

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 5, 2024

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 16, 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, Benaka, Harper, Trower, Randles

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

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024, meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the 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 \$141,830.05 including Payroll. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

City Engineer Pat Cox

Provided update for the central city stormwater project. Work on the project is beginning to resume after many delays. City Engineer Cox in concurrence with the CDBG grant administrator Brett Waggoner of Western Consultants requested a motion to approve an extension of 6 months for project completion from March 14, 2024, to September 14, 2024. Additional questions from council members were answered.

Council Member Bryan motioned to approve extension of project completion from March 14, 2024, to September 14, 2024. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Payment requests may be presented monthly for the contractor's percentage of work done. Bettis has submitted application for payment request #1 for the central city stormwater project in the amount of \$14,867.50. It is recommended this be submitted to show good faith when requesting a time extension to prove the contractor has completed a percentage of the work. Council Member Harper motioned to approve payment request #1 of \$14,867.50. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Council Member Benaka opposed. Approval of payment passed with quorum vote.

Presented pedestrian crosswalk project update. The contractor, NF Construction, completed contract documents and bonding. Any additional funds spent must be spent within the definition and scope of the project. A public pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks where the review for the needs outside of the original bids to determine where to best spend the additional available funds.

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Citizens Forum

Ryan Salsman, Auburn business owner, expressed the idea of a pickleball court at Heritage Park.

Sharon Hester, Auburn Volunteer Association (AVA) requested city support for the annual easter egg hunt. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the donation of \$500 to AVA to assist with the easter egg hunt. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Easter egg filling will be held on March 16, 2024, at 10am in the community center. All volunteers are welcome.

The annual easter egg hunt will be held on March 30, 2024.

The Quarter Mania fundraiser benefiting the community center and Auburn Volunteer Association will be held on February 24, 2024.

Annual Approval of 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code for KS Cities

Tabled to next meeting on February 20, 2024.

City Hall Security Wall Quotes

Two quotes were received for the city hall security wall project. Information was included in the meeting packet and reviewed by the city council. Council Member Bryan motioned to award the project to the lower bidder, Bussen Builders. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Chief Smart

Police department report was included in the meeting packet.

Reported Officer Fernkopf has been hired as a part-time officer.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Reported no update has been received from the county regarding the 25-foot strip property on Elvira Street.

The court computers are now operating so the park property paperwork should be processed soon.

City Attorney Luckman reported he received a citizen complaint call directly to his office on multiple occasions. He does not take calls from the public.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Council Member Harper presented an Auburn google map project he and Superintendent Clinkenbeard have been working on. The map would include up to date construction project location and more community-related information.

AED equipment needs to be updated. Quotes were handed out to the council for review. Council Member Trower motioned to approve 2 new AED units (1 each for the civic center and police vehicle) and 4 sets of pads for a total expense of \$7,476. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

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Requested a set of 4 - 2-way walkie talkie radios for easier communication between the maintenance department when phone use is distracting. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the expense of \$325 to purchase the walkie talkie radios. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

City Clerk Temple

Reported that clarifying language has been added to the civic center rental agreement due to multiple renter incidents.

New Business

Mayor Brown reported Turnpike project meetings update.

Council Member Benaka inquired about the status of the park committee and the planning and zoning board.

Council Member Benaka inquired about the status of the neighborhood speed zone survey conducted by the police department.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 2-20-2024