

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 27, 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: Councilors McNabb, Smith, Graney, Brower, and Mayor Quill, Present.

City Staff Present: Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Acting City Manager Jenny Haines, Planning Director, Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities, William Lupien, Engineering Superintendent, Mike Talbot, Public Works and Anthony DeCaro, Wastewater Treatment Plant

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

Public to be heard –

The following people spoke during the public to be heard:

Chris Goodwin, Aurelius Avenue – Would like to not have sidewalks installed on Aurelius Avenue as it would create a parking hazard.

Richard Miller, Meadowbrook Drive – Spoke regarding hazardous materials being treated at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Miller advised that he has been doing research and provided an opinion that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is not designed to treat these hazardous materials. He is of the opinion that the microbial content at the Plant is changed by these toxins. He believes that dilution of the toxins is unacceptable.

Doug Ward, 110 N. Seward Avenue – Spoke regarding the wastewater treatment which had been voluntarily stopped by the gas companies as they were not in compliance. He also questioned the figures regarding the \$600,000 loss by not taking these well waters. He suggested that the Department of Municipal Utilities go out to attract new business to make up revenue.

Presentations - None

Public Announcements - None

City Managers Report

Acting City Manager Jenny Haines reported that Auburn Junior High, formerly known as East Middle School, is headquarters for a work camp this week that is sponsored by St. Peter & John Episcopal Church. There are 415 teams here working on approximately 47 homes in Cayuga County, another 8 in Seneca and Onondaga Counties. Of the homes in Cayuga County, 19 of them are in the City and we are providing assistance through our CDBG Program for those 19

homes. Ms. Haines outlined the work being done on these homes. Ms. Haines thanked the teams and St. Peter & Paul for being here and thanked Council for its support.

Resolutions

Appointment Resolution #103 of 2011 for a contract with Expert Clutter removal Service for trash collection services on private properties. VOTE Council Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED.**

Appointment Resolution #104 of 2011 appointing members to the Historic Resource Review Board. VOTE Councilors Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill AYE. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.

Other Business

Councilor Smith suggested the presentation and adoption of City Council minutes.

Councilor Brower followed up on the request for public lands to be used for community gardens. Mayor Quill advised that this request should be referred to the Interim City Manager.

Councilor Graney requested that Mike Talbot, DPW attend next week's Council Meeting to give an update on the tree program and stump removal.

Council moved into executive session.

Council adjourned at 6:30 P.M.