

**City of Auburn**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 21, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Berola was absent, and he requested that Alderman Powell run the meeting in his absence. A motion was by Alderman Johnson to allow Alderman Powell to run the meeting, second by Alderwoman Sheppard.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Clerk Warwick took the roll. Present at the meeting were Clerk Warwick, Treasurer Williams, Alderman Powell, Alderman Garrett, Alderman Hemmerle, Alderwoman Sheppard, Alderman Johnson, and Alderman Karhliker. Also, present was Chief Campbell, Superintendent Henson, Office Manager Ponsler, and Attorney Moredock. Mayor Berola and Alderman Marquis were absent.

Clerk Warwick presented the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Royer to approve the minutes, second by Alderwoman Sheppard.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Treasurer Williams presented the Bills List from June 8, 2021, to June 21, 2021. A motion was made by Alderman Royer to approve the Bills List, second by Alderwoman Sheppard.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Treasurer Williams presented the May 2021 Cash Report. A motion was made by Alderman Garrett to approve the May 2021 Cash Report, second by Alderman Royer.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Attorney Moredock presented Ordinance 1500-21 an ordinance amending the liquor code to add another Class A liquor license for Route 66 BBQ. A motion was made by Alderman Johnson to approve Ordinance 1500-21, second by Alderwoman Sheppard. There was a question about the permit, Alderwoman Sheppard noted that the item in question was a thirty-year-old misdemeanor.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: Royer  
ABSENT: Marquis

Alderman Garrett asked that a discussion item be added to the next meeting regarding the number of gaming licenses.

Attorney Moredock presented Ordinance 1501-21 an ordinance amending the spending authority for department heads. The department heads can spend up to \$10,000.00, the department head would need approval from the Mayor or the Administrative Committee Chairperson if the expense is between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderman Johnson.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Powell, and Sheppard

NAYES: Royer

ABSENT: Marquis

Attorney Moredock presented the first reading of Ordinance 1502-21 an ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation. There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2021, at 6:45 PM in the Council Chambers.

Chief Campbell had nothing to report for the meeting.

Superintendent Henson reported that the facility plan is moving along, and they hope to have it wrapped up by the end of July or the beginning of August. He also noted that the last meter read from the new radiometers went very well.

Office Manager Ponsler reported that the July utility bills will be in the larger format and that the auditor for the City's annual audit is on-site working on the audit.

Alderman Johnson presented a brief proposal from Kerber, Eck, and Braeckel to do the city's timekeeping and payroll. The proposal is \$775.00 per month. It is a month-to-month contract. Alderman Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$775.00 per month for timekeeping and payroll work with Kerber, Eck, and Braeckel, second by Alderman Royer.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Marquis

Alderman Karhliker had no report for the Public Works Committee.

Alderman Johnson had no report for the Public Utilities Committee.

Alderman Garrett presented several options for electronic locks for city facilities. The council liked the options but there were concerns about the cost of the project. Chief Campbell is researching the cost of replacing four doors for City Hall. Alderman Garrett will research more options and bring them back to the council.

Alderwoman Sheppard reported that 314 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street has been cited for unsightly accumulations, they have received two letters and they were invited to the council meeting. Alderwoman Sheppard made a motion to declare 314 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street a nuisance and that the residents have until Friday, June 25, 2021, to abate the issue or be fined \$100.00 a day until the issue is abated, second by Alderman Royer.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Alderwoman Sheppard reported that 442 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, the Pierce Property. There has been no progress and more machinery has been added to the property. Attorney Moredock reported that a complaint will be filed this week.

Alderman Royer reported debris accumulation at a home on the 500 block of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Alderman Powell reported a neglected property near the corner of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Monroe Street.

Alderman Hemmerle reported that he, Alderman Royer, and Superintendent Henson met with Benton and Associates regarding improvements to Union Park (East Park). He will schedule a meeting at the July 5, 2021, council meeting.

Clerk Warwick had no report for the Economic Development Committee.

Alderman Garrett presented a quote for twenty 10-foot forms for sidewalks. Our current forms have outlasted their useful life. Alderman Garrett made a motion to approve the quote at a price not to exceed \$2,500.00, second by Alderman Royer.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Royer, Powell, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Alderman Garrett presented the need for tree removal at 405 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street and a location at South 6<sup>th</sup> Street and West Monroe Street. He will investigate bids for the removal of the trees.

Motion by Alderman Garrett to adjourn to a closed session according to 5 ILCS 120/2 c (1) c (2) PERSONNEL AND COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS at 7:46 PM, second Alderwoman Sheppard. Taken by voice vote.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Powell, Royer, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Motion to come back into the regular meeting from the closed session was made by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderwoman Sheppard at 8:13 PM. Taken by voice vote.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Powell, Royer, and Sheppard  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Marquis

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:14 PM by Alderman Garrett, second by Alderman Royer. Taken by voice vote.

AYES: Garrett, Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Powell, Royer, and Sheppard

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Marquis

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Warwick  
City Clerk