

## City of Auburn

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### City Information

Richard Heim, Mayor  
Council

Jane Barto  
Deb Ludwig  
Nick Meister  
Linda Rath  
Bob Theulen  
Council meeting- 2nd Monday

Tammy Nuckolls, Financial  
Office /Clerk  
Robert Rath, Supt. D.P.W.

### Auburn Public Library

#### Library Board

Amy Thobe, President  
Gayleen Shug, Vice President  
Pam Hospelhorn  
Tom Gorman  
Chris Reed  
Pam Hospelhorn  
Board meeting- 1st Tuesday

Donetta Stewart, Library Director



# AUBURN NEWS

June 2022

## CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Auburn City Council held a public hearing on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Auburn City Hall, Auburn Iowa for the purpose of approving Development Agreement with Sterling Enterprises, Inc. Authoring Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues. No Citizen were present for or against said development agreement with Sterling Enterprises. Hearing was closed.

Auburn City Council regular meeting was held on the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Ludwig approving the consent agenda including agenda, minutes from the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and May 16, 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.

Resolution 22-17 – Authorizing and Directing Execution of an Agreement with Carroll Refuse Service for Garbage and Recyclable Collection was offered by Councilor Meister and seconded by Councilor Theulen. The motion duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Barto, Rath, Meister, and Theulen. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 22-17 duly adopted.

City Clerk presented a memorial flag given to the city by Laura Buel in honor of her late husband Tom Buel. City Council accepted the memorial flag with thanks.

Keith Skidmore presented a business proposal to City Council. City Council thanked Mr. Skidmore for his interest in Auburn.

A motion was made by Councilor Ludwig and seconded by Councilor Barto approve an extended timeline to December 2022 for the removal of Colin King's property from the city shop. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Meister, Rath, Barto, Ludwig, and Theulen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 22-16 – Approving Development Agreement with Sterling Enterprise, Inc. Authoring Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments, and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenue to the Payment of the Agreement was offered by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Meister. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council. Ayes: Theulen, Meister, Rath, Barto, and Ludwig. Nays: none. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 22-16 duly adopted.

Councilor Ludwig discussed cleaning the city part at 205 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. City Council instructed Robert Rath to clean the park and Councilor Ludwig volunteered to help with the cleanup.

Councilor Barto present research on available funding/grants for street paving and construction. City Council discuss options. Councilor Barto stated that she was waiting on several agencies and would report any results by to the City Council.

Ordinance No. 22-09 An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Of The City Of Auburn, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining To Electric Rates was offered by Councilor Theulen and seconded by Councilor Ludwig. The motion duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council Ayes: Rath, Meister, Theulen, and Ludwig. Nays: Barto. Whereupon, the Mayor declared 2<sup>nd</sup> reading carried and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading will be held at the next regular City Council meeting.

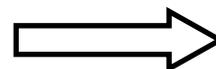
A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Meister to send a written notice to the owner of 208 Ash St. to abatement the nuisances located on the property. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Barto, Rath, Meister, and Theulen. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Clerk will send notice via certified mail following the inspection by the enforcement officers.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Meister appointing Mayor Richard Heim and Public Works Robert Rath as the city's enforcement officer for the property located at 208 Ash St. The motion was duly put to a vote of City Council. Ayes: Theulen, Ludwig, Meister, Barto, and Rath. Nays: None. Motion carried. The enforcement officer will inspect the property and give the results to Tammy Nuckolls, Financial Officer / City Clerk.

Councilor Meister requested that City of Auburn Ordinance Chapter 50 (weeds and brush nuisance) be put on the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular Council meeting for discussion.

Resolution 22-18 – To Set a Closed Session to discuss Real Estate Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(J) was offered by Councilor Meister and seconded by Councilor Ludwig. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the City Council. Ayes: Theulen, Meister, Rath, Barto, and Ludwig. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 22-18 duly adopted.

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 City

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A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen approving Sargent Drilling partial payment no. 5 in the amount of \$22,311.00. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Rath, Ludwig, Theulen, Barto, and Meister. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Works Robert Rath reported that the sewer line and storm sewer is scheduled to have a company come in and camera the line to inspect if there are any problems with the line. Robert Rath also reported that the results of the water lab test conducted by Foundation Analytical laboratory at 202 Spruce St were absent of any bacteria. A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen denying Larry Pudenz, owner of 202 Spruce St. request that the city reconnect a 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. A motion was duly put to a City Council vote. Nays: Ludwig, Barto, Rath, Meister, and Theulen. Nays: none. City Council stated that Mr. Pudenz is welcome to hook up the second line that goes to the back of the property located at 202 Spruce at his own expense and following city regulation per City Code Chapter 90.

Financial Officer / City Clerk Tammy Nuckolls presented the financial report and utility report. She gave an update of the testing of Yetter locker being conducted by V&K Engineer.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Meister requesting Jason Ludwig of Yetter Locker present at the next regular council meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 a business plan for a locker in Auburn. The business plan should include but is not limited to the size of building he intends to build, quantity of processing he is planning to do, and property he is planning to purchase. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Theulen, Rath, Barto, and Meister. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Rath authorizing the Financial Officer /City Clerk to apply for a Heartland Economic Development Grant to reimburse the city for the electric rate survey. The motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Meister, Barto, Theulen, Ludwig, and Rath. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Meister and seconded by Councilor Ludwig authorizing the Financial Officer/ City Clerk to apply for a Heartland energy Efficiency Grant to replace city hall lights with LED lighting. A motion was duly put to a vote of the City Council. Ayes: Barto, Ludwig, Rath, Theulen, and Meister. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Councilor Barto reported on Hometown Pride and Sac County Solid Waste Board. Mayor Heim and Councilor Meister reported on the Sac County Housing Committee's first meeting.

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 7:40 pm.

Richard Heim, Mayor  
 Attest: Tamara Nuckolls, Financial Officer /City Clerk

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**AUBURN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

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Auburn Municipal Utilities  
 209 Pine Street, PO Box 238  
 Auburn, IA 51433  
 Phone 712-830-7226

If your complaint is relate to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy

and Auburn Municipal Utilities does not resolve your complaint, you may

request assistance from the Utilities Division, Iowa Department of  
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