



CITY OF AUBURN
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Regular City Commission Minutes for August 21st, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Auburn City Commission met at Auburn City Hall 113 E. Elm St. Auburn MI 48611, to hold the regular City Commission meeting. Commissioner Charbonneau called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: S. Smith, R. Gwizdala, K. Charbonneau, R. Putt, L. Webb

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: J. Rahl, Mayor Kilbourn

OTHERS PRESENT: David Haag, Bryna Schrouder, Steve VanTol, Tom Hickner, Mike Loomis, Drew Loomis, Mike Parent, Ron Janowicz, Bill Johnson, Chad Adams, Blake Adams, John McNally, Matt Schauman.

COMMISSIONER CHARBONNEAU LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners Webb and Smith moved to excuse Commissioner Rahl and Mayor Kilbourn from tonight's meeting. Yeas: 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioners Putt and Webb moved to approve the agenda. Yeas: 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners Gwizdala and Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Yeas: 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Charbonneau opened Public Comment at 7:03 P.M.

Bill Johnson questioned when the new walking paths would be completed at the park, and if there is any way Ruth street could be considered for speed bumps.

John McNally stated concerns regarding the MDL project with the depth of the main running down the street and the east end berm by the storage buildings with concerns of building the berm. Mr. McNally also stated concerns about the speed bumps and how they are unnecessary.

Matt Schauman questioned the fence completed at the park and if it will affect Cornfest. Mr. Schauman also wondered if instead of speed bumps, the City could look into more yield signs or stop signs.

Ron Janowicz would like to know the percentage of calls between the sheriffs department and the state troopers. Mr. Janowicz also stated the fascia on the park building is loose and the handicap sidewalks need to be fixed on a few streets. Mr. Janowicz also questioned if employees are using a time clock and if salary employees are using them. Mr. Janowicz would also like to know why the new City truck does not have any City logos on it yet.

Mike Parent would like to see the ordinances start being enforced around the City.

Commissioner Charbonneau closed Public Comment at 7:13 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. MDL Companies

Mike Loomis with MDL Companies updated the City Commission on their upcoming project. Mr. Loomis stated there will be adjustments to the units to meet middle class needs and they will be meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission to provide the updates with them as well.

B. Rate Study Approval for Water and Sewer Fund

Discussion was made between Commissioners on what the Rate Study would entail and if they could see additional quotes at the next Commission meeting.

C. Speed Hump Request Procedure

The City Commission agreed to halt with future speed hump requests and evaluate the current speed humps with seeing how they do in the fall and winter before moving forward with any new requests.

D. Pavement Markings

Commissioners Smith and Putt moved to approve the pavement markings option #1 with the thermoplastic white lines in the amount of \$5,300. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

E. I.T. Provider

Commissioners Putt and Smith moved to accept the proposal provided by Vector based on the experience the City Administrator has had with Vector. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

F. Old Pavilion

Commissioners Webb and Gwizdala moved to award the bid to McNally Construction for the roof on the old pavilion. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

G. Audit Engagement Letter

Commissioners Smith and Gwizdala moved to approve a 1-year term with Gabridge & Co. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

H. Roads

After a long discussion amongst the City Commission on chip and sealing Renshar, Ireland, and Elm Street, Commissioners Putt and Gwizdala moved to approve chip and seal on Elm Street from nine mile east and the City Hall parking lot, for residents and the Commission to see how it is before chip and sealing any other roads. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

I. ARPA Funds

City Administrator David Haag stated the ARPA funds need to be obligated before the end of the year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Administrator Report, DPW Directors Report, DDA Report

Commissioners Smith and Webb moved to approve the Department Reports as submitted. Yeas 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.
Commissioners Webb and Smith moved to go forward with Sova for the Park Path Project. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

FINANCIALS

Commissioners Webb and Smith moved to approve the financials as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Gwizdala, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Charbonneau opened public comment at 8:30 P.M

Ron Janowicz had concerns with spending money on speed bumps instead of having the deputies talk to the people speeding in the City.

John McNally stated there are a lot of factors to take into consideration before placing speed bumps everywhere. Mr. McNally also stated Mr. Janowicz needs to get a hobby.

Commissioner Charbonneau closed Public Comment at 8:34 P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Charbonneau adjourned the meeting at 8:47 P.M.

Recorded by Clerk: Bryna Schrouder



Bryna Schrouder
City Clerk