

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown
Present: Council Members Bryan, Randles, Harper, Benaka
Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Magwire
Absent: Council Member Trower
City Attorney Luckman, Chief Smart

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Benaka 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 Benaka motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$80,049.65 including Payroll. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Park Committee

Where wanting to propose a different name for the park located by the Civic Center on Washington Street. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the name change of the park to Community Park. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Next Park committee meeting is September 8, 2025, at 6 pm located at Heritage Park.

Citizens Forum

Derrick Keim: owner of Midwest Turf and Landscape, went to put in a separate tube for a separate driveway. Spoke with Ian about getting a permit to put the tube in for the driveway. Ian directed him to Shawnee County, for the permit for a driveway off Auburn Road, SNCO denied the permit. Requesting any resolutions, codes, or documents that address installation, spacing, locations of driveways, culvert pipes and entrances onto a public road within the city limits of Auburn. Copies of maps, documents describing the road of right away or easement of the property zoned commercial. Shawnee County's website states that they oversee maintenance of Auburn Road. Asked if the City of Auburn had a memorandum or understanding between the City of Auburn and Shawnee County relating to the review, approval, and installation of culverts, driveways or entrance onto a public road. City Attorney Luckman stated that there is none. Mayor Brown will be meeting with the County Engineer to see if this can't be resolved.

John Jenkins: owns property in Auburn, most along Auburn Road, he acquired the properties because he's always felt he can get something worked out with Superintendent Clinkenbeard or Mayor Brown. Bought the property to deal with the City of Auburn and not Shawnee County.

Chief Smart

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Absent; had numbers for the packet.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Absent

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Quote from Bascom-Turner: in need of a new CGI-FI which is a gas detector. They have one they have one that is too old, and they cannot calibrate it any longer. Council Member Benaka motions to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$4,635.01. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

2012 Flatbed is in the transmission shop: either \$6,000 to rebuild or \$7,500 to replace it. Depending on what part in the transmission is needing replaced. Council Member Harper motioned to approve \$7,500 maximum fix the transmission in the flatbed. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Streets: looking at some patching on 14th street just east of School Street, and the patch on commercial for the additional parking, 4th and school (gravel road intersection), 4th and Milton, 6th from Washington to Porter (2" mill and overlay). Council Member Benaka inquired about getting the shrubs trimmed on the NW corner of 4th and School Street. North end of Harrison and 14th Street, bush on SW corner needs trimmed or removed.

Council Member Bryan inquired about the location of the Heritage Park Sign. Plan for placement was on the west side of Commercial Street, but open to other places. There's enough room on the west side of Commercial to place the sign far enough south that it won't impede the vision of anyone pulling onto 8th street or the crosswalk flashing lights.

Fair Board: requesting another dumpster, the electrical panel placed on 14th Street they use for the dance, and the johnny on the jobs. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the expenditure for 2 handicap johnny on the job, 2 regular johnny on the job, and at max an 8-yard dumpster. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Code Compliance

700 Franklin: huge burn pile has been started, including brush and trash. Officer Hodgson spoke to them about getting a permit and getting it burnt. Will speak to them about the plastic containers and stuff in the pile that cannot be burnt.

City Clerk

Council Member Harper motioned to donate \$2,500 to the Auburn Community Center. Council Member Randles seconded. Motion approved 3:1. Council Member Benaka abstained, due to being on the Community Center board.

New Business

Pat Cox: Wastewater got a variance for the next 5 years, the KDHE made a few soft recommendations. He will be at the next meeting to present the KDOT cost share for parking lots and lay out stuff for us to look at.

Next meeting for the turnpike will be on October 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm. Open quorum.

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BCBSKS Grant: we decided against going for the Grant, would be a great addition to ours, but the city would be responsible for \$160,000.

Rainbow Bridge has been viewed over 500 times on google maps.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 9-15-2025