

A regular Auburn city council meeting was held on the 8th day of June 2020 in the basement of City Hall. Mayor Richard Heim called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with a roll call as following; present Rick Carlyle, Cindy Finely, Randy Schulte, Jane Barto, and Robert Theulen. A motion by Councilor Theulen and seconded by Councilor Schulte to approve the consent agenda including agenda, minutes of the May 11th, 2020 council meetings, claims to pay, payroll report, and Sheriff's report. Ayes: Schulte, Barto, Carlyle, Theulen, and Finley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Forum – Scott Jacobs addressed the city council requesting that the city put the proposed well at different location since the DNR requires that no chemical be storage and not fertilizer or pesticide be used within a 200 foot radius around the well and this would affect the ground that he was farming on the property adjacent to the proposed well site. City clerk called the City Engineer Bob Veenstra to allow the city council to consult with him on the logistics of changing the well location at this late date in the project and how changing the locations would affect the \$300,000.00 grant that the city was awarded in March 2020 to build the new well. The engineer discussed some possible options.

City Clerk read out loud a certified letter she received in the mail on May 21, 2020 from David & Oriana Hensel that serviced as an objection to Ordinance No. 20-01- Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Auburn, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Water Well Protection.

The City Engineer remained on the phone to discuss some concerns from citizen's that the city council had heard regarding doing the water project due to the unknown economic changes due to COVID-19. The City Council reviewed the following options to determine how to meet the DNR request that the city have two active wells, a dependable water tower to store the clean drinking water with adequate storage in case of an emergency such as fire, tornado etc. That would have the least impact on the Auburn citizen's water rates considering the city does not have industry or commercial business that offset the cost of water and the system is primarily supported by residents.

Option 1 -Rural Water – City Engineer reached out to rural water to determine if this were a more economical option and if rural water would be interested in providing water to Auburn. Rural water would replace only the wells and the water treatment plant. The City would still need to operate its own distribution system and water tower. The City would still be required to have a water system operator with a license to operate the distribution system. The average and peak day utilization indicated the rural water cannot economically provide water service to the city. The City would need to upgrade the distribution system so a rural water connection would almost certainly cost significantly more than constructing a new well. Rural water would also only be able to provide daily use and unable to provide enough water if there were fires or a main breaks in town. When the city has its own well system it will not be limited to the amount of water needs on any given day.

Option 2. Continue with the water project with a 12-month delay on construction- this option would delay a rate increase, but it was determined that the cost of the project would be significant at one time. The City Engineer opinion is that of the two components of the water project, which is a new water tower and a new well. The construction of the new well is clearly the higher priority for the City as we only have one active well and rural water does not have the capacity to service as a redundant water supply for the City. While the water tower is nearing the end of its useful life, the water tower appears to have several years of life remaining. Based on the condition of the tower it is anticipated the City could defer the tower for 10 years or so. It is not recommended to defer the tower for 20 years or more.

Option 3. Reducing the scope of the project to a well, new control panel and replacing water treatment plant filters – this option would significantly lower the cost of the project. The City would have a possibility to have up to half of the project paid for by the CBDG grant that was awarded in March 2020. The City has only one active well and one stand-by well. If the city's only active well went down based on the age of the stand-by well it would not be in any condition to provide water to the town for any significant amount of time. Having two active wells will prolong the life of both wells since they are sharing the load to provide water to Auburn and by having two active wells if one well would go down the city would have a reliable backup.

Option 3. Cancel the complete project – if the project was cancelled the city would lose the CDBG grant for the water system improvements and if the active well or stand-by well went down the city would be required to construct a new well at one hundred percent of the cost and would most likely be more expensive due to the time restrictions the DNR would put on the city and the possible fines for not having two sources of water.

After reviewing all the possible options, a motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Finley. to reduce the scope of the project to well and control panel. Amend the CDBG Grant contract and investigate relocating the well within the same area. Ayes: Finley, Carlyle, Theulen, Barto, and Schulte. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen to table Ordinance 20-01. Ayes: Barto, Schulte, Theulen, Carlyle, and Finley. Motion carried.

Resolution 20-18 – Authorizing Directing Transfer of Ten Thousand and Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents From the Water Fund to the Water Project Fund was offered by Councilor Finley and seconded by Councilor Barto. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Theulen, Schulte, Barto, Carlyle, and Finley. Nays: None. Where unto the Mayor declare the said resolution adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof.

Resolution 20-19 – Transfer of Funds From The Emergency Fund to The General Fund was offered by Councilor Theulen and seconded by Councilor Carlyle. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Finley, Carlyle, Theulen, Schulte, and Barto. Nays: None. Where unto the Mayor declare the said resolution adopted. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto and by the reference made a part thereof.

