

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 2, 2026

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 2, 2026, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

Present: Council Members Bryan, Randles, Benaka, Trower, Harper

Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Magwire, City Engineer Pat Cox

Absent: City Attorney Luckman, Chief of Police Smart

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the corrections made. 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 \$111,721.38 including Payroll. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Pat Cox

Garrett Mills presented the plans for the Multi-purpose Court. Informed the council that there are some things that have transpired related to tree mitigation, and no tree removal from April 1st through August 1st unless you have a qualified biologist indicate there's no nesting birds or endangered species in those trees. Got councils opinion on the fence heights, access gate location, and things regarding the removable pickleball net.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester, Auburn Volunteer Association, asked the City Council for a donation for the Easter Egg Hunt. Council Member Trower motioned to approve a donation of \$500.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous. March 14, 2026, at 10 o'clock at the community center will be the egg filling.

Meter Read Charge

Council Member Benaka motion to increase the gas service charge to \$16.00. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

New Website Update

Council Member Harper went through the new website notes, and presented the screenshots received from Jayhawk Software. Discussion on whether to keep the schools and churches page open to suggestions. Also, explained the update to the meeting minutes page.

Chief Smart

Council Member Harper made the other council members aware of the incident that occurred over the weekend on his property.

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City Attorney Todd Luckman

Tabled until next meeting

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

KCC audit on February 17, 2026.

Will be meeting with Bettis within the next couple of weeks, to go over all the streets that the city is wanting to do. Wanting to tie 25 into 26 budgets, as much as we can, know what we are wanting to do for 25. A list will be put together for 26 and will see what we want to get done.

Council Member Trower motioned to approve the purchase of a New Utility Truck for \$79,350.00, starting at Foster Ford then calling the others. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

The Community Park bathroom was not made to be open 365 days a year. They want to know whether we want to try a different heater or just close the bathroom for the winter. Going to try an infrared heater to see if it works.

City Clerk

Waiting on the updated Ordinance for the Rezoning of 240 E 8th.

Reminded Council that the Turnpike zoom meeting is on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

Executive Session

Mayor Brown requested an executive session for 15 minutes.

Notifying employees going forward there will be a review of cost of living and then all merit raises will be based on achievable results as far as classes or certifications.

Council Member Bryan motioned to approve a 4% increase in pay for all full-time employees. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous. Exception for one employee, with an additional \$1.00.

Code Compliance

None.

New Business

Turnpike, the commissioners are dragging their feet due to the cost of the study.

Hopefully Bettis comes through with the timeline.

The City of Topeka is selling three crack sealers on gov deals. Superintendent Clinkenbeard will go and look at them sometime this week.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Bryan

Date 2-17-2026