

City of Auburn Council Meeting September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

A meeting of the Auburn City Council was held on Monday, September 14, 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: Jane Barto, Linda Rath, Deb Ludwig, Nick Meister, and Bob Theulen. Also present: Robert Rath, Public Works Director; Katie Baumhover, City Clerk. Also present: Janelle King, Dave Potthoff, Carlene Potthoff, Paula Pudenz, Jamie Svoboda, Leann Lounsbury, Justin Potthoff, Jill Potthoff, residents of Auburn; Larry Thobe, Cindy Shelp, Tom Shelp, representatives of the Legion; Chris Mason, President of SpArC; Andy Koob and Dan Messner, representatives of DGR Engineering; and Jonathan Meyer, Sac County Police Department.

A motion was made by Barto and seconded by Theulen approving the consent agenda including agenda, claims and payroll, Sheriff's Report, minutes from the August 10, August 23, and August 31 council meetings, the approval of Class C Retail Alcohol License for Rural Route Roaster, the approval of Class B Retail Alcohol License for Sparky's One Stop #2, and the approval of Class C Retail Alcohol License for Fat Guy's. The motion was duly put to a vote of the Council. Ayes: Barto, Ludwig, Meister, Rath, and Theulen. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

During the public forum, Auburn residents shared their thoughts on the current water situation and ways to improve communication about town updates.

Janelle King expressed concern about the flooding in her basement due to heavy rains. The Public Works Director will scope the city drains to make sure they are not blocked.

Tom Shelp, Cindy Shelp, and Larry Thobe representatives of the Legion, spoke about a Veteran's Memorial project they are working on at Reiman Park. They requested approval to apply for the Sac County Endowment Grant, for permission to host fundraisers at the Fire Department, and for the City to be the fiscal agent for their project, which was offered by Theulen, seconded by Ludwig. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Rath, Theulen, Meister, and Barto. Nays: none.

The council opened and reviewed bids for the City Hall Remodel project. After reviewing these bids, it was decided to gather more bids for labor. Councilor Barto announced she would like to apply for the Sac County Endowment Grant as well, as this grant can be awarded to more than one project in a town. The motion was offered by Theulen, seconded by Ludwig. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Rath, Theulen, Meister, and Barto. Nays: none.

Andy Koob and Dan Messner, representing DGR Engineering, gave an informal review of the bids that were received for the upcoming electrical project. They were very pleased with the bids and will give their recommendations soon.

Resolution 26-19 Resolution taking additional action with respect to an Electric Revenue Loan Agreement and authorizing, approving and securing the payment of a \$237,750 Electric Revenue Note, Series 2026 (EIRLP) was offered by Barto, 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 26-19 was duly adopted.

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The Public Works Director presented the Council with a proposal from Utility Service Group for the cost of the insulation and installation. The approval to pay was offered by Barto, seconded by Meister. The motion was duly put to a roll call vote of the Council. Ayes: Ludwig, Rath, Theulen, Meister, and Barto. Nays: none.

The Public Works Director also updated the status of the water tower repairs; the riser pipe installation is underway. He informed that CIT Sewer Solutions will be in town around October to clean lines per the City's contract, and asked to look into a camera for the City Shed.

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	2,304.85
HEARTLAND CONSUMER POWER	JULY 2026 WHOLESALE POWER	21,223.90
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	AUG 2026 SALES AND USE	1,426.02
IPERS	IPERS	1,672.91
LAKE CITY HARDWARE	WATER PLANT SUPPLIES	21.48
PRESTO X COMPANY	PEST CONTROL	98.87
TIEFENTHALER BUILDING	CAN BOX SUPPLIES	275.89
UTILITY SERVICE CO., INC	WATER TOWER CONTRACT-AUG 2026	1,004.43
WESTERN AREA POWER ADMIN	JULY 2026 POWER	1,758.40
CARROLL REFUSE SERVICE	AUG 2026 CONTRACT	1,625.00
AL'S CORNER	FD FUEL AUG 2026	487.64
SAC CO TREAS.	2025 TAXES 1.71 AC 23-86-35	102
AUBURN MUNICIPAL UTILITY	ELECTRIC BILL	1,280.75
CULLIGAN	COOLER RENTAL	23.7
WESTERN IOWA NETWORKS	SEPTEMBER 2026 PHONE/INTERNET	648.36
DGR ENGINEERING	2026 ELEC DIST IMPROVEMENTS	8,621.50
WELLMARK	INSURANCE	2,384.12
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS	481.47
AFLAC	AFLAC-AFTER TAX	156.76
SCOTT GREVE	SEPTEMBER 2026 WATER OPERATOR	100
ADOBE SYSTEMS, INC	MONTHLY SERVICE 8/14-9/13	21.19
SCHMITT CONSTRUCTION CO.	BORING/BACK HOE M&M	3,555.00
CITY OF WALL LAKE	AUGUST 2026 E SUPPORT AGREE	1,000.00
FUSEBOX	WEBSITE	255
AYERS DISTRIBUTING	BINGO SUPPLIES	223.93
HY - VEE	HTP KITCHEN BINGO	116.94
J3RED MARKETING LLC	SIGN MESSAGES	264

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CENGAGE LEARNING INC	BOOKS	98.4
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	DRINKING WATER	30
MID AMERICAN	GPT ELECTRIC	23.16
THE MARKET ON 30	BINGO KITCHEN SUPPLIES	15.65
OUTLAW SIGNS	AUBURN TSHIRTS	1,301.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL	COPIER LEASE	163.55
KATRINA VONNAHME	SEPT 2026 CUSTODIAN	475
IOWA INFORMATION MEDIA	AUG 2026 LEGAL PUBLICATION	156.17
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WATER SUPPLIES	3,293.15
TRIONFO	LIFE INSURANCE	18.39
CARD SERVICE CENTER	POSTAGE/PRIME/DOMAIN	436.17
VONNAHME CONSTRUCTION LLP	BLACK DIRT	556.08
GEORGE C BLAZEK LAW OFF	LEGAL REVIEW	135
OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS	SEPTEMBER 2026 RENT	200
INGRAM	BOOKS	279.45
WESCO DISTRIBUTION	ELECTRICAL PROJECT MATERIALS	2,022.30
T-MOBILE	CELL PHONE	87.12
ACS	IT HELP	24.08
	CLAIMS TOTAL	60,500.32

FUND	FUND NAME	REVENUE	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE
1	GENERAL	10,587.54	15,175.31	64,562.24
2	BINGO FUND	161.46	200	14,473.95
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,888.04	1,839.87	78,311.10
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0	1,952.79	10,230.04
121	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	2,837.87	709.47	133,471.91
301	CDBG 17-HSG-002	0	0	8,890.40
302	GRANT PARK TRAIL PROJECT	0	6,851.76	55,084.41
600	WATER	10,284.07	6,861.92	7,326.76
610	SEWER	7,079.53	4,412.08	16,206.09
630	ELECTRIC	33,081.43	68,430.73	271,032.19
	REPORT TOTAL	67,919.94	106,433.93	659,589.09

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A motion was made by Meister, seconded by Barto to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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