings at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm

**Planning Commission**  
January 2  
February 6

**City Council**  
January 9  
February 13

**Historic Review Board**  
January 25  
February 22

**Please confirm dates and  
times with City Hall**

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**City of Aurora  
Website**

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## Mayor's Corner

It is holiday time and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone has a safe and eventful time with family and friends during the holidays. Please note that our local businesses have lots of great shopping ideas and food.



I want to let our city know that we have an online billing service for water/sewer billing. There are many advantages to creating and maintaining your online account. Of course, you can pay online, but that is not the only benefit. You can also receive your bill via email as well as regular mail. This way you get an electronic reminder. Another advantage is you can update your phone number. We have begun the process of calling account members when the due date is close. This way if you are very busy and forget, we can reach out to you. The last billing cycle we had no closing accounts as we called several for final reminders. That was awesome.

Currently, City Hall is short staffed as we search for a great candidate to replace our city recorder. Please be patient with city staff as we work through this time. Staff is working hard to maintain all the current services through this search process. I am very proud of our team.

Some of you may have noticed our new city website. We are still in the process of filling all the informational pages. It has a nice look and feel, as well as a mobile interface. The web construction will continue throughout the next year.

Again, I want to express my (and staff's) hope that everyone be safe this winter and to help those in need of assistance. Spring planting is not far off.

Mayor Bill Graupp

## Notice of Budget Committee Vacancy



The city is looking to fill vacancies on the Budget Committee. The committee meets 2 to 4 times between late April and early June. You must be registered to vote in the City of Aurora and cannot be an officer, agent or employee of the city. Please send a letter of interest to city hall or email Mary Lambert at [finance@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:finance@ci.aurora.or.us)



## Upcoming City Hall Closures

Monday, January 1 — New Years Day

Monday, January 15—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 19—President's Day

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### ELECTRONIC WATER BILL PAYMENTS

You can make payments and view your water/sewer account online at the following website <https://cityofaurora.merchantransact.com/>. If you choose to pay your bill with a credit or debit card, there is a small convenience charge of \$3.50 for each transaction. This site also provides the option to sign up for electronic bill delivery.



**THE ENCLOSED UTILITY BILL IS DUE  
ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10th.**



### Emergency and Non-emergency call out information

- If you have an emergency call 911.
- If there is a non-emergency item you would like to report please call 503-588-5032, Marion County non-emergency dispatch.
- If there is a water leak that you would like to report please call City Hall, 503-678-1283. If it is after hours, please report it to Public Works at 503-444-0670 or 503-519-0889 or call the non-emergency dispatch number, 503-588-5032 and they will contact public works
- The City is only responsible for repairs and water leaks in the city right-of-way, not in yards.

We understand water leaks can be concerning for various reasons. Once reported, Public Works will respond accordingly. The repairs will be prioritized according to need and scheduled for repair as soon as possible. We thank you for reporting any issues.

**Please go to the City of Aurora website at [www.ci.aurora.or.us](http://www.ci.aurora.or.us) and sign up for Aurora Notifications and Alerts. This is our way of getting you the most up to date information as quickly as we can.**



***Please remember to keep grass, rocks, vehicles, bark, etc. off water meters!***

### City of Aurora Contact Information

Office: 503-678-1283 Fax: 503-678-2758

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday-Thursday

**Closed Friday**

**City Recorder**  
[recorder@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:recorder@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Mary Lambert, Finance/Court Clerk**  
[finance@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:finance@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Tammy Grimes, Administrative Assistant**  
[assistant@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:assistant@ci.aurora.or.us)

**Mark Gunter, Public Works Superintendent**  
[pws@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:pws@ci.aurora.or.us)

### City Council Contact/Information

Mayor Bill Graupp— [mayor@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mayor@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Sallee— [ksallee@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:ksallee@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Feely— [mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:mfeely@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Heitmanek— [theitmanek@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:theitmanek@ci.aurora.or.us)

Councilor Asher— [basher@ci.aurora.or.us](mailto:basher@ci.aurora.or.us)

You will find additional council and board information on the city website or come by City Hall with any questions.

**City of Aurora Website**

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### Aurora/Marion County Police Department

Anonymous Tip Line: 503-540-8079

Non Emergency: 503-588-5032

**Emergency Dial 911**