

City of Auburn Council Meeting August 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A meeting of the Auburn City Council was held on Monday, August 10, 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: Bob Theulen, Linda Rath, Deb Ludwig, Jane Barto, and Nick Meister. Also present: Robert Rath, Public Works Director; Katie Baumhover, City Clerk. Also present, Chris Mason, President of SpArC.

A motion was made by Meister and seconded by Theulen approving the consent agenda including agenda, claims and payroll, Sheriff's Report, and minutes from July 13, 2026 council meeting. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Barto, Ludwig, Meister, Rath, and Theulen. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 26-15 Approving The Naming of Official Depositories for the Year 2026 was offered by Barto, seconded by Ludwig. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Barto, Theulen, Meister, and Rath. Nays: none. The Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 26-15 was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-16 ORDERING BIDS, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS, FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY, AND ORDERING CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE AND FIXING A DATE FOR RECEIVING SAME, AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR THE 2026 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR AUBURN, IOWA was offered by Meister, seconded by Theulen. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the Council. Ayes: Barto, Rath, Ludwig, Theulen, and Meister. Nays: none. The Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 26-16 was duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 26-17 RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS, FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY, AND ORDERING CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE AND FIXING A DATE FOR RECEIVING SAME, AND FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR THE FURNISHING MINOR MATERIALS – 2026 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR AUBURN, IOWA was offered by Theulen, seconded by Ludwig. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the Council. Ayes: Theulen, Meister, Barto, Rath, and Ludwig. Nays: none. The Mayor declared the motion duly carried and Resolution 26-17 was duly adopted.

Chris Mason, the president from SpArC, shared ideas with the council on ways to improve Auburn's tourism and economic development. The council discussed new opportunities and will reconvene at the next council meeting.

The council discussed the remodel project of the Community Building. At this time, the council decided to go ahead with repairs and maintenance on the City Hall portion of the building, noting that it was the most urgent.

The Public Works Director gave an update on the sewer at City Hall. It is in working condition.

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

CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	51.54
EFPTS	FED/FICA TAXES	2,580.14
HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER	JUNE 2026 WHOLESALE POWER	17,199.96
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	JULY 2026 SALES AND USE	1,427.62
IPERS	IPERS	1,783.85
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	7.2
PRESTO X COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	98.87
SAC CO. WASTE AGENCY	FY2027 Q1	3,180.00
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	WATER TOWER CONTRACT	1,004.43
WESTERN AREA POWER ADMIN	JUNE 2026 POWER	1,379.40
IA DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCE	NPDES PERMIT FEE FY27	210
REILING ELECTRIC	LABOR ON OVERHEAD	200
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE	JULY 2026 CONTRACT	1,625.00
AL'S CORNER	JULY 2026 FUEL	194.86
CARL NELSEN	PUMP SEPTIC IN CITY HALL	650
AUBURN MUNICIPAL UTILITY	ELECTRIC BILL	956.08
CULLIGAN	COOLER RENTAL	12
WESTERN IOWA NETWORKS	PHONE/INTERNET AUGUST 2026	733.78
DGR ENGINEERING	EIRLP APP ASSISTANCE	2,534.00
CONSUMER REPORTS	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION	52.43
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	2,384.12
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE	7.54
AFLAC	AFLAC-AFTER TAX	156.76
SCOTT GREVE	AUGUST 26 WATER OPERATOR	100
ADOBE SYSTEMS, INC	ADOBE ACROBAT PRO	21.19
STURM SEED AND SALES LLC	WEED CONTROL	61.42
SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION CO.	BACKHOE LABOR/CAMERA	1,495.65
CITY OF WALL LAKE	JULY 26 E. SUPPORT AGREEMENT	1,000.00
MIKE'S LAWN SERVICE	LATE SPRING APPLICATION	144.41
FUSEBOX	WEBSITE	255
VAN WERT INC.	METER	372.2
HY - VEE	HTP KITCHEN BINGO	437.51
BORDER STATES	PADMOUNT TRANSFORMER	28,512.85

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J3RED MARKETING LLC	SIGN MESSAGES	264
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	DRINKING WATER TESTING	78
DANNER LAWSCAPES, INC	PLANTS AND LABOR	4,291.00
MID AMERICAN	GPT ELECTRIC	10.98
SLIEFERT MASONRY	SPRAYING/PULLING WEEDS	1,800.00
CALHOUN COUNTY PHOENIX	SUBSCRIPTION	75
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL	COPIER LEASE	170.26
KATRINA VONNAHME	AUGUST 26 CUSTODIAN	475
IOWA INFORMATION MEDIA	JULY 2026 LEGAL PUBLICATION	140.68
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	CURB BOX	60
TRIONFO	LIFE INSURANCE	19.74
CARD SERVICE CENTER	POSTAGE/LIBRARY	40.3
QUILL LLC	GARBAGE BAGS/OFFICE SUPPLIES	74.44
DISPLAY SALES	VETERAN BANNERS HISTORICAL	1,522.00
OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS	AUGUST 2026 BINGO RENT	200
INGRAM	BOOKS	222.92
ZACH BAUMHOVER	MOW/TRIM	750
T-MOBILE	CELL PHONE	114.72
	CLAIMS TOTAL	81,138.85

FUND	FUND NAME	REVENUE	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE
1	GENERAL	7,652.26	13,134.42	68,989.61
2	BINGO FUND	415.08	200	14,512.49
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,123.76	1,820.91	76,231.28
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,003.98	2,865.72	12,181.48
121	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	3,210.99	802.75	131,343.51
125	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	0	0	0
301	CDBG 17-HSG-002	0	0	8,890.40
302	GRANT PARK TRAIL PROJECT	0	10.98	61,936.17
600	WATER	7,355.11	5,372.89	3,875.85
602	WATER SINKING FUND	0	0	0
610	SEWER	6,145.63	6,263.96	13,539.08
611	SEWER SINKING FUND	0	0	0
630	ELECTRIC	22,726.77	60,665.96	307,266.47

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	REPORT TOTAL	51,633.58	91,137.59	698,766.34
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A motion was made by Barto, seconded by Theulen to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Rath, Meister, Barto, Theulen and Ludwig. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Dick Heim, Mayor

Katie Baumhover, City Clerk