

CITY OF AUBURN
113 E. Elm St. Auburn MI 48611
Regular City Commission Minutes
June 9th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Auburn City Commission met at the Auburn Park Building, 435 S. Auburn Rd Auburn MI 48611, to hold the regular City Commission meeting. Mayor Kilbourn called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. Dzurka, L. Kilbourn, G. Warner, J. Rahl, R. Gwizdala, L. Webb, K. Charbonneau

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: David Haag, Steve VanTol, Bryna Mieske, Ashlie House, Ron Janowicz, Mike Parent, Stacy Weiss, Blake Meylan, Nathan Waibel, Anthony Gunsell, Patricia Robertson, Dennis Maida, Robert Dzurka, Robin Devereaux-Nelson.

MAYOR KILBOURN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Dzurka/ L. Webb moved to approve the agenda as submitted Yeas: 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 17TH, 2021

J. Dzurka/ J. Rahl moved to approve the May 17th City Commission Minutes. Yeas: 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

DDA May Minutes, April UCR Report, Awesome Auburn Summer Concert Series, ADA Celebration Picnic and Kayak Event, City Administrator Mileage.

K. Charbonneau/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kilbourn opened Public Comment at 7:09 P.M.

Ron Janowicz had concerns regarding the abandoned vehicles within the city along with overgrowing weeds.

Robin Devereaux-Nelson stated she would like to help Mayor Kilbourn work on the wording for the Food Truck Ordinance.

Dennis Maida would like to see something in the newsletter reminding residents to clean up after their animals while taking them for walks.

Patricia Robertson had questions regarding the employee benefits. Patricia also stated the city staff does such a good job and she would hate to see these benefits taken away.

Robert Dzurka questioned how many certified water licenses are needed for the DPW employees and how they are certified.

Ben Zurvalec submitted some concerns and recommendations he had regarding speeding on Ruth Street, posting the monthly UCR Report on the website, City Commissioners contact information, and the city employees benefit package.

J. Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to post the monthly UCR Report along with the monthly minutes on the city website. Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Kilbourn Closed Public Comment at 7:26 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Operating Millage

Mayor Kilbourn opened the Public Comment for the Operating Millage at 7:27 P.M.

Robert Dzurka questioned if the Commission can vote on the Operating Millage or if the residents will vote on the Operating Millage at the next election. Robert Dzurka also asked if the City Commission approves the 2 mills if it will get the city budget back on track.

Dennis Maida asked if the Operating Millage could go towards the employees.

Robert Dzurka asked who will maintain the parks as the city is building a disk golf course, the city would need to hire more employees to maintain such parks.

Jan Dzurka stated the information on next door was false and that the topic being discussed is for the employees to pay 10% of their health insurance premium. DDA Director Steve VanTol explained the Headlee Amendment to the public. Mayor Kilbourn closed the Public Hearing for the Operating Millage at 7:37 P.M.

B. Budget

Mayor Kilbourn opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 P.M.

J. Dzurka asked if they were able to put the mayors exchange money back into the budget.

Mayor Kilbourn closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Operating Millage

J. Rahl/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve the Operating Millage of 2 mills for the city to operate appropriately. Roll Call Vote, Yeas, J. Dzurka, J. Rahl, K. Charbonneau, L. Webb, R. Gwizdala, L. Kilbourn. Nays, G. Warner. Motion Carried.

B. Budget Resolution 2021-05 amending the 2020-2021 budget.

J. Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the budget resolution 2021-05 to amend the 2020-2021 budget. Yeas: 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

C. Budget resolution 2021-06 for adopting the 2021-2022 budget year.

J. Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the budget resolution 2021-06 to adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

D. Tim Nuemann- Michigan Rural Water Association Speaker

Tim Nuemann was unable to attend the meeting.

