

**City of Auburn
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 19, 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.

Clerk Sponsler took roll. Present were Mayor Berola, Clerk Sponsler, Treasurer Williams, Alderman Garrett, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Karhliker, Alderman Marquis, Alderman Powell, Alderman Royer, Alderwoman Sheppard, Alderman Hemmerle.

Also present were Superintendent Henson, Chief Campbell, Attorney Moredock and Andrew Jarmer, a new associate at Sorling Northrup.

City Clerk's Report:

Clerk Sponsler presented the September 6, 2022, meeting minutes for the council's review and approval. Alderman Royer made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Alderman Marquis.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams presented the bills list from September 7, 2022-September 19, 2022 for the council's review and approval. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sheppard to approve the bills list, second by Alderman Johnson.

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

Treasurer Williams presented the August 2022 Cash Report for the council's review and approval. Alderwoman Sheppard made a motion to approve the August 2022 Cash Report, second by Alderman Johnson.

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

Attorney's Report

Attorney Moredock introduced Andrew Jarmer, a new associate at Sorling Northrup, who was in attendance to observe the City Council meeting.

Attorney Moredock presented Resolution 90-22, Safe Routes to Schools RFQ for second reading. Alderman Karhliker made a motion, second by Alderman Powell.

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

Attorney Moredock presented Ordinance 1522-22, Right of Way Permit. The function of this ordinance is for the city to be able to fine companies for striking utility lines. Alderman Royer asked if the wording could be changed slightly to include labor costs and to specify the use of the word "located". This will be presented again at the next meeting.

Department Heads

Chief Campbell:

Chief Campbell requested an executive session for personnel. He let the council know that McDermid scored a 100 on his first test. Chief Campbell also let the council know that he is working on a temporary liquor application and will need a changed ordinance for this.

Superintendent Henson:

Superintendent Henson provided the council with an update on the fiber being installed around town. The city employees are very busy. There have been some complaints from homeowners around town for various reasons such as no notification of the work being done, a language barrier, trespassing, and tearing up homeowner's yards. There was a discussion about determining the right of way vs private property. If homeowners think that the companies are trespassing, the homeowners would need to call the police, but the exact property lines vs right of way would need to be located to proceed. A pattern would need to be documented to get an injunction.

Office Manager:

No Report

Committee Reports

Administration:

Alderman Johnson wants to set a committee meeting to go over the BCBS renewal in December. It was mentioned that they should look for other insurance options in addition to the new rates for BCBS.

Public Works:

Alderman Karhliker

Benton's proposed an agreement to start the design and construction design for the Safe Routes to Schools. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Public Utilities:

Jamie from Benton's presented the Pay Request #11 from Petersburg Plumbing and Excavating, LLC. in the amount of \$191,933.87, paid through the EPA Loan. A motion was made to approve the pay request by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderwoman Sheppard.

AYES: Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, Royer, Sheppard, Garrett, Hemmerle

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

Jamie also presented Change Order #3 from Petersburg Plumbing and Excavating, LLC. In this change order, there was a time change due to having to wait for Ameren and the availability of equipment. The cost decreased by \$56,651.36. A motion was made to approve Change Order #3 by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Karhliker.

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

Last, Jamie presented Amendment #4 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Benton & Associates, Inc. A motion was made to approve Amendment #4 by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Powell.

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

A Public Utilities Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Health & Safety:

Alderman Garrett presented that he and Chief Campbell are ready to move forward with the new Police/Community building. We need to start an RFQ for the potential building. Garrett asked for advice for who we contact to get this project started. Jamie from Benton's said that we need to start with an RFQ for the design, need to gather a list of architects. The city needs to have some funds ready to spend.

Health & Housing:

The owner of 514 N. 5th Street were in attendance to discuss their property that has been declared a nuisance. The property was first declared a nuisance on September 2, 2021. Fines of \$800 have been accrued. The owner was notified that if the property was not cleaned up fines would be accrued at \$100 per day per the city's ordinance.

There was a discussion about a house on Kennedy that is in the process of building a 6-foot privacy fence in front of the house. This is a violation and is now on record as of the date of the meeting, September 19, 2022.

There was also discussion about the new structure being built on Jackson St. The structure is different from what was originally proposed, but there is a building permit on file so they are not in violation of anything at this point.

Parks:

No report.

Economic Development:

Alderman Garrett's goal is to work with Wayde Rathgeber to bring economic data to the council, so everyone understands the impact of each business and what they mean to the community.

Adjournment:

Alderman Garrett made a motion to exit regular session and move to executive session at 8:47 pm, second by Alderman Royer. A voice vote was taken.

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

A motion was made to exit executive session at 8:58 pm by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. A voice vote was taken.

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

A motion was made to come back to regular session from executive session at 8:59 pm by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. A voice vote was taken.

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

Alderman Garrett made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:59 pm, second by Alderman Royer. A voice vote was taken.

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