

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 3, 2025, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

Present: Council Members Randles, Harper, Benaka

City Attorney Luckman, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, Chief of Police Smart, City Clerk Magwire

Absent: Council Members Bryan, Trower

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Randles motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Question of Bills

Detailed report of payment of invoices and checks included in meeting packet for all to review. Council Member Randles motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$122,795.21 including Payroll. Council Member Benaka seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Russell Shipley

Presented the audit for 2024: made some adjustments, found nothing unusual. Recommends the council stay vigilant in the review of the financials (review of bill payments) of the city. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the audit as submitted by Russell Shipley. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Judge Yockers

Judge Yockers is retiring from SNCO, she must take 2 months off because of KPERs before she can return to work with the City of Auburn. Jim Davis, who has previously been a judge, will fill in for her in those 2 months.

Heritage Park Water Fountain

Council Member Bryan has requested to use left over park grant funds to purchase a water fountain for Heritage Park (Elkay Outdoor Fountain, Bi-Level Pedestal with Pet Station.) Council Member Harper motioned to approve the purchase of the water fountain for \$4,302.68. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester brought sponsor sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt. April 12, 2025, at 10 am the Volunteer Association will be filling Easter Eggs in preparation for the Hunt.

Chief Smart

Chief Smart has been writing tickets for June court date when Judge Yockers will be back. Continue writing until June unless it's an emergency.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

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Usually, when you want property to be tax exempt, you must apply for it through the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. Attorney Luckman is going to do that for the Park Property and Levi Lee Property,

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Bettis is still on track for April.

Last windstorm, couple of trees by the civic center, thinks the trees need to come down for safety reasons.

Maggie Lord has ordered a storm shelter through Home Depot that will be attached to her garage floor.

City Clerk

Recommendation for rezoning: Todd is going to draft an ordinance for rezoning.

Renewal of City Insurance Renewal for 2025: Council Member Randles made a motion to pay the insurance premium in the amount of \$73,484. Council Member Benaka seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

JCS support and licensing renewal; Council Member Benaka made a motion to approve the renewal as presented for \$650. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

New Business

Mayor Brown has been asked to serve on Shawnee County Safety Task Force for the roads.

Council Member Benaka inquired about the safety netting on Field 2 being cut to be straight.

Council Member Harper asked about UTV Permits for 2025. We have 19 UTV permits for registered UTV's. Chief Smart will keep an eye out for them.

Council Member Benaka asked if there's anything actively being done about the residents of Auburn that have out of County License plates. Attorney Luckman and Chief Smart informed the council that it is not an offense.

Adjourn

Council Member Benaka motioned to adjourn. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Signature of Approval 

Date 4-7-2025