

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2024

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 1, 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

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

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024, meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Benaka 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 \$79,515.88 including Payroll. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester of the Auburn Volunteer Association provided Easter Egg Hunt event follow-up. Thanks all around.

Rick Kober of the Park and Recreation Commission provided information from the first committee meeting. They discussed the park grants, FreeState roundup program, ball association and ball diamonds.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting will be April 16, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Russell Shipley, CPA 2023 Financial Audit

Russell Shipley reviewed the results of the end of year 2023 financial audit.

Ordinance No. 372 Alley Vacation

City of Auburn to vacate the unnamed alley adjoining W. 8th Street and between certain lots in a block established between N. Milton Street and N. Commercial Street. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve Ordinance No. 372 vacating the alley. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved by rollcall vote, Council Member Randles – yes, Council Member Trower – yes, Council Member Benaka – yes, Council Member Harper – yes, Council Member Bryan – yes.

Park Fence Bid Consideration

Bids were presented by Superintendent Clinkenbeard for fencing along private property located near Heritage Park at 8th & Commercial Streets. Council Member Trower motioned to reject all fencing bids as the expense of fencing on private property is the responsibility of the homeowner. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

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Chief Smart

Emergency radio update. Monthly police department update included in packet.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

None.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Sewer update for N. 14th Street.

Stormwater drainage project update.

Joe Hodgson, Code Compliance Officer, introduced himself to the new members of the council.

City Clerk Temple

City hall security wall update.

Council Member Bryan reported pest information gathered from Kansas State regarding spider control in the civic center and city hall. City Clerk Temple is currently gathering quotes from pest control providers.

New Business

Council Member Bryan reported the FreeState grant was approved for new cornhole equipment at Heritage Park.

Council Member Harper reported updates to the online city map.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 4-15-2024