

**City of Auburn**  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 15, 2024

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 15, 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**

April 1, 2024, meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

March 26, 2024, special meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Bryan 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 \$610,349.10 including Payroll. Expenses were high due to the combined payment of \$452,766.45 from CDBG and city of Auburn to Bettis Asphalt and Construction for the completion of the stormwater drainage project. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

**Citizens Forum**

Auburn Ball Association parents presented concerns about the lack of action and communication from the ball association board. Parents were not aware who all the members of the board were. The mayor and city council understood their frustrations but noted the ball association is not governed by the city of Auburn. Council Member Benaka invited the parents to attend the parks and recreation commission meeting for further discussion.

**Chief Smart**

None.

**City Attorney Todd Luckman**

None.

**Superintendent Clinkenbeard**

Drainage at 10<sup>th</sup> and Harrison discussed. The city council requested the assistance of city engineer Pat Cox to review proposed plans before proceeding. Council Member Trower motioned to approve city engineer Pat Cox to review and recommend best practice for the 10<sup>th</sup> and Harrison drainage. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Update reported on the North 14<sup>th</sup> Street sewer project.

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Discussed bids received for hiring a new pest control company. All bids were less expensive than the current pest control company, Terminix. Bids were received from Wheatland Pest Control, Green Pest Solutions, and Ozark Pest Services. Council Member Trower motioned to approve Ozark Pest Services as the new pest control company for both the civic center and city hall. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Initiated price quote from Underground Vaults and Storage for destruction services. The change from Iron Mountain to Underground Vaults and Storage would be a cost savings for the city. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve hiring Underground Vaults and Storage for destruction services. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Requested direction for paying bills due before the next council meeting held on May 6th. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve a special meeting to be held at 5:30p on April 29, 2024, for the purpose of approving bills for payment. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

**New Business**

Mayor Brown reported the latest turnpike update.

Council Member Bryan reported status update on the park equipment to be purchased with the FreeState grant money.

**Adjourn**

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 4-15-2024