

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2011 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael D. Quill.

Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll: Councilors McNabb, Brower, and Mayor Quill, Present.

City Staff Present: Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Interim City Manager John Rossi.

The Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a Moment of Silence**

Public to be heard –

The following person spoke during the public to be heard:

Beth Cuddy, 130 North Street – Spoke regarding the companies listed in the Citizen who failed to comply with the wastewater treatment regulations. She pointed out that the companies were negligent in submitting quarterly self-monitoring reports and the City sent a reminder a year later. In the meantime, the City took in over 16,000,000 gallons of gas drilling wastewater. She wondered if the water really didn't come from hydraulic fracturing or Marcellus Shale, as the companies reported. She has no faith in the natural gas companies and says they have no incentive to tell the truth and wonders if they are providing honest reports.

Bill Foster – spoke regarding the fracking process and voiced concerns regarding the acceptance of such water at municipal facilities.

David Schlagel, 222 Osborne Street – Voiced a neighborhood concern regarding property that is zoned residential and is used for everything but residential use. The person who owns the property has a service business and uses the property as a holding area for truckloads of stone and has now trucked in raw logs and processes them into firewood. He claims this is for his own use but the neighbors report seeing him selling this firewood by the truckload. He also has issues with Code Enforcement not regulating this matter.

Reverend Robert E. Wilson, 26 Silver Avenue – He owns the property at 85 Osborne Street, directly across from the property in question. The Reverend reiterated Mr. Schlagel's concerns and advised that he too has forwarded correspondence to all City Departments complaining that the property at 218 Osborne Street is zoned residential, however, the owner is carrying on commercial enterprises.

Mayor Quill requested a work session with concerned citizens to address the issues presented.

Proclamations:

Public Announcements

Pending approval of Council Resolution #56, next week's City Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

City Managers Report

Interim City Manager John Rossi reported that the hydro fracked water is under consideration, the contracts are being examined by Mr. Ross from Engineering and Vicky Murphy from Municipal Utilities and they will be in a position to answer these questions at a work session when it is scheduled.

In reference to the Osborne Street matter, this is a long-standing issue which he has recently become involved with and has met with Codes and Jenny Haines, the Planning Director and they are attempting to find the best solution possible and will communicate with the neighbors as soon as possible.

Presentation of Petitions and Communications

SEQRA Resolutions

SEQRA Resolution #52 of 2011 \$220,000 serial bonds to finance the cost of the sidewalk improvements for City-owned properties. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

SEQRA Resolution #53 of 2011 \$2,200,000 serial bonds to finance the cost of the 2011-2012 Road Improvement Program. VOTE: Councilor Graney, Councilor McNabb – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Ordinances

Bond Ordinance #4 of 2011- FIRST READING – approving the issuance of \$220,000 Serial Bonds to finance the cost of sidewalk improvements for City-owned properties.

Bond Ordinance #5 of 2011 – FIRST READING – approving the issuance of \$2,200,000 serial bonds to finance the cost of 2011-2012 Road Improvement Program.

Resolutions:

Agreement Resolution #54 of 2011 Owasco River Milto-Modal Trail Corridor Plan-Tiger II Grant. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #55 of 2011 Emerson Foundation Grant for the purchase of a ticketing system at Falcon Park. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #56 of 2011 change in City Council Meeting. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.

Other Business

Councilor Brower thanked Councilor Graney for attending the OWL meeting and reported that he has been religious in attending the Owasco Lake Management Council and she appreciates his representation. She also recognized the Codes Department for having a tough job. She also mentioned that IGNITE has produced wonderful reports regarding the City Manager search. She also questioned the status of the Kalet Building. Interim City Manager Rossi reported that good progress is being made in the demolition.

Councilor McNabb inquired as to the dates when the Rondina Bill will be coming out. Mayor Quill reported that most of the paperwork had been signed the evening before, there are a few more papers to be signed but the development should be off and running shortly. Mr. Rossi reported that the legal transfer of Water Street has been completed and the deed filed.

Councilor McNabb made a motion to move into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilor Graney. VOTE Councilor Graney – AYE, Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council adjourned at 5:50 p.m.