

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 5, 2026

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 5, 2026, 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, Benaka, Trower, Harper

City Attorney Luckman, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Magwire

Absent: Chief of Police Smart

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Oath of Office

Judge Yockers swore in Mayor Brown, Council Member Bryan, and Council Member Randles into office.

Previous Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Randles 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 \$145,233.55 including Payroll. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Appointment of Officers

Mayor Brown appointed officers; City Clerk Darby Magwire, Superintendent Ian Clinkenbeard, Chief of Police Bryan Smart, City Treasurer Connie Tacha, City Judge Lori Yockers, City Attorney Todd Luckman, and City Engineer Pat Cox. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve said placements with the individuals listed. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Council President: Council Member Bryan motioned to appoint Council Member Randles for City Council President. Council Member Benaka seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester, AVA; Easter Egg hunt, April 4th, 2026. Asked about use of the Civic Center April 3rd and 4th. Saturday, March 14th at 10 o'clock for filling easter eggs.

January 24th, Chili cook off happening at the Community Center, fundraiser for the Community Center.

February 7th from 4-6, mixology class, fundraiser for the Community Center.

New Website Follow Up

Needing to agree on a main background picture for the Cities new website.

Discussion of what is to come regarding the new website.

Chief Smart

The number of Animal Disturbance is increasing and getting worse, not better.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

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Ordinance No. 380: Council Member Bryan motioned to approve Ordinance No. 380. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Skid steer is about 4 or 5 years old and needs new Tracks. Looking for approval of \$2,300.00 to replace the pair of tracks. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the purchase of new tracks at \$2,300.00. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Platform Man Basket, this would attach to the backhoe, skid steer, and tractor. Comes with loops to attach workers with a safety harness. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the purchase of the platform man basket for \$1,799.97. Council Member Randles seconded. Motion approved unanimous.

City Clerk

Budget to Actuals as of the end of November 2025 are included for the Councils review.

Mayor Brown wants to have a special meeting to discuss gas rates and wages. January 12th at 6:00 pm.

Code Compliance

None.

New Business

Mayor Brown was approached about renting out the Civic Center parking lot. The charge would be the same as if they were renting the building.

Mayor Brown spoke to Pat Cox; he's waiting to hear back from K-State about a new comprehensive plan.

A discussion about the empty lot on the 6th and porter, took place to see if anything has happened further with this.

A discussion about the home and stone building at 10th and Washington took place, to discuss the zoning and legality of the business.

Adjourn

Council Member Bryan motioned to adjourn. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 1-20-2024