

Auburn City Council Continues Discussion of Fire Truck Purchase

(KLZA) -- During Monday night's City Council meeting Auburn Council members discussed the proposed purchase of a QUINT Fire Truck through a loan from the Board of Public Works as proposed by Councilman Tom Clark. Board of Public Works Director Dave Hunter attended the meeting. This topic will be part of the agenda for the next Auburn BPW Board meeting.

A QUINT Fire Truck is a combination of an aerial, pumper and tanker truck and can cost between \$400 and \$800,000. Mayor Kudrna says there was lots of discussion among the Council. Currently Auburn has a 60-foot snorkel truck that does not work and there are a number of properties in Auburn that would require an aerial unit if they were on fire. Mayor Scott Kudrna says other questions concern the insurance rating for property owners if this type of unit is purchased, and if it is possible other area communities would be willing to help with the cost of the unit.

The Council voted to hire Randy Stevenson with the Baird Holm law firm represent the City's interest in the City of Auburn / Auburn BPW petition for the BPW employees to join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union.

An ordinance that would authorize beer and wine permits on recreational real estate owned by the City of Auburn passed unanimously on second reading. Council members also gave favorable comments to a special designated liquor license request to Hickory Road Barbecue and Catering for a June 27th dance at 914 Central Avenue.

Discussion was held with a representative of Endicott Brick on signage to the entryways to Auburn. Several proposals are being reviewed. Council members also allowed the Auburn Chamber to use \$500 for signage during the Highway 136 construction for local businesses. The money was previously approved for use during another event but was not needed at that time.

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