

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
	EMERGENCY SUPPORT	
CITY OF WALL LAKE	AGREEMENT	1852.50
FUSEBOX	WEBSITE	255.00
	LEGAL SERVICES WATER REV	
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	BOND	15000.00
HY - VEE	TURKEYS/HAMS - BINGO	1078.20
BORDER STATES	BOX PAD - TRANSFORMER	4664.63
NETWORK SOLUTIONS	DOMAIN	47.99
J3RED MARKETING LLC	DIGITAL SIGN/MARKETING	823.00
CENGAGE LEARNING INC	BOOKS	26.64
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	292.75
MID AMERICAN	GPT ELECTRIC	10.58
THE MARKET ON 30	HTP BINGO SUPPLIES	14.22
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL	COPIER LEASE	166.05
OUR IOWA	2026 OUR IOWA CALENDAR	1197.00
KATRINA VONNAHME	CUSTODIAL SERVICES	475.00
IOWA INFORMATION MEDIA	DEC 2025 PUBLICATION	115.59
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	CURB STOP	299.13
TRIONFO	ADMIN FEE	54.48
ANATOMY IT,LLC	FORTIFY ENDPOINT ANNUAL 2026	288.00
LEAH HENKELMAN	BANKING MILEAGE	53.60
CARD SERVICE CENTER	POSTAGE/TAX FORMS/SUPPLIES	344.98
QUILL LLC	SUPPLIES	37.37
OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS	BINGO RENT	200.00
INGRAM	BOOKS	159.79
SAC CO EMS	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