

Auburn Council moves forward on new position

**(KLZA)--The Auburn City Council is moving forward in pursuit of having a person serve as a combination Economic Developer / City Administrator.**

**Mayor Scott Kudrna introduced the proposal. The Mayor says he feels its important the City have someone working on economic development and making sure that it is a component of the new comprehensive plan being developed for the City of Auburn by JEO Consultants.**

**Kudrna said the City would like to possibly piggyback with the Auburn Development Council in hiring someone for the position. ADC has contracted with Bill Hunter of Peru, who has experience in the economic development area.**

**Kudrna says it's possible other entities such as the Auburn Board of Public Works and Nemaha County could also be included.**

**The Mayor says moving forward with the position on a contract basis would give everyone involved a chance to see if it is working for them. He says rather than moving forward with a full-time hire, doing this on a contract basis would give the City a chance to “test the water” and see if it is working for those involved.**

**Since the Auburn Council meeting March 12th, the Auburn Development Council did contract with Bill Hunter to perform economic development work on their behalf.**

**Other entities joining in will need to be worked out and agreed to.**

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