



CITY OF AUBURN
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Regular City Commission Minutes for December 16th, 2024

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. Mayor Rytlewski called the regular meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner McCloy, Putt, Natke, Buchmann, Smith, Charbonneau, Mayor Rytlewski

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryna Schrouder, Brandon Wise, David Haag

MAYOR RYTLEWSKI LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Putt and Smith moved to approve the Agenda

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners Charbonneau and Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Williams Township Supervisor Jerry Putt introduced himself and expressed interest in sharing projects with the City.

Jan Dzurka would like to see the newsletters brought back into the City. Jan would also like a solution to the Chip and Seal on Edwards rd.

Tim Hinman with the Econo Lodge would like to invite residents within the City to tour the hotel, Tim also expressed that the hotel is not associated with any rehab facility and is not a halfway house.

Brian Keidel spoke about the uptick in crime and the length of time the speedbumps were up.

Mark Owczarzak introduced himself and his wife to the new commission. He stated he would like to have a positive relationship with the City and wanted to let everyone know that O's pub and grill took 10% of their sales for the week and have put it into an account to help anyone in need of Christmas gifts.

Jan Zurvalec has concerns over blight within the City and would like to see the new Commission address these concerns.

Mike Parent would like the abandoned cars in the City to be addressed.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinances

Mayor Rytlewski opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 pm

City Administrator David Haag discussed the changes within the Ordinance.

Mayor Rytlewski closed the Public Hearing.

B. Zoning Variance

Mayor Rytlewski opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 pm

Ben Keller with Rowe explained the Zoning Variance for 110 Grant street.

The City Commission had a discussion with Ben Keller.

Mayor Rytlewski closed the Public Hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinances

Commissioner Smith and Buchmann moved to table the Chapter 50 Ordinance until the January 13th, 2025 City Commission meeting. Yeas 7, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

B. Zoning Variance

Commissioner Smith and Charbonneau moved to approve the requested variance for 110 Grant Street, granting 17.5' of relief from the required 80' minimum lot width as outlined in section 154.31 of the zoning ordinance, allowing for two lots with 62.5' of lot width, based on the variance request's compliance with all three standards as supported. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioners McCloy, Putt, Smith, Charbonneau and Mayor Rytlewski. Nays, Commissioners Natke and Buchmann. Motion Carried.

C. Audit

Nothing at this time.

D. Code Enforcement Options and Approaches

Deputy Dean Treichel and Andrew Seifert provided the City Commission and residents with ways they are keeping Auburn safe. Deputy Treichel will also be hosting Coffee with Deputy Dean on January 7th at Auburn United Methodist Church. All are encouraged to come out and talk with Deputy Dean about any concerns you may have.

City Attorney Mike Gildner expressed to the City Commission that it is not the Cities responsibility to police businesses within the City. Mike Gildner discussed who is responsible for shutting a business down and what the criteria is for shutting a business down.

Department Reports

Administrative Report, DDA Directors Report

Moved to approve as submitted by Smith and Natke. 7 yeas. 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Financials

Moved to Approve by Charbonneau and Smith. Roll Call: Commissioners McCloy, Putt, Natke, Buchmann, Smith, Charbonneau and Mayor Rytlewski. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jan Dzurka stated she would like Mayor Rytlewski to talk louder during the meeting. Mark Owczarzak stated Auburn is a safe community and there is way more positivity than negativity, and he challenges the community to think of all the good things happening in the City for 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rytlewski adjourned the Meeting at 8:35PM