



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Mayor Richard C. Irvin

**FROM:** Guadalupe Gonzalez III, Superintendent of Facilities Maintenance

**DATE:** May 14, 2024

**SUBJECT:**

GAR Memorial Museum - Restoration of Windows, Tower Merlons, and Masonry Repairs.

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure the continued preservation and structural integrity of the GAR Memorial Museum.

**BACKGROUND:**

Inspired by Memorial Hall in Foxborough, MA, The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall, located at 23 E Downer Place, was erected in 1878 as a memorial for U.S. Civil War veterans. Built using locally quarried limestone, the building served as the primary meeting location for G.A.R. Post Number 20 and was Aurora's sole public library until 1903. The structure eventually fell into disrepair and was slated for demolition in the 1960s but due to public opinion, it was decided to rehabilitate the building. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, and to the Stolp Island Historic District in 1986. Following the completion of numerous improvements, the hall was reopened in 2016 as The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum, which now stands as a historic and cultural landmark of the community.

During recent planned maintenance and repairs, major deficiencies in the tower merlons, masonry, and windows were discovered.

**DISCUSSION:**

Using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting program (R20-221), F.H. Paschen, has proposed to conduct the restoration objectives to the GAR Museum masonry and windows for \$113,314.77. This price includes a seven percent (7%) JOC discount of \$8,529.07.

The JOC proposal and scope of work is attached.

A ten percent (10%) contingency of \$11,331.48 is requested for this project.

Monies for this project are budgeted in account 601-0000-410.40-78

F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC has no outstanding debt with the City.

**IMPACT STATEMENT:**

NA

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

I recommend that the City Council adopts a resolution, authorizing F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC, using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting program, to perform restorative repairs to the GAR Memorial Museum, in the amount of \$113,314.77, and a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$11,331.48.

cc: Infrastructure and Technology Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution authorizing F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC, using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting program, to perform restorative repairs to the GAR Memorial Museum, in the amount of \$113,314.77, and a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$11,331.48.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Memorial Hall in Foxborough, MA, The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall, located at 23 E Downer Place, was erected in 1878 as a memorial for U.S. Civil War veterans; and

WHEREAS, following the completion of numerous improvements, the hall was reopened in 2016 as The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum; and

WHEREAS, during recent planned maintenance and repairs, major deficiencies in the tower merlons, masonry, and windows were discovered; and

WHEREAS, using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting program (R20-221), F.H. Paschen, has proposed to conduct the restoration objectives to the GAR Museum masonry and windows for \$113,314.77, and

WHEREAS, monies for this project will funded from the Riskc account 601-0000-410.40-78; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: authorizing F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC, using the City of Aurora Job Order Contracting program, to perform restorative repairs to the GAR Memorial Museum, in the amount of \$113,314.77, and a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$11,331.48, and the Purchasing Director is hereby authorized to issue the necessary purchase orders.