

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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 Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill, Present.

City Staff Present: Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Acting Interim City Manager Jennifer Haines, Andrew S. Fusco, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

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

Public to be heard –

Mary McLaughlin – President of CoCap Holding Corporation – This is the Corporation that brought Walmart to Auburn and she spoke regarding four other projects that the Corporation wanted to bring to the City but because of City roadblocks, three projects went to Sennett. She also spoke of other retailers seeking to build in the Town of Sennett which would mean lost revenue for the City. She pointed out the retailers who have also flocked to the Town of Aurelius, again this means lost revenue to the City.

Tim Lattimore – Legislator for the 13th Legislative District, Chairman of the Power Authority for the County - Mr. Lattimore spoke regarding the new hotel project and advised that he had spoken to some of the local tradesmen and they had not received any specs for the project. He would like to see more work for our local tradesmen in respect to this project.

Proclamations & Presentations:

Mayor Michael D. Quill proclaimed Thursday, April 28, 2011 as William Lawler Day in the City of Auburn.

Zinc LaDouce, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee gave a comprehensive synopsis regarding the role of the Committee and outlined various projects that are being undertaken in the City and the revitalization of the Clifford Park Clubhouse. He spoke about the lack of a conduit to bring the Committee's recommendations to fruition. He would like Council to appoint someone to attend the Parks and Recreation meetings and then report to the Council or DPW the work that needs to be done. Mr. LaDouce also spoke about the YMCA program held at Clifford Park and he would like to see it expanded to Casey Park as it was a resounding success.

Three Committee members spoke reiterating the role of the Commission. Mayor and Council congratulated the Commission on the outstanding job they are doing in the community.

Public Announcements:

The Engineering Department advising that street repair on South Street is beginning today and will continue for at least a week. Expect delays and try to avoid the area if at all possible. This is a temporary fix until the road can be fully milled and repaved.

The City Clerks Office advised that the City will be conducting a dog enumeration on June 1, 2011. The City Dog Control Officer and his staff will visit all residents in the City to identify the number of dogs at each home and in the event that a dog is found unlicensed, the owner will be required to license that dog within 20 days of the receipt of the notice. Owners of dogs found to be unlicensed will be subject to a \$5.00 enumeration fee in addition to the regular license fee. June 1st to June 30th will be an amnesty period and anyone wishing to get a license will not be fined.

Motion for Executive Session:

Sponsored by Councilor McNabb, seconded by Councilor Graney. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

City Managers Report

None

Presentation of Petitions and Communications:

SEQRA Resolutions:

None.

Ordinances

Resolutions:

Council Resolution #58 of 2011 authorizing the advertisement for bids for the 2011 Road Improvement Program. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #59of 2011 authorizing the advertisement for bids for the 2011 Cit Siewalk and Handicap Access Curb Program. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #60 of 2011 authorizing the advertisement for bids for the 2011 CDBG Sidewalk Program. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – NO, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #61 of 2011 authorizing the advertisement for bids for the 2011 Revolving Load Sidewalk Program. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #62 of 2011 2011 dog enumeration. VOTE: Councilor Graney - AYE , Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill – AYE. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.

Other Business

Councilor Smith inquired what the current policy regarding landlords who were in violation of certain Code Ordinances. Jenny Haines responded and advised that the landlords are cited and if they don't address the violation within a certain period of time then they are issued an appearance ticket and the Court determines what happens next. Jenny also advised that she would like to see the adoption of a rental registry for multi-family homes. There was some discussion regarding the passing of the Nuisance Law and whether any projects had come before the administrative body that was developed. There was discussion on the role of the Neighborhood and Housing Task Force and the plan they have developed.

Councilor Smith questioned Bill Lupien of Engineering whether there was some type of penalty in place for non-performance. Mr. Lupien advised that there was and it is called liquidated damages.

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

Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.