

Auburn Council discusses creation of combo position

(KLZA)--The Auburn City Council discussed the possibility of creating a position of City Administrator / Economic Developer when they met Monday evening.

Former Elkhorn City Administrator Don Eikmeier and Nebraska City Economic Developer Don Mock met with the Council to discuss the topic.

Mayor Scott Kudrna says there is really not enough work to justify a full-time economic developer or a full-time city administrator. The Mayor said by combining the positions, they hope to accomplish the functions for both.

Mayor Kudrna said a number of entities would be involved in discussions to create the new position, including the City Utility, Board of Public Works and Council members in developing a job description, making sure it is exactly what the City needs and it can benefit the community.

The hope is to upgrade economic development, housing development, and all the things a full-time person needs to be involved in.

There are many rules concerning economic development and how city's can spend money. Kudrna said while it would be a salaried city position, giving the person the ability to attend all of the meetings, meet with representatives and handle the administrative process of that.

The person would not have an ability to commit city funds to economic development projects, but would work closely with the Auburn Economic Development Committee, which does have economic development money available.

At this point, a salary for the position has not been determined.