

**City of Auburn**  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 20, 2025

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 20, 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**

October 6, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

October 15, 2025, special 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 Bryan motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$48,173.31 including Payroll. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

**James Hilbish – Lot on Porter**

Approached city council about building on his empty lot. Attorney Luckman looked into the zoning regulations. He needs to go through the proper channels and file an application through the zoning board. Issue is there is no residential use in that lot, or an adjoining lot (i.e. the house next door), but he has residential use in the lot he owns cattycorner to the empty lot.

**Citizens Forum**

Rachel Chew; updated Council on 1050 Harrison.

Ryan Salmans; inquiring about the Lot on Porter, wondering if it's a utility easement.

Sharon Hester; Auburn Volunteer Association. Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> is the annual trunk or treat, community center has approved the use of the gym in case of rain, will be decided by Thursday night. Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> is the Community Hog Roast, AVA is doing a benefit raffle, over 50 items. Great place to come and mingle with the community.

**Chief Smart**

None.

**City Attorney Todd Luckman**

Question last time was another zoning question, occupancy of a building in a certain zone (R2). Section 2-201 Basement and Cellars may not be occupied. Section 8-506, minimum housing code. The zoning of this property is still under question. City Clerk Magwire will look into this.

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**Superintendent Clinkenbeard**

Sewer Lagoon: checks done on Monday's, the level was high on cell 1, called KRWA he came out and looked at it. He believes the pipe between cell 1 and 2 is clogged. Found a company that does diving, he'll come in and figure out why the pipe is clogged and correct the issue. \$550.00 an hour, 2 hours minimum. \$1,100 to \$2,000.00, planning on be here Thursday.

Contract agreement for Bettis, spoke to Kim today and Kim said probably springtime to be realistic.

Garage Doors are replaced and finished.

Ordering new service truck for next year; to replace the green truck. Mayor Brown suggested to table the discussion until after election.

Hired a full-time utility/maintenance worker, first day was today.

Council Member Benaka inquired about who is responsible for the maintenance of the storm water ditches. They are working on getting them cut down and taken care of.

**City Clerk**

Presented Budget to Actuals as of 9-30-2025.

**Code Compliance**

Got the paperwork, for Auburn Feed Store, to proceed with taking them to court. Attorney Luckman asked for Joe to take updated pictures.

**New Business**

County Commission meeting this morning, approved the road study in conjunction with the KTA entrance. Not just the turnpike but also continuing Auburn Rd to Highway 24. \$550,000.00 road study.

Charter Ordinance No. 5 replacement, Attorney Luckman will get this typed up.

Council Member Bryan had the 3 community service volunteers, they moved sand, and mulch. Asking for the Council to Approve Sparkling Can Co., to come and pressure wash the concrete under the Exercise Park pavilion. Will get a quote for twice a year. Superintendent Clinkenbeard also asked to inquire about the price for cleaning the trashcans once a year.

There was a little bit more vandalism at Heritage Park, the Lock on the lights for the gazebo, and turned the lights on. Janet Brown noticed it this morning. The cover needs replaced.

Mayor Brown spoke to City Engineer Pat Cox; he is working on the drawings for the Multipurpose court.

**Adjourn**

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

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Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 11-3-2025