

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2025

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

City Attorney Luckman, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Magwire

Absent: Council Member Trower, Chief of Police Smart

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the meeting minutes, with the date correction made. 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 Bryan motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$104,622.89 including Payroll. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Jay Lutes, 930 School Ct, inquiring about the status of his grass seed/yard. Planning to start tomorrow. Spoke to Pat Cox and they are supposed to start right away waiting for it to dry because of the rain, the weather depending.

Jessica Boose, Boose Family Farm, wanting to start a second Farmers market in the evening (leaning towards Thursdays) from 5-7 pm. Looking for suggestions on locations that they could see about using. Council Member Benaka recommended the lot across the street from the ball diamonds, stone church at 8th and Washington, 6th and Washington (owns car lot). Any of those locations would be between them and the property owner. Christian Church up on the hill or El Ranchito. Council Member Bryan suggested where the vendors set up for fair. Also suggested trying in front of the Exercise Park area. The only concern with that location was parking being limited with Ball Games going on. It was also suggested to look into the church on the hill, or El Ranchito's parking lot.

Aidan Flanagan, Junior at Topeka High School, Life Scout. Talking to the City Council about his Eagle Scout Project. Looking into doing his project at the Ball Diamonds, tasks include cleaning of the scoreboards, fresh paint, replacing any burnt-out light bulbs, repainting the foul ball poles and picking up trash. Wanting to make sure it's okay with the city for him to go forward with his project. Hoping to start in May or June 2025, or anytime that works for the city, flexible until his 18th birthday.

Sharon Hester, AVA successful easter egg hunt, little over 220 kids, brought thank you cards. Touched based on the USD 437 transportation policy change. Reached out to the Superintendent for USD 437 Schools. The superintendent told her they have hired an outside company to look throughout the district and make recommendations.

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Code Enforcement

Waiting on certified letters to make their rounds to the residents in violation of code. Wanting to have on file a letter of resolution for someone that has property that needs repaired, the city cannot go repair it. Attorney Luckman said after the resolution is passed, he can prosecute them in Municipal Court.

Chief Smart

None

City Attorney Todd Luckman

None

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Estimate from Mayer (Sewer Cleaning), sent images to Ian on a problemed manhole by the 11th street lift station. Council Member Harper made a motion to approve Mayer Specialty Services to clean out the manhole in the amount of \$9,575.00. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Presented quotes for replacements of the overhead doors at the Maintenance Shop. Council Member Benaka moved to approve the quote from D&L Overhead Door for \$12,520.00 Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Talked to FirstNet, would like to purchase an iPad with data service so the Utility Workers can do all locate look ups in the field. They have iPads ranging from \$200-\$500 with an additional \$38 charge for the data service. Council Member

City Clerk

Principal Life Insurance policy is up for renewal, no rate changes. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve as presented. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

SAM Registration: tabled until we can talk to Brett Wagoner for his recommendation.

New Business

Mayor Brown along with Council Members Bryan, and Randles went to the Turnpike meeting. No real update on the turnpike, the council for SNCO told the county commissioners they are at risk of losing 9 million dollars if they don't act.

Mayor Brown, worked on the Rainbow Bridge in Heritage Park, pet memorial, for collars, tags, etc. Most of the dirt work was done today, there's still a little bit more to do. Talking about having a City-Wide ice cream social on the dedication of the rainbow bridge.

Council Member Harper, spoke to Advisors Tech, which currently has 2 servers, the HP servers operating system is almost 10 years old. Itron and shared drive, are the main functions. Thomas Bollig suggested moving the Shared Drive to the cloud. Thomas gave us a quote for an additional computer. Harper suggested looking into in house IT expert, for the City. Thomas is the administrator for our system, a person named Carol is the local administrator, need to get it updated to me. Something to think about down the road. Council Member Harper did recommend moving the Shared Drive to the cloud.

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Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown Date 4-19-2025