E. Health Insurance

Commissioner Rahl started off the health insurance topic by going over the health insurance plan to inform the Commission of what the actual savings would be and how it would be unfair to the city staff over a \$2500 savings. Commissioner Dzurka stated she would like to see the City staff pay 10% of their premiums, as most employers request their employees pay some portion of insurance now. Commissioner Webb stated the city staff must look out for their families and this would be a slap in the face to the employees as we the Commission are telling the staff how great of a job they are doing. Heavy discussion proceeded regarding the health insurance topic. J. Dzurka/ K. Charbonneau moved to have the City employees pay 10% of their health insurance and to become effective in 6 months. Roll Call vote, Yeas, J. Dzurka, K. Charbonneau, G. Warner. Nays, J. Rahl, R. Gwizdala, L. Webb, L. Kilbourn. Motion denied.

F. MDOT Category B Funding Resolution 2021-07

J. Rahl/ L. Webb moved to approve the MDOT Category B Funding 2021-07. Roll Call Vote, Yeas, G. Warner, J. Dzurka, K. Charbonneau, R. Gwizdala, L. Kilbourn, J. Rahl, L. Webb. Nays, 0. Motion Carried.

G. DNR Trust Fund Grant 2021-08

J. Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the DNR Trust Fund Grant 2021-08. Roll Call Vote, Yeas, G. Warner, J. Dzurka, K. Charbonneau, R. Gwizdala, L. Kilbourn, J. Rahl, L. Webb. Nays, 0. Motion Carried.

H. Food Truck Ordinance

Discussion was made amongst the City Commission.

Mayor Kilbourn moved to table the Food Truck Ordinance until the July City Commission meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Administrator Report

K. Charbonneau/ J. Rahl moved to approve the Administrators Report. Yeas: 7, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

B. DPW Directors Report

J. Rahl/K. Charbonneau moved to approve the DPW Directors Report. Yeas: 7, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Warner had some questions regarding the DPW Directors report.

J. Rahl/ K. Charbonneau moved to approve the purchase of the zero-turn lawnmower for \$13,500. Roll Call Vote, Yeas: J. Dzurka, J. Rahl, K. Charbonneau, R. Gwizdala, L. Kilbourn, L. Webb. Nays, G. Warner. Motion Carried.

DDA Directors Report

Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the DDA Directors Report. Yeas: 7, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

FINANCIALS

J. Rahl/ J. Dzurka moved to approve the Financials. Roll Call Vote, Yeas: J. Dzurka, K. Charbonneau, J. Rahl, L. Kilbourn, R. Gwizdala, G. Warner, L. Webb. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kilbourn opened Public Comment at 9:19 P.M.

Dennis Maida stated with the talk of wages and insurance the City of Auburn will need to compete.

Ron Janowicz questioned if Artisans was dumping their grass clippings at the lagoon.

Steve VanTol had concerns and suggestions regarding the food truck ordinance.

Mayor Kilbourn closed Public Comment at 9:25 P.M.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

J. Rahl stated he received an email from a resident regarding a tree growing out of a fireplace and the garage being off its foundation on park street, if that issue could be investigated that would be great. Commissioner Rahl also wanted to let the staff know he appreciates all their hard work and respects that the Commission could all voice their opinions on such topics in a civil manner for the meeting.

G. Warner and K. Charbonneau stated Robin did an excellent job with the craft show.

J. Dzurka asked if the budget could be posted online. Commissioner Dzurka also wanted to thank Robin for all her hard work.

R. Gwizdala thanked Dave and Ashlie for their hard work on the budget. Commissioner Gwizdala also thanked the City Commission for their passionate and liveliness responses regarding new business topics.

L. Kilbourn discussed the Auburn Cornfest with the Commission as they had not filled out the proper special event form and what direction the Commission would like to take if they decide to not abide by the ordinances.

K. Charbonneau/ J. Rahl moved to have all special events on AIM property be approved by the City Commission with the special event form to abide by City ordinances. Yeas: 7, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kilbourn adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Recorded by Clerk
Bryna Mieske

Clerk _____