

**City of Auburn
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

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 Karhliker, Alderman Garrett, Alderman Marquis, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Crissey.

Also present were Office Manager Rathgeber, Chief Campbell, Superintendent Henson, and Attorney Andrew Jarmer.

Absent were Alderman Hemmerle, Alderman Sheppard, and Alderman Royer.

Mayor's Comments:

Visitor's Comments:

Derek Lee from Slaughterhouse was in attendance. He discussed some hardships with the Council. He also discussed some possible upcoming changes to his business in hopes of expanding.

City Clerk's Report:

Clerk Sponsler presented the June 5, 2023 meeting minutes for review and approval. Alderman Karhliker made a motion to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

Clerk Sponsler asked the Council if they would pay for two clerk organization memberships. The Municipal Clerks of Illinois and Central Illinois Municipal Clerks Organization. The yearly cost for MCI is \$55 and the cost for CIMCO is \$30. Alderman Garrett made a motion to approve paying \$85 per year for Clerk Sponsler to join both organizations, second by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams presented the Bills List from June 5, 2023 to June 16, 2023. Alderman Marquis made a motion to approve the bills list, second was made by Alderman Garrett.

AYES: Karhliker, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: Garrett

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

Treasurer Williams presented the Budget Report for the June 20, 2023 Meeting. A final budget is not finalized yet, it should be ready by the next meeting.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jarmer presented the first reading of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sangamon County Public Health Department Regarding Animal Control Services. The total cost would be \$326.25.

Attorney Jarmer presented the second reading of Resolution 96-23 A Resolution to Include Taxable Expense Allowances as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund ("IMRF") Earnings. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, second made by Alderman Marquis.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

Attorney Jarmer also presented the second reading of Resolution 97-23 A Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund ("IMRF") Earnings. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson, second by Alderman Garrett.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

Department Heads

Chief Campbell:

Chief Campbell said they have a verbal notification from Officer McDermand that he has accepted a position in Jacksonville. The police department is struggling to find certified police officers. A lot of the applications they have received are for non-certified officers.

Superintendent Henson:

Superintendent Henson told the council that there will be an MFT bid opening for rock, oil, and salt, on July 3, 2023 at 9 am.

Office Manager Rathgeber:

Office Manager Rathgeber would like to hire Crystal Wentzel for the office assistant position with a start date of July 5, 2023. She would work opposite Lori's schedule, two full days and a half day. He would like to set her pay at \$19/hour. Alderman Garrett made a motion to hire Crystal Wentzel at \$19/hour effective July 5, 2023. A second was made by Alderman Johnson.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

In regard to the Kennedy Road Property, Attorney Jarmer has sent the paperwork for closing on the property, which is set for 1 pm on June 23, 2023.

Committee Reports

Administration-Johnson: Alderman Johnson met with Wayde on Thursday to go over the budget. We should see a draft budget by the next meeting. For now, the council can look at the budget worksheet and compare it to previous years.

Public Works-Karhliker: Alderman Karhliker told the council that they had to get three easements for the Divernon Road Bridge project. Mayor Berola has already signed them. They are \$300 a piece and needs to be sent to Arlen Williams as soon as possible.

Public Utilities-Johnson: There was no date set for the next committee meeting. Jamie is on vacation. He wants to discuss the transaction fees on Front Desk and how to handle them. He also wants to discuss the water rate increase.

Health & Safety-Marquis: They would like to hire Jaelyn Buckingham for the Administrative Aide for the Police Department position. He would like to start her pay at \$21/hour with a start date of July 5, 2023. A motion was made to hire Jaelyn Buckingham at \$21/hour effective July 5, 2023. A second was made by Alderman Garrett.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle

Health & Housing-Royer: Alderman Royer was absent.

Parks-Hemmerle: Alderman Hemmerle was absent.

Economic Development-Garrett: Alderman Garrett said they have received the easement agreements; they are still waiting on a couple of property owners.

Building Committee-Garrett: Alderman Garrett said they need new language from Attorney Jarmer on the engineering design for the new building.

He set a Building Committee meeting for June 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Other Business:

Alderman Garrett wanted a correction made in the paper. At one meeting it was said that he said money from the sale of Redbud Park was going to the Parks Department, but what he actually said was only a portion of the sale will go to the Parks Department.

Adjournment

Alderman Garrett made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm, second made by Alderman Marquis. A voice vote was taken.

AYES: Karhliker, Garrett, Marquis, Johnson, Crissey

NAYES: None

PRESENT: None

ABSENT: Royer, Sheppard, Hemmerle