

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 7, 2025

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 7, 2025, in the council chambers of Auburn City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Mayor Brown

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

City Attorney Luckman, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Magwire, Chief of Police Smart

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025, regular meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes, with the correction 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 Benaka motioned to approve the accounts payable ledger of \$68,018.44 including Payroll. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Pat Cox

Pickle Ball and basketball courts will go to the paper before noon on Wednesday, will need to have the public hearing before the end of the month. CDBG gives you a minimum City participation percentage. The city will pay 20% of the total of the grant. In theory the cost will be 45 to 50%. When we get the exact date for the public hearing, he will let us know, possible need for a special meeting.

Final audit tomorrow with CDBG, and Sara Waggoner at 10:30 am.

After we advertise and have our public hearing the application doesn't go to CDBG until August 15, 2025.

Citizens Forum

Sharon Hester, AVA, wanted to ask for the use of the Civic Center, October 24th, 2025, for trunk 'or treat. Sunday, October 26th, 2025, Community Center Hog Roast, tentatively.

Chief Smart

June is the end of the year; all the reports got turned in. Audit from Highway patrol, for logins for running tags.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Ordinance No. 377- deferred until the next meeting.

3 Mile limit – statue – a city must pass an ordinance that their planning commission board oversees zoning for 3 miles. The county and City would have to agree to allow the City of Auburn to control zoning. Need a new comprehensive plan, then amend zoning ordinance. Todd will talk to the County Attorney.

Superintendent Clinkenbeard

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KCC requires a Mass Mailing, for Fall and Spring. Paradigm takes care of including everything that is required in the mass mailing. Council Member Benaka motioned to approved Paradigm, for \$2,651.00. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Spoke to a gal with KDHE about the proper procedure to filling in the well. Flowable fill is \$109 a yard. Little under \$1,200 to fill the well. Council Member Benaka motioned to approve the amount of \$1,200 to fill and seal the well. Council Member Trower seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimous.

Jay Schielder, doing work on the south side of the building. Having to lower the gas line. The City will pay for it but will be reimbursed by the school district.

Property north of the Maintenance Shop is doing a lot of yard work. Neighbor north is willing to take the fence and the trees out while he had the equipment there. Consensus of allowing him to take the fence and trees out.

City Clerk

Presented Budget to Actuals as of 6-30-2025.

Code Compliance

1531 N Washington – Certified Letter, stating the city was not satisfied with their fixing of the violations.

Neighbor to the south, Auburn Tire, rents trailers out, and looks like they are dumping behind the building.

New Business

Problems with the new bathroom, until Superintendent Clinkenbeard hires another hand. Council Member Bryan is volunteering her time to clean the bathroom. Vandalism isn't the issue just kids being kids.

Council Member Benaka has heard some feedback on how to use it and are unsure of how to turn the pet faucet on. The turn-on is on the back side of the fountain.

Council Member Benaka, inquiring about 1250 Milton Street, Officer Hodgson will make sure that it is all cleaned up.

Saturday, Ice Cream Social and foam machine, for the dedication of the Rainbow Bridge at Heritage Park.

Council Member Harper, the state law now allows the sell of Fireworks starting earlier, June 20, 2025. Inquiring if the city is allowing this as well for 2025.

Is the City hiring for a general maintenance position? Superintendent states that they are going to be cross trained in gas as well.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval 

Date 7/21/2025