

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 6, 2025

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 6, 2025, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

Present: Council Members Bryan, Randles, Harper, Benaka, Trower

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Randles motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Trower 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 Benaka motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$105,735.12 including Payroll. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Citizens Forum

James Hilbish; inquiring about building a shop on this lot on Porter Street. Zoning board didn't see an issue with it. Mayor Brown doesn't see an issue with it, but we need to see a site plan, before any type of permit is issued. Attorney Luckman's concern is the lot being used for commercial purposes, and not residential. File a permit with Superintendent Clinkenbeard and then present it to council.

Chief Smart

None

City Attorney Todd Luckman

None

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

BID #1 - 6th Street will be a 2" mill and overlay from Washington to Porter.

BID #4 -14th Street patching in certain areas 6".

BID #2 - 4th and Milton replacing concrete and curbing and asphalt.

BID #3 - 4th and School redo the whole corner, replace the existing culvert pipe with a concrete pipe and lower the tube.

Parking Lot at Heritage Park; \$8,000 to do a 4" asphalt cap over the top of the existing gravel.

Top coating and painting of all the parking lots (Heritage Park, City Hall, Civic Center, & 11th St), recommended to do every 3-5 years. Bettis quoted \$20,000 to topcoat and paint the parking lots. Recommended to look into other companies. Doesn't look very promising for 2025, Bettis is looking more towards Spring time.

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A contract with Bettis needs to be signed then approved by Council.

Code Compliance

Inquired about 1531 N Washington; Attorney Luckman hasn't had a chance to write the complaint up yet, going to court.

1050 N Harrison Current; talks about the last 5 years of work and violations on the house. Would like the Council to think about ideas as to what we can do, to make this not as overwhelming. The timeline they provided for work being done should be done by now. November 3rd, 2025, meeting hopefully will be able to come to an agreement on how we're going to address this issue.

Council Member Harper, inquired about 240 E 8th Street. It is zoned commercial, and it is being used as a residential building. Occupancy permit? Todd will investigate this. No permit, not entitled to occupy the property.

City Clerk

UniFirst Contract renewal; 5-year agreement, it states that if you terminate early, they get half of what the monthly charge is for the remainder of the contract. Governed by Massachusetts law.

Council Member Bryan motioned to approve the UniFirst Service Agreement. Council Member Benaka seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

New Business

Attorney has called the county attorney twice, for the zoning Control, calls have not been returned.

Council Member Benaka inquired about scheduling a special work session to go over the Charter Ordinance No. 5 Wednesday October 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval



Date

10-20-2025