

**MAYOR**  
Linda Blechinger

**CITY CLERK**  
Joyce Brown

**CITY OF AUBURN**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**BUSINESS MEETING in Council Chambers**  
**FOR**  
February 1, 2018

**City Council**  
Peggy J. Langley  
Robert L. Vogel, III  
Bill Ackworth  
Jay L. Riemenschneider

Present: Mayor : Linda Blechinger  
Council Member: Peggy Langley  
Council Member: Bob Vogel  
Council Member: Bill Ackworth - Absent  
Council Member: Jay Riemenschneider

City Staff in Attendance: City Administrator Ron Griffith, Joyce Brown, Alex Mitchem, Dan Pruehs, Jay Miller, Iris Akridge, Joe Moravec, Bel Outwater, Michelle Walker, Lt. Patterson, Officer Evans, Officer Ramsey, Jack Wilson.

**Mayor Blechinger** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Ron Griffith** gave the invocation.

**Ron Griffith** led the pledge to the flag.

#### **Council Reports and Announcements**

**Council Member Riemenschneider** reported that he visited the Auburn Center yesterday, received a guided tour by Larry, and that the Center is looking great.

#### **Staff Reports**

Copies of staff reports are located at the end of this document. **Chief Hodge** introduced and swore in Brent Ramsey as new Auburn Police Officer. Chief also reported that the two Police Candidates, Officer B. Rucker and Officer A. Roof are completing their third week of instruction at the Police Academy in Athens. **Bel Outwater** reported that last Tuesday she attended Library Legislative Day at the state capitol to address the Library's needs and concerns to state representative, Terry England, regarding building renovations for the Library. **Iris Akridge** reported that Public Works responded immediately to the snow storm in January de-icing the roads with a sand-salt mixture. Iris also reported that she worked with Steve Twining/FEMA for the damages Hue Graphics and Auburn Police Dept. obtained during Hurricane Irma. Iris announced that she has started Public Works Director training. She attended the Public Works Executive Management Certification Conference January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at the University of Georgia. **Dan Pruehs** reported that the new water wheel has been installed in Burel Park. Dan also announced that Spring Baseball registration is underway and will be completed February 3, 2018. Then preparation for Spring ball season will begin the first week in February which will include aerating the outfields and common areas, fertilizing all grass areas, and other maintenance. **Alex Mitchem** reported that the installation of the bike racks and trash receptacles has been completed at the Gateway Bike Park and that the final closeout for this GDOT project is underway. Alex also announced that the Auburn Center is still on target for completion in March. **Ron Griffith** reported that interviews for the City Accountant position and Customer Service Representative positions have been completed. Ron announced that job offers have been made for these two positions with the individuals starting within the next two weeks.

The following staff reports were given: Police Department - Chief Hodge, Library - Bel Outwater, Stormwater - Joe Moravec, Public Works - Iris Akridge, Parks and Leisure - Dan Pruehs, City Planning -

Jay Miller, Community Development - Alex Mitchem, City Clerk - Joyce Brown, Administration - Ron Griffith

Item: **Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for any Citizens comments for items on tonight's agenda.

None were given

Item: **Consent Agenda**

**Mayor Blechinger** asked if any of the consent agenda items needed to be removed for further discussion.

None were given

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

- January 4, 2018 - Business Meeting Minutes
- January 18, 2018 - Workshop Meeting Minutes
- January 25, 2018 - Special Called Meeting Minutes
- Overlay District DDA Expansion

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to approve the Consent Agenda.

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**.

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **Future Farmers of America Week in Auburn Proclamation**

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for a motion to approve proclaiming the week of February 11 through February 17, 2018 as Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week in the City of Auburn and approve Proclamation # 01-018.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Riemenschneider** to approve proclaiming the week of February 11 through February 17, 2018 as Future Farmers of America (FFA) week in the City of Auburn and approve Proclamation # 01-018.

Seconded: By **Council Member Vogel**.

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

Item: **City Administrator Appointment and Swearing In**

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for a motion to appoint **Alex Mitchem** as the City Administrator for the City of Auburn effective February 5, 2018 at the rate of \$73,611.20 annually.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Vogel** to appoint **Alex Mitchem** as the City Administrator for the City of Auburn effective February 5, 2018 at the rate of \$73,611.20 annually.

Seconded: By **Council Member Langley**.

**Mayor Blechinger** asked for any discussion. There was none.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes.

**Mayor Blechinger** swore in **Alex Mitchem** as the City Administrator for the City of Auburn effective February 5, 2018.

**Citizen Comments:** **Mayor Blechinger** asked for any Citizens Comments.

None were given

**ADJOURN:** **Mayor Blechinger** asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Made by **Council Member Langley** to adjourn.

Seconded: By **Council Member Riemenschneider**.

Vote was taken with all members present voting yes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of March 2018

Attest:

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Mayor Blechinger