

City of Auburn
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 22, 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, Treasurer Williams, Alderman Powell, Alderman Marquis, Alderman Garrett, Alderman Royer, Alderman Hemmerle, Alderwoman Sheppard, Alderman Karhliker, Alderman Johnson, Superintendent Henson, and Office Manager Ponsler. Absent were Chief Campbell and Attorney Moredock.

Mayor Berola recommended Ron Appelt as the new city building inspector, he will be paid \$100 per month plus \$50 for each home inspection and \$25 for each shed, fence, pool inspection, etc. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to approve Ron Appelt as the new building inspector, second by Alderman Johnson.

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

Alderman Johnson recommended looking at the current pricing for the permit fees.

Clerk Warwick presented the February 7, 2022 meeting minutes for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sheppard to approve the minutes, second by Alderman Marquis.

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

Treasurer Williams presented the bills list from February 8, 2022, to February 22, 2022, for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sheppard to approve the bills list, second by Alderman Karhliker.

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

Treasurer Williams presented the January 2022 cash report for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sheppard to approve the January 2022 cash report, second by Alderman Johnson.

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

Treasurer Williams presented the budget report for the council's information, no action was needed.

Treasurer Williams presented the January 2022 Video Gaming Report the city's share was \$9,484.53, which was \$2,652.38 less than December 2021 and \$3,982.35 less than a year ago, January 2021. The fiscal year-to-date total was \$101,374.60.

Mayor Berola moved Attorney Moredock's report to the end of the meeting in case he was able to attend.

Chief Campbell was not present, he previously informed the mayor he had nothing to report.

Superintendent Henson had no report but stated they are ready for the next snowfall.

Office Manager Ponsler had no report. Alderman Garrett asked about the utility customers that asked for a slight extension on payments. Ponsler reported that all that had asked for an extension met their commitments and there were no issues.

Alderman Johnson had no report for the Administration Committee. He wants to schedule a Public Utilities committee meeting soon.

Alderman Karhliker had no report for the Public Works committee.

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Alderwoman Sheppard had no report for the Health & Safety committee.

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Alderman Hemmerle reported there will be a Parks committee meeting on March 2, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Alderman Johnson asked about the final loan closing amendment for L175701 – Phase I, Officer Manager Ponsler noted that the paperwork needs to be signed but there is no action needed by the council.

Clerk Warwick had no report for the Economic Development committee.

Alderwoman Sheppard asked about the cleaning of the city offices, Superintendent Henson has been filling the void while his person is out on disability. The mayor will follow up with Chief Campbell about the officers cleaning up their area of the building.

Alderman Royer presented an update on the sound system for the city square. He will have the final numbers at the next meeting. The initial plan is to replace two of the light poles with sound and LED lights, and the other two with LED lights only.

The city did not qualify for the Route 66 grant that was reported at the previous meeting.

Mayor Berola presented the first reading of Resolution 92-22 approving the easement for Ben Royer (511 North 5th Street).

Mayor asked for an executive session under 2(c)(11) for pending litigation.

Alderman Garrett asked for suggestions regarding sidewalks in the city that need replacement.

Alderman Karhliker asked about a sidewalk on East Washington Street, there have been issues with getting a hold of the homeowner.

A motion was made by Alderman Garrett to go into executive session regarding pending litigation, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. Taken by voice vote.

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

A motion to come back into regular session from the executive session was made by Alderman Garrett at 7:37 PM, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. Taken by voice vote.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:38 PM by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. Taken by voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Warwick
City Clerk of Auburn