

**City of Auburn**  
**Special City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Berola with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance of all present.

Mayor Berola called for the roll. Present were Mayor Berola, Clerk Warwick, Alderman Powell, Alderman Marquis, Alderman Garrett, Alderman Hemmerle, Alderman Karhliker, Alderwoman Sheppard, Alderman Johnson, Attorney Justin Onken for Attorney Moredock. Absent were Treasurer Williams and Alderman Royer.

Clerk Warwick gave the second reading of an ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the City of Auburn, Illinois for the year ending December 31, 2021 (payable in 2022). A motion was made by Alderman Garrett to pass the ordinance, second by Alderman Johnson.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Royer

Alderman Garrett spoke with three of the four owners regarding changes to the liquor code and the only issue that was mentioned was the limit to special use permit for events, it is currently limited to six. Mayor Berola stated he would talk to Attorney Moredock about updating that part of the liquor code ordinance. There was one other clarification that was to be added, that all employees must exit the premises thirty minutes after the closing time for establishments (1:00 AM). Attorney Onken stated that any changes not in the draft are items that were not being changed. Slaughterhouse had additional questions about glassware that can be used in a beer garden.

Alderman Karhliker reported that the bid letting for the Divernon Road bridge will be at the beginning of 2023. The current bridge width is 24 feet, and the engineer is checking to see what the cost would be to widen the road to 30 feet to better accommodate larger vehicles. Alderman Johnson stated that this would need to be closely reviewed because of the flood plain by the bridge for Sugar Creek.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:13 PM by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. Taken by voice vote.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Marquis, Powell, Karhliker, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Royer

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Warwick  
City Clerk of Auburn