Ordinance 20-02 – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Auburn, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges 1st reading was offered by Councilor Finley and seconded by Councilor Barto. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Barto, Schulte, Theulen, Carlyle, and Finley. Nays: None. 1st reading passed. 2nd reading will be held at the next regular city council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Theulen approving building permit no. 20-010. Ayes: Schulte, Theulen, Barto, Finley, and Carlyle. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Schulte and seconded by Councilor Theulen to do the necessary changes to the city hall building to reopen due to COVID-19 which include a door security system and Plexiglas dividers for both the library and city clerk’s office. Ayes: Theulen, Finley, Carlyle, Barto, and Schulte. Nays: None. Motion passed.

City Clerk, Public Works Department, Mayor, Hometown Pride Committee, and Sac Co. Solid Waste Board gave reports. The City Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

ADOBE SYSTEMS, INC	ADOBE	15.89
AFLAC	AFLAC PRE-TAX	135.96
AL'S CORNER	FUEL	36.90
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	710.45
AUBURN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	ELECTRIC BILL	514.26
AUBURN ST.MARY ORATORY	RENT	375.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	226.51
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	882.70
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE	SANITATION CONTRACT	1431.00
COUNSEL	COPIER LEASE & SUPPLIES	43.69
CULLIGAN	SUPPLIES	32.74
DAILY TIMES HERALD	PUBLICATION	221.67
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE	44.20
DONETTA STEWART	DVD'S	27.95
EFPTS	FED/FICA TAX	1561.99
FRANCK & SEXTRO, P.L.C	LEGAL FEE	577.50
FUSEBOX	WEBSITE MAINT.	255.00
GREAT AMERICAN FINANCIAL	COPIER LEASE	91.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	STREET REPAIRS	803.70
HAWKINS, INC.	TESTING SUPPLIES	126.70
HOWREY CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT	28189.50
IMWCA	WORK COMP	3032.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	IOWA MUNICIPAL INSTITUTE	639.00
IOWA SAVINGS BANK	ACH FEE	8.74

IPERS	IPERS OVERPAYMENT	1182.24
ITRON	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	1677.09
JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	ENGINEERING - GPT	713.50
LAKE CITY HARDWARE	GRASS SEED	59.98
MANGOLD ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING	WASTEWATER TESTING	339.00
MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE	SPRING APPLICATION	123.70
MOHR SAND & GRAVEL	LIMESTONE	345.00
MSFT	MICROSOFT	5.00
OFFICE DEPOT BUSINESS	SUPPLIES	381.77
ORIENTAL TRADING	SUPPLIES	271.12
POSTMASTER	PO BOX	64.00
PRESTO X COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	46.00
RACCOON VALLEY ELECTRIC	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	1000.00
	CDBG HOUSING GRANT	
REGION XII	17HSG002/14	14899.00
REILING ELECTRIC	STREET LIGHTS	338.23
SAC CO. WASTE AGENCY	ASSESSMENT Q2FY20	3421.25
SCOTT GREVE	WATER OPERATOR	100.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL FEE	30.00
STURM SEED AND SALES LLC	WEED CONTROL	118.03
TRI COUNTY SPECIAL	NEWSFLYERS	24.16
US CELLULAR	TELEPHONE SERVICE	65.63
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	WATER TOWER CONTRACT	815.22
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC	ENGINEERING	126.00
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	4319.17
WESTERN IOWA TREE SERVICES	ELECTRICAL TREE TRIMMING	2010.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	236.13
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE	408.46
YARD & GARDEN	STREET SCAPE LANDSCAPING	4000.00
ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION	ELECTRONIC MEETING EXPENSE	<u>16.04</u>
		77119.77

	Revenue	Expense	Balance
General	10763.57	16897.2	44509.2
BINGO Fund	1.72	375	11207.92
Road Use Tax	3039.53	1268.36	36444.48
Employee Benefit	3525.01	1015.1	10053.17
Emergency Levy	198.25	0	1564.75
Local Option	2066.17	956.27	66629
Grant Park Trail Project	8726.58	4952.5	91908.63
Water	6504.47	5836.54	59515.98
Water Project	0	0	-10634.23
Sewer	2621.51	2319.97	16195.4
Sewer Sinking Fund	0	234.5	-234.5
Electric	<u>18404.02</u>	<u>15788.77</u>	<u>303260.55</u>
	55850.83	49644.21	630420.35

A motion was made by Councilor Barto and seconded by Councilor Finley to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Carlyle, Schulte, Finley, Barto, and Theulen. Nays: None. Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Richard Heim, Mayor
Attest: Tamara Nuckolls