

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 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, Smith, 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:

Tim Lattimore: 63 South Street, Legislator, 13th District – Spoke regarding the pothole issue, wants City to be aggressive in fixing roads. Congratulated Mr. Pennafeather who heads the Cable Commission, congratulated Mr. Kennedy on the 50th birthday of the Auburn Players.

Proclamations:

Mayor Michael D. Quill proclaimed the week of April 10-16 as The Week of the Young Child in support of early learning for all young children and to encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Auburn. Nancy Tehan spoke thanking the Mayor and Council for their support.

Mayor Michael D. Quill proclaimed April 7, 2011 as Auburn Players Day and urged the Citizens of Auburn to continue supporting live theatre and to promote an increased appreciation for theatre within the Auburn community. Mr. Kennedy accepted on behalf of the Auburn Players and spoke of his long-standing commitment to the Players.

Public Announcements

None

City Managers Report

Interim City Manager John Rossi spoke regarding the condition of the City Streets. He acknowledged there were problems and advised that the number of claims received as a result of these conditions has escalated. He advised that the City is taking steps to remedy the situation and in the next two weeks, the Council will be presented with a Bond Ordinance to initiate this year's street program. City Engineer Bill Lupien reported on the progress he hoped to make and

the remedial efforts being taken now. Mr. Lupien addressed questions from the Council regarding which streets were in the most need of fixing and how this was determined. He also addressed which streets were still to be done from last year's Road Program.

Presentation of Petitions and Communications

The Directors and Vendors of the Farmers' Co-Op Market of Cayuga County, Inc. expressed their appreciation in a letter for the revitalization of the Market in the 2010 move to its present location in the parking lot across from City Hall and thanked all those organizations who showed their support and look forward to continued success.

Resolutions

Award Resolution #48 of 2011 authorizing Barton & Lougidice to provide engineering services for the expansion of the existing gas collection system at the Auburn landfill. VOTE Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Agreement Resolution #49 of 2011 awarding a cable franchise and approving a Cable Franchise Agreement with Time Warner NY Cable, LLC. VOTE Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Bob Pennafeather spoke regarding his involvement in the process and the development of ARMA (Auburn Regional Media Access). Interim Manager John Rossi commended Mr. Penafeather for all of his efforts.

Appointment Resolution #50 of 2011 appointing a member to the City Manager Search Committee to fill a vacancy. VOTE Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Appointment Resolution #51 of 2011 appointing John C. Rossi as Interim City Manager. VOTE Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – NAY, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.

David Whalen from Time Warner Cable spoke and thanked all those who participated in the process.

Public Hearing Closed.

Other Business

Councilor Smith made a motion to move the April 14, 2011 Council meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Second: Councilor McNabb. VOTE Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE, and Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Mayor Quill introduced two members of the City Manager Search Committee.

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

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.