

**City of Auburn**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2011 4:30PM**

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 4:30PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael D. Quill.

**Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill, all Present.

**City Staff Present:** Corporation Counsel, and Interim City Manager John Rossi, Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Jenny Haines Planning Director, Steve Selevak, Senior Planner, William Lupien, Engineering Superintendent, Vicky Murphy, Municipal Utilities Director

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

**Public to be heard -**

The following people spoke during this portion of the meeting. All were opposed to the City accepting gas drilling waste water at the City’s Wastewater Treatment plant:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
1. Don Dello Stritto	6775 Town Hall Rd. Auburn	Concerned about polluting city water, area lakes and drinking water
2. Susan Galbrary	71 Perrine St. Auburn	Water contains toxic elements like pesticides, radon and formaldehyde; the city does not have the ability to clean water.
3. Ross Horowitz <i>Town of Danby Board Member Taskforce on Gas Drilling</i>	Danby NY	Evidence of cancer causing elements should prohibit accepting this water.
4. Ken Howland	North Duck Lake NY	Council has moral and political duty to not accept water with things like trace amounts of lead.
5. Marilyn Mendillo	2969 Rt 34B Aurora NY	Signed petition and supports the group opposed to accepting water

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| 6. Tim Lattimore,<br><i>Legislator Cayuga County<br/>District 12</i> | 64 South St. Auburn                      | Opposes taking water at treatment plant.   |
| 7. Beth Cuddy  | 130 North St. Auburn                     | Discussed reports of negative effects and dangers to people and aquatic life from gas drilling wastewater                          |
| 8. Fay Gugagas   | Ithaca NY                                | Water will be polluted   |
| 9. Jean Siracusa   | Auburn NY                                | Against accepting water  |
| 10. Jim Baker  | 2526 Emerson Rd<br>Weedsport             | Just asked City not to do it.  |
| 11. Jillian Raymon   | 53 Grant Ave. Auburn                     | Importance of water to life  |
| 12. Rachel Baran   | Hunter Ave. Auburn                       | Future generations will pay the price for decisions made today   |
| 13. Dr. Marybeth Carlberg  | Skaneateles NY                           | Spoke of irrefutable evidence of toxins in this water.   |
| 14. Diane Miller   | 33 Meadwobrook Dr.<br>Auburn             | Family in Pennsylvania - lives torn apart as a result of gas drilling on and near their property. Don't let gas companies in area. |
| 15. Bill Hecht, farmer   | Union Springs NY                         | Caution is needed and strongly suggested a moratorium  |
| 16. Bob Duckett  | Townline Road Fleming                    | Look for alternatives to natural gas   |
| 17. Rick Estes   | Skaneateles NY                           | Water will be contaminated.  |
| 18. Amy Fisher Arsale  | No address given                         | Grew up in Auburn, don't do this for money   |
| 19. Margaret W(unable to understand) Cornell Professor               | East Shore Dr. Lansing                   | Restated and reinforced other comments - opposed to accepting water.   |
| 20. Holland Greg   | Skaneateles NY                           | Supports a moratorium  |
| 21. Millars Delasha  | Auburn High School<br>Environmental Club | Spoke in opposition of accepting this waste water.   |

22. Art Wenzel	23 Westlake Ave	Commended the Cayuga Anti-Frack Alliance for pulling the rally together tonight.
23. Mary Hutchings	No address given	Worried about the chemicals listed and impact on environment.
24. Doug Ward	110 North Seward Ave.	Opposed accepting natural gas water at city facility. Spoke of City Official's accountability to do the right thing and urged citizens to get involved.
25. Robert Bush Jr. & Ashley Hurd	13 Church Street	Opposed allowing waste water at city facility.
26. Terry Cuddy <i>Organizer of Rally</i>	130 North St. Auburn	Thanked people and Council for listening to everyone's concerns. Urged Council to vote on a Resolution to ban accepting natural gas waste water at the city facility. Submitted a petition he stated had over 1000 signatures.
27. Anita Williams	Otisco Lake	Spoke of the risks to the watershed of area lakes.
28. Joe Leo Grande	151 E. Genesee St.	Mentioned value of Owasco Lake water to city.
29. Greg Slis	48 Walnut St	Opposed accepting gas water at Auburn plant.

Public to Be Heard – Continued

Peter Rusika, Walnut St. Auburn commented on city expenditures for the Kalet Building demolition, and the tree removal program. He mentioned the lack of openness on demolition expenses because he did not receive a FOIL request response in a timely manner.

**Presentations and Proclamations – None.**

**Public Announcements - None**

**City Manager's Report- None**

**Presentation of Petition and Communications – The City Clerk read.**

**State Environmental Quality Review Act - None**

**Ordinances - None**

**Resolutions**

Council Resolution #78 of 2011 memorializing the Governor and the New York State Legislature to ban hydrologic fracturing. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #79 of 2011 authorizing a Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 City Budget. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #80 of 2011 authorizing award of Change Order #2 for the 2010 Road Program. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. **CARRIED.**

**There were no Local Laws, or Tabled Legislation.**

**Other Business**

**Proposed Budget for 2011-12** – John Rossi, Interim City Manager presented an overview of the 2011-2012 budget to Council. He gave credit to the financial firm of Testone, Marshall & Discenza, LLP, Bob Sprague TMD staff, and Linda Harissis, Comptroller for their efforts putting the budget together in a compressed time period due to the departure of the City Manager in April. He also acknowledged assistance provided by Lisa Green, the City's former Comptroller.

Mr. Sprague gave a Power Point presentation of the 2011-2012 budget for all funds. Council discussed the budget noting that they had only received it the night before and would need more time to thoroughly review it. Councilor Smith read sections of it to emphasize his concern that the budget as is would be setting up the city for disaster in the future.

Council discussed the schedule for moving forward with the budget. Mr. Rossi asked Councilors to get in touch any staff member with questions they may have. Due to the deadline to vote on the budget by June 21<sup>st</sup> a public hearing must be held by June 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rossi suggested if Council felt another meeting was needed a special meeting could be arranged.

Councilor Smith recommended that \$5000 be moved from the Mayor and Council budget Travel and Training to the Planning budget to provide funds for Trish Ottley to travel for Economic Development purposes. Council discussed this suggestion. Mayor Quill agree, with one request that the city continue coordinating economic development efforts with the work of CEDA and the County. Councilor Brower and McNabb concurred.

Councilor McNabb requested that the City investigate the possibility of the entering into renegotiations with CH Auburn.

Councilor Smith asked for confirmation that Saturday June 11 Council would be meeting to interview finalist for the position of City Manager. The City Clerk had made arrangements.

Council adjourned at 7:10PM.