

A Special Auburn city council meeting was held on the 17th day of June 2020 in the basement of City Hall. Mayor Richard Heim called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a roll call as following; present Rick Carlyle, Cindy Finley, Jane Barto, and Robert Theulen. Absent: Randy Schulte.

A motion was by Councilor Theulen and seconded by Councilor Carlyle to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j). 5:02 pm the city council entered into closed session. 5:18pm the city council went back into open session. A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen to survey the proposed properties and authorize Mayor to sign a formal restate contract. Ayes: Carlyle, Finley, Barto, and Theulen. Nays: None. Absent: Schulte. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen to replace the electric pole located Next to the alley near the welding shop since the pole is in such poor condition. The estimated cost of the new pole is 5196.79. Ayes: Theulen, Carlyle, Finley, and Barto. Nays: None. Absent: Schulte. Motion carried.

King Welding reported to the city council that they are experiencing low voltage when they use the different machinery in the shop and requested that the city put a single transformer for the shop. The city council requested that Racoon Valley Electric Cooperative to be present at the next regular meeting to give additional information on the low voltage issue they are experiencing. The City will also reach out to the City Electrical Engineer for additional information. The City Council will discuss this at the next regular council meeting July 13th,2020.

The city council discussed the following financial cuts due to the unknown economic impact due to COVID-19 pandemic and to address citizen's concerns over the utility rate increase due to the mandatory sewer and water infrastructure and repairs.

- Eliminating wages for Mayor and Council for the remainder of FY20 and FY21
- Freezing all mileage, meetings, conferences expenses for Mayor, Council and employees except banking mileage and required travel for the employees to maintain their current certifications.
- No new memberships for the city and review current memberships and determine if the memberships are necessary.
- Freeze buying any new equipment or machinery for FY21.
- Reducing the purchasing of supplies unless it is necessary.
- Furlough the Utility Clerk position
- Freeze Employee's salaries for 1 year.

The city council will review these changes at the next regular council meeting on July 13th, 2020.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Finley to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Carlyle, Schulte, Finley, Barto, and Theulen. Nays: None. Meeting Adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Richard Heim, Mayor
Attest: Tamara Nuckolls