

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2026

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2026, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

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

Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Magwire, City Attorney Luckman

Absent: Chief of Police Smart

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the meeting minutes as amended. 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 \$39,913.30 including Payroll. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Council Member Harper

Mayor Brown issued a formal apology to Councilman Harper for a scheduling oversight regarding a vacation. Council Member Harpers neighbor took a photo of the buffalo out at the cemetery, and it has not been applied.

The council reviewed updates to the new mobile & desktop website, including changed to the Civic Center and Parks and Rec pages. Due to form limitations, required information will be web-fillable, the rest of the building permit application will be provided as a downloadable PDF Link. Target for Website publishing is mid-May.

Presented an updated council meeting procedure, for AI meeting minutes. It will require each member to state their name during role call so the software can recognize their voice.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester, Auburn Volunteer Association; Friday, April 24th 6pm to 8pm the grade school is having their spring fling (they are needing volunteers). Saturday, April 25th quarter mania at 10 am, Saturday, May 2nd quarter mania for the Community Center at 10am. Looking at dates for Trunk or Treat. October 23, 2026, and March 26 & 27, 2027 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Also, presented thank you cards for the Easter Egg Hunt of 2026. June 6, 2026, city wide garage sales.

Chief Smart

None.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Referred to the master template; needs a line item to approve agenda, and a formal appropriation ordinance for the payment of bills. Possibility for the future need for limitations on Public Comments.

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Superintendent Clinkenbeard

The city has hired Justin Habersat as a maintenance/utility worker, his first day was today.

Met with Bettis today to go over some street repair.

The dumpster coming in on June 4th or 5th for the City-Wide garage sale is \$468.00 and \$54.00 for each day that we have it. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the City Superintendent to have 3 dumpsters available garage sale weekend. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Knox Signs, the company that has done previous work on the lights on the ball diamonds. They would come in and remove the old light pole, changing the light over to the new pole, and installation of the new pole. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve \$12,463.75 to replace a light pole and switch the lights to the new pole. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Last meeting the discussion of USDI replacing reg stations at Jay Scheidler and the Middle School \$52,854.80. These are the last two reg stations that need rehabbed. Council Member Harper motioned to approve the replacement of the two reg stations for a total of \$52,854.80. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Rock projects off School St. where the drainage is, 5 cubic yards of river rock would be \$500.00 any type of cobble stone is \$1,800.00. Resident would rather have the Cobble Stone, and doesn't think the River Rock would stay well, believes that it would take less of the Cobble Stone considering its bigger stone. Council Member Harper asked AI which one it would recommend between the two. Council Member Bryan has river rock around her house and believes it locks down nicely.

City Clerk

Presented budget to actuals as of March 31, 2026.

Code Compliance

Couple updates; there's a Conex box north of the maintenance shop temporarily for construction storage. 700 Franklin has asked for 2-3 weeks of the RV there as he fixes up the house.

Barngrover knows that he must get the yard cleaned up, the material on the fence was placed on the fence to keep the dogs from jumping the fence.

700 Washington is now working the night shift and is injured, and at the end of school something will be happening.

Mayor Brown thanked Officer Hodgson for helping with the removal and retrieval of the skate park.

New Business

Talked to Pat Cox, the pickle ball courts are almost totally designed, waiting on CDBG they have changed the rules, our grant writers are working through. The skate park was briefly spoken about but will be spoken about later, needing a 90' x 60' pad.

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Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Jack Brown

Date 4-6-2026