

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 7, 2023, 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, Arpin, Potter, Stewart

City Attorney Todd Luckman, Chief Smart, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Temple

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023, meeting minutes reviewed.

Discussion progressed with Arpin questioning the process followed for the president of council nomination at the July 17, 2023, meeting. City Attorney Luckman verified an error occurred when there was not another motion to appoint a council president after the initial vote was closed by the mayor. City Attorney Luckman suggested a new discussion and motion could be done at this time to correct the error. Council Member Arpin motioned to appoint Dorothy Bryan to city council president. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Council Members Stewart and Potter abstained. Motion approved by Quorum (Arpin, Randles, Bryan).

Council Member Potter 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 Bryan motioned to approve accounts payable ledger of \$76,965.90 including Payroll. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester presented concern that both civic center refrigerators had signs reserving them for specific usage and did not appear to be available to renters who pay to use the building. The issue was addressed, and an entire refrigerator is to be intended for renter use.

Conex Boxes

Tabled to next meeting on August 21, 2023.

Police Chief Smart

Reported one officer has resigned and he has two possible applicants. July PD report was included in the meeting packet.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

No response from the bank regarding the property next to Heritage Park. Options were discussed.

Council Member Arpin motioned to dismiss to a 15-minute executive session for attorney client privilege. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

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Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Requested \$1 rate increase for utility worker who passed OQ certification. This is the standard process.

Utility Truck update.

Possible lightning strike at the Hanover lift station. Cost will be approximately \$5400 to fix. City Clerk Temple will fill out a claim for insurance if needed.

Requested approval to send 3 employees to attend a gas conference in Holton at the expense of \$450. Council Member Potter motioned to spend no more than \$450 from the Gas Fund to send 3 employees to the conference. Council Member Arpin seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

USD1 will be working on the gas regulator station at trailer park on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Bettis update for 11th Street mill and overlay. No exact date but will attempt to complete it before the fair in September.

City Clerk Temple

Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget hearings will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, beginning at 6:30p.

New Business

Mayor Brown spoke with City Engineer Pat Cox that Bettis should begin the drainage project at the beginning of November.

School crosswalk update was discussed with County Engineer Niehaus who is in favor of current plans.

Council Member Bryan requested permission to bid on 17 large metal picnic tables on Purple Wave. Council Member Arpin motioned to approve the expense not to exceed \$13,000. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Adjourn

Council Member Bryan motioned to adjourn. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Signature of Approval 

Date 8/21/2023