

**City of Auburn**  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 6, 2023

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 6, 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, Stewart, Potter, Koelzer, Randles

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

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

October 16, 2023, meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Stewart motioned to approve meeting minutes. Council Member Potter 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 Stewart motioned to approve accounts payable ledger of \$76,928.04 including Payroll. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

**Citizens Forum**

Mark Benaka has received concerns from community members questioning why a white car has been parked on the street for an extended period when there is a no parking sign on the west side of the community center. Chief Smart has been in contact with the owner to have the car moved.

Rachel Chew presented information regarding a company that will be building wind turbines in Shawnee County. There will be a group of people going to the Shawnee County Planning Commission meeting because the information has not been made public. Information will be shared as it is gathered.

Jason and Stacy Cooper voiced concern for a potential ordinance being discussed regarding vacant lot storage of RV's and vehicles. The intent of this ordinance is overstepping the landowner's rights. This point was met with agreement of all parties. The potential ordinance was not on the agenda for discussion at tonight's meeting. Council Member Shaylee Koelzer requested to discuss the ordinance. Mayor Brown advised it could be discussed during new business.

**Ordinance No. 369 Increasing Utility Rates and Fees**

Ordinance No. 369 was created regarding the increase in rates and fees for 2024 that were established at the 07/03/2023 meeting. Council Member Potter motioned to approve Ordinance No. 369. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

**Resolution No. 381 Amending Aspects of Health Care Program**

Resolution No. 381 was created regarding amending aspects of the employee health care program that were established at the 10/16/2023 meeting. Council Member Potter motioned to approve Resolution No. 381. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

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**Christmas Tree Lighting**

The annual Christmas tree lighting will be held Saturday, December 2nd at 6pm in Heritage Park.

**Chief Smart**

Requested approval to purchase new scope for current rifle. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve \$600 to purchase a new rifle scope. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

**City Attorney Todd Luckman**

Appraiser viewing and hearing for condemnation of park property will be held on November 15, 2023, at 1:30pm. The Public hearing will be at 2pm in city hall.

**Code Compliance**

Resolution No. 380 update.

**Superintendent Clinkenbeard**

Bettis street work has been completed.

Drainage work has started.

11<sup>th</sup> Street pump station pulled today. One pump is running the station until repair is completed.

The dumpster quote for gazebo tear down is \$423 for 3 days for a 40-yard dumpster.

City Christmas lights discussed.

**City Clerk Temple**

None.

**New Business**

On November 29, 2023, is a meeting with the Shawnee County Delegation at the Capital Building. The City of Auburn has been given a 15-minute timeslot at 2pm to present needs and desires for the turnpike.

Council Member Koelzer motioned to remove the vacant lot ordinance from the table. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

The city council considered draft ordinance for storage. Decided to take no action. The mayor indicated the public will be notified if the ordinance is resubmitted.

**Adjourn**

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

Signature of Approval Mark E Brown

Date 11-20-2023