

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

Present: Council Members Bryan, Potter, Koelzer, Randles

Chief Smart, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Temple

Absent: Council Member Stewart, City Attorney Todd Luckman

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2023, meeting minutes reviewed. 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 the accounts payable ledger of \$24,056.55 including Payroll. Council Member Koelzer seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

New Council Members Oath of Office

Mark Benaka, Tony Trower, and Paul Harper were sworn in as council members.

City Engineer Pat Cox

Presented "engineer's recommendation award" letter for the pedestrian cross walk project. Based on the lowest bid received at the bid letting, City Engineer Cox recommended to award the project to NF Construction of Marion, KS with the bid amount of \$247,582.71 contingent upon KDOT cost-share program approval. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve NF Construction's base bid including all 3 alternates contingent upon KDOT cost-share program approval. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

The acceptance of the bid for the crosswalk project leaves an excess of \$88,896.29 of which the city would be responsible for 25% or \$22,224.07. City Engineer Cox recommends utilizing these funds for additional sidewalk repairs. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve utilizing the excess KDOT cost-share funds for additional sidewalk repairs and authorize the city staff and city engineer to negotiate with contractor to establish contract amounts. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester of the Auburn Volunteer Association (AVA) requested the use of the civic center on March 29th-30th and the ballfield on March 30th for the community Easter egg hunt. The city council agreed.

A quarter mania fundraiser will be held on February 24th at 10am. The funds will benefit both the Auburn Volunteer Association and the community center.

Thanked Tom Randles for preparing the meat used for the hog roast.

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Landmark CDs

Three Landmark CDs mature on January 4, 2024. Rates were compared with other institutions. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve renewing the CDs for 6-months at 5.15%. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

City Hall Security Wall/Cameras

Plans to increase the security level inside city hall presented to council.

Police Department Floor Quote

Quote to replace the floor in the police department presented to council. Council Member Harper motioned to approve the quote from AR Flooring in the amount of \$2,304.81 to replace the floor in the police department. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Chief Smart

Requested increase in salaries for current police officers. Council Member Randles motioned to approve an increase of \$1.82 per hour for officers employed over 6 months. Officer employed less than 6 months will receive the usual employment increase due after 90 days. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Absent.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

The transmission is being replaced in the 2020 Ford Maintenance Truck. This is still under warranty.

The dump truck is also having maintenance work done.

City Clerk Temple

A general information sheet will be given to council members in an email before the next meeting.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 1-16-2024