

City of Auburn
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 5, 2024

The Auburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 5, 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, Trower, Randles, Harper, Benaka

City Attorney Luckman, Chief Smart, Superintendent Clinkenbeard, City Clerk Temple

Absent:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Previous Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024, meeting minutes reviewed. Council Member Trower motioned to approve the meeting minutes. 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 \$77,482.02 including Payroll. Council Member Bryan seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Council Member Benaka requested to add the check numbers to the unpaid bills report.

Citizens Forum

None.

Meals on Wheels Contract Renewal

Meals on Wheels contract annual renewal for use of the Civic Center presented. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve the Meals on Wheels contract. Council Member Harper seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Chief Smart

Requested to activate internet at the civic center for security cameras. The internet will cost approximately \$100 per month. The camera expense would be a one-time purchase of approximately \$300. Council Member Bryan motioned to approve activation of the internet at the civic center and the purchase of cameras not to exceed the expense of \$400. Council Member Benaka seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Informed council Auburn Plains has requested help enforcing the posted speed limit through the apartment complex. The council recommends installation of speed bumps due to the issue happening on private property.

City Attorney Todd Luckman

Reported the preliminary hearing for the L. Lee property is scheduled for September 3, 2024.

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Superintendent Clinkenbeard

Reported street updates including the project at 10th and Washington Streets.

Reported gas updates including 58th and Wanamaker Street, 53rd and Lincolnshire, Bayshore leak by house repair, and Southpoint repair.

Requested approval to rent vac trailer for the expense of \$1,755 for the time frame of 1 week clean up gas valves. Council Member Harper motioned to approve the rental of a vac trailer for the expense of \$1,755. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Reported the trees were trimmed around the park due to damage from the storm.

Council Member Bryan inquired about the need for an additional utility worker. After discussion Council Member Benaka motioned to approve advertising and taking applications for a utility worker position. Council Member Randles seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

City Clerk Temple

None.

Code Compliance Officer Joe Hodgson

Reported the Park Drive property with the Connex in the driveway is supposed to be moved out by the end of August.

Reported the Milton Street property continues to show some improvement.

Reported the Harrison Street property was informed of city code violations. The property owner is aware the city will charge him for cleaning up if action is taken.

Inquired if there is an option to send past due maintenance bills to the collection agency versus putting the amount due on the tax roll. City Attorney Luckman stated that the city could check into it. City clerk Temple will contact the collection agency for information to report at the next council meeting.

New Business

Council Member Bryan motion to give Lexi Copp a \$100 gift card to thank her for painting the ball dugouts. Council Member Benaka seconded the motion. Motion approved Unanimous.

Council Member Bryan reported the concrete work is scheduled to start Tuesday for gazebo and cornhole game in Heritage Park.

Council Member Bryan thanked the council for their approval to bid on 6 picnic tables. Her bid won with the expense of \$3,540. The park committee will determine the distribution of the tables between the city parks.

Council Member Harper reported the city map link has been loaded on the auburnks.com website.

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Council Member Trower inquired if it is common for the city to clean up trees on private property after storms. This was a special circumstance due to the severity of the storm. Any storm damage cleanup will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Council Member Randles would like to donate a large tractor tire to the city for possible park use.

Council Member Benaka reported for the Parks and Rec committee. Discussions at the meeting included Heritage Park shading, and signage on Washington Street for the fitness park. Also reported the spray event held on August 2, 2024, was successful and there would like to plan and recruit help for spray events in the future.

Adjourn

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

Signature of Approval Mark Brown

Date 8-19-2024