

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2026

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 6, 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, Chief of Police Smart, City Attorney Luckman

Absent: City Clerk Magwire

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2026, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Council Member Trower 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 Benaka motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$90,652.71 including Payroll. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Skate Park

Council Member Bryan got a skate park purchased for a total of \$82,500. Will sit on a 90' x 60' concrete pad, Joe Hodgson has built a scale model. The park consists of 3 massive pieces, several small pieces of rails, grinding rails, grinding cable, grinding benches. Concern is finding a spot to put it, and being able to use the space (basketball, tennis, etc.) if the skate park ever goes away. Rough estimate of that much concrete is going to be about 72 cubic yard, looking at \$7,000 to \$8,000 in just material. It will be stored in the maintenance yard next to the rock bin.

Council Member Harper

Motto for Website – We're Happy You're Here. All agreed to this one.

Jayhawk is working on updating the hamburger menu on the mobile site. Is also getting ride of the search bar and will be adding photos.

Podcast: listened to a podcast of the February 17, 2026, meeting here at City Hall. Council Member Benaka didn't care for the verbiage of the podcast (hostile takeover).

Citizens Forum

Jack Calcutt, introduces himself as a candidate for Shawnee County Commissioner. Discussion on Auburn needs, (turnpike, property tax, parks 'n rec support.)

Chief Smart

The truck discussed last meeting is being put back together.

Federal Grant that closes in June, has a couple of ideas, (speed monitors, vehicle cameras, CCTV Cameras for park.)

We did not get the KDOT grant.

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Does the City have an ordinance on Minibikes, and Golf Carts? Trying to put together a package to put together in the cars.

Are non-registered UTVs being ticketed, or told they need to register their UTV? The officers try to catch them when they can. Let them know that they need to get their UTV registered, most of them are pretty good about getting theirs registered.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Ad Astra/Browns Mechanic LLC; established business do they have to have restroom facilities? The City doesn't have a business code established.

Ongoing zoning issue, never resolved with Cobb. Send it to the zoning board to recommend residential or commercial. Also having issues with the dogs and blocking the sidewalk.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Update on area of Mr. Lutes property. Topsoil has been hauled in, aerated and seeded the area with both warm and cool season grass seed (about 200 lbs. of seed and 2 bags of fertilizer), and planted 4 trees. Lutes asked about damaged solar panel. Mayor Brown advised Lutes to pursue Bettis for a replacement. Council Member Trower explained the process to get repairs from them.

Update on area of Ms. Artzer's property has been seeded and fertilized. A long discussion took place on the 6' by 75' rocked area. Rent a piece of equipment to take off some soil and bring in the rock between the house and the concrete. 3- or 4-inch rock is Superintendent Clinkenbeard's recommendation. Stauffer's and Skinners had the Colorado Cobblestone for \$300 a cubic yard, more of a decorative rock, 5 or 6 cubic yards should do it. Solution would be rock, in a bigger size than what is out front of City Hall.

USDI quote, price is for the replacement of two regulator stations, replacing them during the summer. Tabled until next meeting to review budget. Price is \$52,854.80.

Bettis, still waiting, as soon as he gets an update, he will let council know.

Ball Field light pole on field one, is leaning a little bit, and about 50' up there's 3 large holes, half way through the pole and the pole is hollow going down. Possibly our next CDBG Grant would be involving the ball field.

Council Member Benaka, the new ball association, is moving forward very well, the discussions on maintenance of the infield on Diamond number 1. What was originally discussed isn't going to work. If they could use the furthest north gate on the west side of the field to get a UTV in to drag the fields.

City Clerk

None.

Code Compliance

Got ahold of the owner of the 14th and school street burnt house, got a company hired to rebuild it. Going to take about 5 months, will start once the weather is straightened out.

700 Franklin has moved out, the owner has contacted Joe and asked for more time before the home inspection is done.

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New Business

Council Member Benaka wanted to acknowledge Tom Randles for the fundraiser he put on for the ACCA. Also wanted to acknowledge Tony & Laura for the BBQ fundraiser for the new ball association.

Clothing exchange is April ~~27th~~^{25th} at the community center.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Benaka

Date 4-20-2026