

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2022

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 18, 2022, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

Present: Council Members Bryan, Stewart, Randles, Arpin, Potter

Chief Keys, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Temple

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Approval of July 5, 2022, meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve 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 Arpin motioned approve accounts payable ledger of \$102,664.58 including Payroll. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Carol Marple – Informed council of a proposed wind project in Osage county named Auburn Harvest Project and the possibilities for additional employment and opportunities that could result.

2023 Budget

Draft city budget was prepared by city clerk Temple and Russell Shipley, CPA. Russell Shipley presented budget summary information which included an increase in the mill levy to cover the expense of hiring a full-time police chief and a part-time maintenance employee. The Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) would exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate given by Shawnee County clerk. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve exceeding the RNR. Council Member Potter seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous. Notice to exceed the RNR to be sent to the Shawnee County clerk. RNR and Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 6, 2022, at 7pm.

07/27/2022 CD Maturity

City clerk Temple presented CD currently held with Kaw Valley Bank that will mature as of 07/27/2022. CD interest rates are higher at Landmark National Bank than Kaw Valley Bank. Council Member Potter motioned to move CD to Landmark National Bank with a 0.46 interest rate for a 6-month maturity time frame. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Gas Rate Increase Effective Date

Mayor Brown requested the gas rate increase to be amended to October 1, 2022. Council Member Potter motioned to approve the gas rate increase effective for the October billing instead of the January 2023 billing. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Council Member Arpin Nayed. Motion approved by Quorum.

Gas Turn-Off Policy

Gas ordinance pertaining to the payment/non-payment of bills and need for payment plan policy guidelines needed were discussed. Tabled to next meeting.

Fireworks Ordinance

Mayor Brown recommended amending firework ordinance to include limiting dates and times for the fireworks to be shot off. Proposed dates and times to shoot off fireworks are June 27-July 2 from 8am – 10pm and July 3-4 from 8am – Midnight. Council Member Arpin motioned to approve allowing to shoot off fireworks on the dates and times of June 27-July 2 from 8am-10pm and July 3-4 from 8am – Midnight. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Street Repair

City streets in need of repair reviewed.

Chief Keys (Robert McClelland)

None.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

None.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

General utility update.
Code compliance update.

City Clerk Temple

None.

New Business

Council Member Potter researching solar power.

Adjourn

Council Member Arpin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Potter seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Signature of Approval Mark E. Brown

Date 8-1-2022