

City of Auburn
Monday, May 5, 2021
Minutes

Mayor Berola called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Barnhill called roll call.

Present in Council Chambers: Tom Berola, Julie Barnhill, Chris Warwick, Jason Garrett, Larry Hemmerle, Mike Marquis, Rod Johnson, Bill Karhliker, Ben Royer, Joe Powell, Tracy Sheppard, Chief Dave Campbell, Superintendent TJ Henson, Office Manager Kristy Ponsler and Attorney Greg Moredock.

Absent: none

I. Mayor's Comments

II. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

1231 Pueblo Lane -- Waldrop

Home owner, Ms. Waldrop, was present at the Council meeting to address the Council on the subject matter of flooding in her back yard. This flooding began once the four way construction was completed on Rts 104 and 4. Waldrop indicated that her residence is located directly north of the empty lot between the plaza and the Auburn Day Care facility is located. Mayor Berola indicated that this is not a City of Auburn issue. Alderman Royer indicated that he feels that this problem began after the hut was built at Sievers. Alderman Powell feels that he was from the contractor materials from the construction of the new light at Rts. 104 and 4. This material was located on Landers property. TJ Henson will pull the IDOT records and she if he can make some contact.

III. ZONING

Alderman Sheppard indicated that she did not have a report.

IV. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – BARNHILL

A. April 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Clerk Barnhill presented the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes for the Council's review and approval.

Motion by Karhliker second by Sheppard to approve the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes. (8-0-0-0)

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – WARWICK

A. Bills List April 20, 2021 to May 3, 2021

City Treasurer Chris Warwick shared with the Council the Bills List April 20, 2021 to May 3, 2021 for their review and approval.

Motion by Johnson second by Karhliker to approve the Bills List April 20, 2021 to May 3, 2021. (6-0-2-0)

AYES: Hemmerle, Johnson, Karhliker, Marquis, Powell, and Royer

NAYES: None

PRESENT: Garrett and Sheppard

ABSENT: None

VI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Second Reading – ordinance 1497-21, Penalties and Interest for Installment Contracts

Attorney Moredock shared with the Council for their review and approval of Ordinance 1497-21, Penalties and Interest for Installment Contracts.

Motion by Johnson second by Royer to approve Ordinance 1497-21, Penalties and Interest for Installment Contracts. (7-1-0-0)

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

NAYES: Garrett

ABSENT: None

Second Reading – Ordinance 1498-21, Banning Burning of Yard Waste

Attorney Moredock shared with the Council for their review and approval of Ordinance 1498-21, Banning Burning of Yard Waste.

Alderman Royer indicated that an option has to be provided. Royer feels that it comes down to an enforcement issue, allow burning but close Lost Caboose, burning is still happening around town. This Council should provide an option to the Citizens of Auburn.

Alderman Marquis disagrees with burning. He feels it is a health issue and it needs to be ban. Marquis indicated that we should open Lost Caboose.

Alderman Hemmerle indicated the Lost Caboose was a drag strip and a dumping ground.

Alderman Powell indicated that we could compost.

A motion by Sheppard second by Hemmerle to approve Ordinance 1498-21 Banning Burning of Yard Waste. (4-4-0-0)

AYES: Hemmerle, Marquis, Powell and Sheppard

NAYES: Garrett, Johnson, Karhliker, and Royer

ABSENT: None

Mayor Berola broke the tie with a "yes" vote.

VII. **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Campbell

Chief Campbell indicated that he did not have a report at this time.

Henson

Superintendent TJ Henson indicated that he has placed a bid for a lawn mower purchase in dropbox. The Kubota mower with trade in will be \$9,847.50 and will be divided evenly between Parks/Sewer/Gas/Water in the amount of \$2,461.88 each.

A motion was by Royer second by Garrett to approve the lawn mower purchase with trade-in in the amount of \$9,847.50 and will be divided evenly between Parks/Sewer/Gas/Water in the amount of \$2,461.88 per dept. (8-0-0-0)

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Henson also presented a bid for the new truck purchase. 2021 F350 one ton truck in the amount of \$40,285.

Motion by Johnson second by Sheppard to approve the purchase of a 2021 F350 one ton truck not to exceed \$41,000.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Ponsler

Office Manager Kristy Ponsler indicated that she did not have a report. Ponsler provided kudos to the ladies in the office of their hard work and dedication over the last few months with everything going on.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administration – Johnson

Alderman Johnson shared with the Council the next Administration Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Works – Karhliker

Alderman Karhliker indicated that he did not have a report at this time.

Public Utilities – Johnson

Auburn IEPA Reimbursement Packet #9

Alderman Johnson shared with the Council for their review and approval of the IEPA Reimbursement Packet #9. The breakdown is \$190,841.45 is the reimbursement amount with \$167,675.09 (EPA Loan) and \$23,166.36 (Gas).

Motion by Johnson second by Royer to approve IEPA Reimbursement Packet #9 in the amount of \$190,841.45 (\$167,675.09 (EPA Loan) and \$23,166.36 (Gas)). (8-0-0-0)

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

IDOT Traffic Signal Master Agreement

Alderman Johnson asked to table to the next meeting IDOT Traffic Signal Master Agreement due to corrections that Alderman Karhliker found.

Health & Safety – Sheppard

Alderwoman Sheppard indicated that she did not have a report at this time.

Health & Housing – Sheppard

Alderman Sheppard did not have a report.

Parks – Hemmerle

Alderman Hemmerle indicated that he did not have a report.

Economic Development

Economic Development Representative Chris Warwick indicated that he did not have a report.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Berola presented City Clerk Julie Barnhill an appreciation plaque for her service to the City of Auburn that was graciously orchestrated by Alderman Garrett.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Garrett second by Sheppard to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Passed by voice vote. (8-0-0-0)

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by Julie Barnhill, City Clerk
for Chris Warwick, City Clerk Elect