

City of Auburn

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Council meeting- 2nd Monday

Tammy Nuckolls, Clerk

Robert Rath, Supt. D.P.W.

Library Board

Amy Thobe, President

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Pam Hospelhorn

Tom Gorman

Chris Reed

Temporary

Library Hours

Mon - 9am - 6:30pm

Tues - 9 am - 6:30 pm

Wed - 9 am - 6:30 pm

Thurs -9 am - 6:30 pm

Closed for lunch

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

*A full and executed copy of the Minutes , Ordinances Resolutions as of April 2020 are available on the city website: www.auburnia.net

Minutes are published in The Times Herald As of June 2015

AUBURN NEWS

May 2020

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Auburn City Council held a public hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 proposed budget on April 13th, 2020 at 6:00 pm as published in The Times Herald on April 3rd, 2020. Due to federal and state government recommendations in response to COVID-19 pandemic conditions, the meeting was held via Zoom at the following website address: www.auburnia.net. No resident or taxpayer were present either for or against. Hearing was closed. The City Council of the City of Auburn, Iowa, met on April 13, 2020, at 6 o'clock pm. The City Council met electronically via Zoom at the following website address: www.auburnia.net. This meeting was conducted electronically due to federal and state government recommendations in response to COVID-19 pandemic conditions, pursuant to Governor Reynolds' Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 19, 2020. Electronic access information included in the posted agenda of this public meeting. Mayor Richard Heim called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with a roll call as following; present Jane Barto, Rick Carlyle, Cindy Finley and Randy Schulte. Absent: Robert Theulen. A motion by Councilor Schulte and seconded by Councilor Finley to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes of the March 9th, 2020 council meetings, claims to pay, payroll report, and Sheriff's report. Ayes: Schulte, Barto, Carlyle, and Finley. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Motion carried.

City Clerk received one sealed bid for the tree trimming and removal bid. City Clerk opened bid from Western Iowa Tree Services. Western Iowa Tree Services bid was \$1935.00. No other bids were submitted. A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Schulte. Ayes: Barto, Carlyle, and Schulte. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Motion carried. Work is to be completed by April 30, 2020.

Resolution 20-11 – Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as published in the Times Herald on April 3rd, 2020. Was offered by Councilor Barto and Seconded by Councilor Schulte. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Barto, Finley, Carlyle, and Schulte. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Where unto the Mayor declare the said resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-12 – Approving the Transfer of Funds from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund to The General Fund was offered by Councilor Finley and seconded by Councilor Barto. On roll call vote: Carlyle, Schulte, Finley, and Barto. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Where unto the Mayor declare the said resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-13 – Approving Contract and Performance and/or Payment Bonds for the Wastewater Treatment Lagoon and Improvements Project was offered by Councilor Schulte and seconded by Councilor Finley. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Finley, Barto, Schulte, and Carlyle. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Where unto the Mayor declare the said resolution adopted.

Resolution 20-14 – To Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$300,000 was offered by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Carlyle. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Carlyle, Barto, Finley, and Schulte. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Where unto the Mayor declare the said resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Finley approving Western Iowa Network VPS Auburn 16 project application and authorizing the city clerk to sign approved application. Ayes: Schulte, Carlyle, Finley, and Barto. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Finley and seconded by Councilor Barto approving Iowa DOT application and Agreement for Use of Highway Right-of-Way for Utilities Accommodation and authorize city clerk to sign approved applications. Ayes: Schulte, Carlyle, Barto, and Finley. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Schulte to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Carlyle, Schulte, Finley, and Barto. Nays: None. Absent: Theulen. Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 pm. *

Richard Heim, Mayor
Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, City Clerk

CITY SEWER RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2020

The City of Auburn's sewer rates will be increasing the current rates are as followings

Current Rates

Base Rate , including the first 1000 gallons -\$12.00

All over 1,000 gallons used per month - \$3.00 per 1,000

On January of every year shall increase by 5.0% over the rates established in the previous year.

New Rates effective July 2020

Base Rate, including the first 1000 gallons per month - \$30.00

All over 1,000 gallons used per month - \$6.00 per 1,000

On January of every year shall increase by 3.0 % over the rates established in the previous year

Why do the rates need to increase?

In 2017 the city received notice from the Department of Natural Resource (DNR) that our e coli tests were out of range. The city hired an engineer to investigate the problem and found that many of the gates and valves in the lagoon were not working. Over the last few years, the city has been working with the engineer planning and designing the repairs. March of 2020 the city took bids for this project and November 2020 the construction will begin the \$300,000 project to meet the DNR requirements.

**All city buildings & parks are closed due to COVID-19
until further notice.**

City employees will still be available by phone:

Library 712-688-2264

City Clerk and Public Works 712-660-1171

Please use one of the following options to pay your utility bill:

1. Mail payment
2. Drop payment off in the utility drop at the city building
3. Call and email if you would like to set up an automatic withdraw from your savings or checking account

Auburn Public Library

The Auburn Public Library will remain closed to walk-in traffic as it works on a phased reopening plan. We will continue to provide curbside pickup services for books and DVDs. Call the Library at 712-688-2264 on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am—6:30 pm (closed Noon - 1:00pm) to request your items. The Auburn Public Library Facebook page has instructions on how to search the online catalog, or Donetta can help you with your selections. Printing and Fax services are also available, call the Library to make arrangements.

We are in the process of retooling our Summer Reading Program. This summer we will be providing weekly take home craft/activity kits instead of gathering for group activities. Details and dates will be coming soon—watch the Auburn Public Library Facebook page or call us.