

Auburn City Council work session was held at 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the 14th day of March 2022 for Council continuing education on city budgets and finances.

6:00 pm a public hearing was held on the proposed FY23 Budget that was published on March 4st, 2022. No resident or taxpayer objections to, or arguments in favor of proposed FY23 Budget. Public hearing was closed at 6:01pm.

Auburn City Council regular meeting was held on the 14th day of March 2022 in City Hall. Mayor Richard Heim called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with a roll call vote as following; Jane Barto, Linda Rath, Nick Meister, Robert Theulen, and Deb Ludwig.

A motion was made by Councilor Theulen and seconded by Councilor Meister approving the consent agenda including agenda, minutes from the February 14th, 2022, council meeting, approval of claims, Sheriff's report, and payroll. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Rath, Meister, Theulen, Ludwig and Barto. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Larry Pudenz requested permission to burn a tree pile behind his house and requested the city reconnect a unmetered water line that runs from the main to a water hydrant at the back of his property that was capped in 2019 due to a leak. Mr. Pudenz stated that since that water line was disconnected, he has had an issue of his toilet getting a black ring. Mr. Pudenz shared pictures with the council of his toilet. Mr. Pudenz is requesting that the line get reconnected so that the water line could be flushed. A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Ludwig that further investigation is to be done on Mr. Pudenz flush water line. Motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Barto, Rath, Meister, Theulen, and Ludwig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Rath that no expectation to Auburn City Code of Ordinance 105.5 Open Burning Restriction be allowed and that Mr. Pudenz cut up if necessary the tree pile behind his house and take it to the city yard waste dump. Motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Theulen, Meister, Rath, Barto. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Paul Sievers with the Iowa Central Antique Pullers stated that he would like to bring dirt in for the Annual Tractor Pull and would like to know where the property line is near the city shop. A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen to allow Paul Sievers to add clay to the city property to extend the tractor pull boundaries. Motion was duly put to the Council. Ayes: Barto, Rath, Meister, Theulen and Ludwig. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jason Ludwig of Yetter Locker stated that he was looking into purchasing a business in town and inquired if the City is interested in sell city owned property adjacent to said property. City Council requested additional information. Mr. Ludwig indicated he would have the additional information by the next regular city council meeting.

Resolution 22-05 – Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as published in the Times Herald on March 4th, 2022 was offered by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen. On roll call vote: Ayes: Barto, Ludwig, Meister, Rath, and Theulen. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 22-05 duly adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Meister and seconded by Councilor Ludwig to proceed with establishing an Urban Renewal Area and a Tax Increment Financing District to offer tax rebates to a new business within city limits. Motion was duly put to the Council. Ayes: Rath, Meister, Theulen, Ludwig and Barto. Nays: none. Motion carried.

City Council reviewed the Electric Engineer Capital Improvement Survey and examined the Electric Utility Revenue Requirement Study. A motion was made by Councilor Meister and seconded by Councilor Theulen to increase electrical rates by 3%. Motion was duly put to the Council. Ayes: Meister, Theulen, Ludwig, Barto, Rath. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Meister instructing Mayor Heim and Robert to get quotes for a Generator with service contract for the Community Building. Motion was duly put to the Council. Ayes: Theulen, Ludwig, Barto, Rath, and Meister. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Rath instructing the City Clerk to contact Region XII about updating the city’s Emergency Management Plan. Motion was duly put to the Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Barto, Rath, Meister, and Theulen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Councilor Barto reported on Auburn Hometown Pride Reiman Park project plans. A Motion was made by Councilor Theulen and seconded by Councilor Meister that the City of Auburn have Reiman Park land Surveyed. Motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Barto, Rath, Meister, Theulen, and Ludwig. Nays: none.

City Clerk, Public Works Department, Mayor, Hometown Pride Committee and Sac Co Solid Waste Board gave reports.

The City Clerk reported the following receipts and bill that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	135.96
AL'S CORNER	PROPANE	941.13
AMERICAN EXPRESS	DVD	39.64
AUBURN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	ELECTRIC BILL	1495.57
AUBURN ST.MARY ORATORY	APRIL 2022 RENT	375.00
AYERS DISTRIBUTING	BINGO SUPPLIES	112.18
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	213.96
BORDER STATES ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	280.55
CARROLL BROADCASTING	RADIO AD	75.00
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE	SANITATION CONTRACT	1367.40
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	79.84
CITY OF AUBURN	COPIES	7.00
COUNSEL	COPIER SUPPLIES	58.17
CULLIGAN	SUPPLIES	22.79
DAILY TIMES HERALD	PUBLICATION	79.11
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE	32.96
EFPTS	FED/FICA TAX	1785.04
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	290.00
FUSEBOX	WEBSITE MAINT.	285.00
GIS BENEFITS	LIFE INSURANCE	35.39
GREAT AMERICAN FINANCIAL	COPIER LEASE	91.00
GRINNELL MUTUAL	INSURANCE	2892.00
HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER	ELECTRIC	28609.77
HY - VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	BINGO KITCHEN SUPPLIES	62.51
IAMU	DUES	1709.00
IOW MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER	2022 DUES	50.00
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	949.27
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS AND POST	170.50
IOWA SAVINGS BANK	ACH FEE	15.00
IPERS	IPERS	1334.70
J3RED MARKETING LLC	GPT KIOSK/ENTRACE SIGH	602.50
LAKE CITY FOOD CENTER	BINGO KITCHEN SUPPLIES	81.42
LAKE VIEW RESORT	NEWSPAPER	
MID AMERICAN	SUBSCRIPTION	23.00
MIDWEST MUNICIPAL TRASMISSION	ELECTRIC	11.72
	DUES	135.00

	PERIODIC EXAMINATION	
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	FEE	1500.00
OPTIONS INK	SUPPLIES	236.14
RACCOON VALLEY ELECTRIC	MAINT. AGREEMENT	500.00
SARGENT DRILLING	PAYMENT NO. 4	88753.59
SCOTT GREVE	WATER OPERATOR	100.00
THE BOOK FARM	BOOKS	189.68
US CELLULAR	PHONE	163.54
	WATER TOWER	
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	CONTRACT	815.22
VAN METER INC.	SUPPLIES	85.48
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	ENGINEERING SERVICE	1607.17
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	3768.67
WESTERN AREA POWER ADMIN	ELECTRIC	3300.97
BTC, INC	INTERNET SERVICE	312.41
WEX BANK	FUEL	249.95
WINDSTREAM	PHONE	108.04
		146139.94

	REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE
GENERAL	4930.57	26086.54	115840.01
BINGO FUND	25455.30	375.00	31614.96
ROAD USE TAX	2915.72	1983.00	61472.33
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	0.00	4492.22	1567.75
EMERGENCY LEVY	0.00	0.00	1028.38
LOCAL OPTION	0.00	0.00	102982.07
GRANT PARK TRAIL			
PROJECT	0.00	401.72	414251.71
ARPA FUNDS	0.00	0.00	22802.25
WATER	7587.42	5239.69	45622.47
WATER PROJECT	11818.00	0.00	59331.83
SEWER	6403.06	906.11	82821.73
SEWER SINKING FUND	0.00	0.00	4347.21
ELECTRIC	22533.93	24861.43	315103.49
	81644.00	64345.71	1258786.19

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Theulen, Meister, Rath, Barto, and Ludwig. Nays: none
Motion carried meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Richard Heim, Mayor

Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk