

A meeting of the Auburn City Council was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, in City Hall. Mayor Richard Heim called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call vote as follows: Linda Rath, Nick Meister, Deb Ludwig, Bob Theulen and Jane Barto. Also present: Leah Henkelman, City Clerk; Robert Rath, Public Works Director; Danielle Evans, Lauren Evans, LeAnn Evans, Marie Buse, Colt Buse, representatives of the Auburn Rec Committee; Donetta Stewart, Auburn Library Director; Jim Wissler, Sac County Supervisor; Alan Schrad, Auburn Fire Department Treasurer.

A motion was made by Theulen and seconded by Ludwig approving the consent agenda including agenda, claims and payroll, Sheriff's Report, and minutes from the December 8, 2025 council meeting. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Rath, Theulen, Ludwig, Barto, and Meister. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Jim Wissler, Sac County Supervisor provided an update to the Council.

Motion by Barto, second by Theulen to approve the Library Budget as presented for FY27. Ayes: Rath, Ludwig, Meister, Barto and Theulen. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Meister, second by Barto to approve the Fire Department Budget as presented for FY27. Ayes: Meister, Barto, Theulen, Ludwig and Rath. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Resolution 26-01 Approving the Naming of the Official Depositories for the Year 2026 was offered by Theulen, second by Ludwig. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Rath, Barto, Meister, Theulen, and Ludwig. Nays: none. The Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 26-01 was duly adopted.

Resolution 26-02 Transfer of Uncollectible Utility Account 1184006 to Bad Debt was offered by Rath, second by Meister. On a roll call vote. Ayes: Meister, Theulen, Barto, Rath and Ludwig. Nays: none. The Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 26-02 was duly adopted.

Danielle Evans, Lauren Evans, Marie Buse and Colt Buse were present as representatives of the Auburn Rec Center. The details, location, dimensions and materials of the GaGa Ball Pit Project were discussed. Motion by Barto, seconded by Theulen to approve the installation of a GaGa Ball Pit in the northwest corner of the City Park. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Theulen, Rath, Ludwig, Barto, and Meister. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk reported the following receipts and bills that were approved for payment in the consent agenda:

CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	103.08
EFPTS	FED/FICA TAXES	3562.37
HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER	WHOLESALE POWER NOV 2025	11605.94
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	SALES TAX DEC 2025	2000.90
IPERS	IPERS	2749.83
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	23.40
SAC CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE	2ND QTR FY27 CONTRACT	1426.86
SAC CO. WASTE AGENCY	3RD QTR FY26 ASSESSMENT	3312.50
TRI COUNTY SPECIAL	TURKEY BINGO AD	615.00
US CELLULAR	PHONE	159.64
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	WATER TOWER CONTRACT	904.89

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMIN	NOV 2025 POWER	1860.95
IOWA SAVINGS BANK	ACH FEE	15.00
POSTMASTER	LIBRARY PO BOX RENEWAL	126.00
CITY OF AUBURN	UTILITIES	1672.27
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	97.54
REILING ELECTRIC	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	200.00
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE	OCT/NOV/DEC 2025 CONTRACT	6499.00
AL'S CORNER	PROPANE DEC 2025	1408.37
REGION XII	HOUSING TRUST FUND FY27	500.00
SAC SUN	NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION	26.00
VAN METER INC.	TRAILHEAD LIGHT REPAIR	158.00
AUBURN FEED CENTER INC	ICE MELT	32.20
CULLIGAN	SUPPLIES	23.20
WESTERN IOWA NETWORKS	PHONE/INTERNET	647.25
IOWA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION	RENEWAL	60.00
DGR ENGINEERING	FINANCIAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE	140.00
CONSUMER REPORTS	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	35.00
LIBRARY WORLD	RENEWAL 1 YEAR	540.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	MPI TRAINING ID 12572	120.00
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	3529.01
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE	31.32
ALLRECIPES	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	27.00
AFLAC	AFLAC-AFTER TAX	235.14
SCOTT GREVE	WATER OPERATOR	100.00
ADOBE SYSTEMS, INC	ADOBE 12142025-01132026	21.19
SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION CO.	REPAIR CURB STOP 205 W 2ND ST	1046.09
MSFT	SUBSCRIPTION	300.00
CITY OF WALL LAKE	EMERGENCY SUPPORT	
FUSEBOX	AGREEMENT	1852.50
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	WEBSITE	255.00
HY - VEE	LEGAL SERVICES WATER REV BOND	15000.00
BORDER STATES	TURKEYS/HAMS - BINGO	1078.20
NETWORK SOLUTIONS	BOX PAD - TRANSFORMER	4664.63
J3RED MARKETING LLC	DOMAIN	47.99
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	DIGITAL SIGN/MARKETING	823.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	BOOKS	26.64
MID AMERICAN	WASTEWATER TESTING	292.75
THE MARKET ON 30	GPT ELECTRIC	10.58
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL	HTP BINGO SUPPLIES	14.22
OUR IOWA	COPIER LEASE	166.05
KATRINA VONNAHME	2026 OUR IOWA CALENDAR	1197.00
IOWA INFORMATION MEDIA	CUSTODIAL SERVICES	475.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	DEC 2025 PUBLICATION	115.59
TRIONFO	CURB STOP	299.13
ANATOMY IT,LLC	ADMIN FEE	54.48
LEAH HENKELMAN	FORTIFY ENDPOINT ANNUAL 2026	288.00
CARD SERVICE CENTER	BANKING MILEAGE	53.60
QUILL LLC	POSTAGE/TAX FORMS/SUPPLIES	344.98
OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS	SUPPLIES	37.37
INGRAM	BINGO RENT	200.00
SAC CO EMS	BOOKS	159.79
	ZOLL AED PLUS	2303.37
	CLAIMS TOTAL	75674.81

FUND	FUND	NAME	REVENUE	EXPENSE	END BALANCE
001	GENERAL		16443.54	26626.15	89201.60
002	BINGO FUND		1006.01	200.00	11825.16
110	ROAD USE TAX		2940.64	2642.59	68644.53
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1050.22	3464.57	13819.69
121	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		5094.34	1273.59	149445.84
125	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		0	0	2654.98
301	CDBG 17-HSG-002		0	0	8890.40
302	GRANT PARK TRAIL PROJECT		0	10.50	52700.36
310	CAPITAL EQUIP REPLACEMENT		0	0	0
600	WATER		6859.61	11212.56	1721.37
602	WATER SINKING FUND		0	2741.10	0
610	SEWER		6516.45	9833.73	9738.73
611	SEWER SINKING FUND		0	2090.00	0
630	ELECTRIC		25950.06	27235.00	341055.69
	REPORT TOTAL		65860.87	87329.79	749698.35

A motion was made by Barto, seconded by Mesiter to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Meister, Rath, Theulen, Ludwig, and Barto. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Dick Heim, Mayor

Leah Henkelman, City Clerk