

Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of New Auburn in the County of Sibley and State of Minnesota including all accounts audited by said Council.

Regular Meeting
September 9, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:00 p.m. at the city office.

Members present: Wayne Schultz, John Wangen, Michael Cotterman and Mandy Grack

Members absent: Pam Horton

Staff present: Joey Schuft, Roberta Zaske and Fire Chief Bryce Busse

Additions or Corrections to the agenda

Approval of minutes: A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by John Wangen to accept the minutes for August meeting, motions carried.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. Working on a grant for 4-SCBA’s and fire relief will work on purchasing a few more face masks. Looking at updating the mutual aid agreement for the county.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Joey talked about purchasing a used snow blower, council discussed and decide to wait. Spray field is cut and trying to get the water levels in the pond lower before winter. Will work on the cemetery before winter. Repaired a few streets, a few streets are looking bad.
4. Sheriff Report – Deputy Eric Johnson gave a his report.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Policy:

Resolutions: 20240909A Preliminary Budget 2025, Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the preliminary budget, General Revenue Fund \$178,800, 2009 GO Bond \$95,000 and RS Fiber Bond \$29,000., budget increasing 1%, motion carried.

Ordinances: updating zoning ordinance – City Attorney is working on it

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. STREAMS – Bobbi missed the last meeting, Michael Cotterman listened in on zoom waiting for sign agreements and will set another meeting soon, no action taken.
2. Garage on City property – City Clerk is working on bids to remove or tear down the garage, no action taken.

New Business:

1. Budget 2025 - preliminary budget is set, no action taken.
2. Bobbie Harder – House of Representatives – Gave report on the last legislative session, no action taken.
3. Health Insurance – Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the health care package for \$1,162.47 per month for Joey, motion carried. A motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Wayne Schultz to approve the current HSA plan for Bobbi at \$125.00 per month, motion carried.
4. Election judges wages for primary – no action taken.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report no report
2. Curt Reetz – no report
3. Open discussion - New Auburn Lions will proceed with the park improvements purchasing 8 new swings and volleyball net, motion by John Wangen, seconded by Wayne Schultz to go ahead with the improvements, motion carried. City Clerk gave an update on the meeting last week with FMA on the flooding.

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Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Wayne Schultz to approve paying claims #69669-69692 in the amount of \$19,411.63 and Xcel Energy, McLeod Coop, Fire Relief, plus any other normal monthly bills, motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays

Claims paid in August were claims 69628-69665 for \$25,670.47 and additional claims 69666-69668 \$4,162.58 Payroll - CK 24316-24318 \$3,426.81 PERA \$585.32 CK 24312-24359 \$3,471.13 payroll, PERA \$585.32

Federal taxes for August \$1,979.84. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by John Wangen, second by Wayne Schultz to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer