

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 25, 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, Brower, and Mayor Quill, all Present. Councilor Smith absent.

City Staff Present: Corporation Counsel, and Interim City Manager John Rossi, Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, William Lupien, Engineering Superintendent, Vicky Murphy, Municipal Utilities Director, Police Chief Gary Giannotta, Mike Talbot, Public Works Supervisor.

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

Public to be heard

Jack Hardy, 72 Chapman Ave. spoke to announce the third annual “Back to School - Stay in School” event to be held at Booker T. Washington Community Center on Chapman Ave. Auburn Police will have a K9 demonstration; Auburn Fire Department will have fire safety tips and information. It will be held on Saturday from 2-5pm. Many local businesses have donated school supplies and more to make the event a success.

Jerry Morgan, Standard Woods Apt. spoke to ask the Mayor to recall a conversation they had several years ago regarding funding for new fire trucks.

Pete Rusika Walnut St. commented on the agenda being posted online. He stated that too much time is being spent on issues like the minutes when other bigger issues should be addressed. He asked why the budget was not on line.

Presentations and Proclamations –

Three Firefighters were promoted and sworn in during this portion of the meeting. Chief Dygert spoke briefly and introduced each one.

- Scott De Joy promoted to Assistant Chief sworn in by his daughter.
- Mike Deyneka promoted to Captain sworn in by his wife and children.
- Matt Quill promoted to Lieutenant sworn in by Brian Donovan.

Mayor Quill said a few words as did Councilor Brower.

At 4:45pm Mayor Quill asked for a 5 minute recess so that families and friends could leave the

meeting.

Council reconvened at 4:50pm.

Public Announcements - None

City Manager's Report- John Rossi acknowledged city employees that would be receiving certificates of recognition from the New York Conference of Mayors for years of service.

Mr. Rossi congratulated the Auburn Public Theater and the Merry Go Round Theater for their successful summer theater festival 'trial run' show "The Calamari Sisters". It is reported that over 8000 people from all over central New York attended the show.

Mr. Rossi also reported that Councilor Brower has asked him to have an independent inquiry done related to the allegations of impropriety that have been brought up by an Auburn citizen. He has retained Richard Zwirn, an attorney in Moravia with no political ties to Auburn. Corporation Counsel is confident that a thorough and fair review will be done.

Presentation of Petition and Communications – The City Clerk read.

State Environmental Quality Review Act - None

Ordinances - Mayor Quill asked Council for consensus to waive the first reading for Ordinance #6 of 2011. All agreed.

Ordinance #6 of 2011 amending Chapter 31A of the municipal Code entitled "Historic Sites Commission" to include as a designated member a representative of the Auburn Public Theater. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent.

CARRIED.

Mr. Rossi invited Carey Eidel, Executive Director of the Auburn Public Theater to speak. Mr. Eidel thanked Council for amending the ordinance. He spoke briefly on how the theater has grown since it began in 2005 and the positive impact that it has had on the community economically and culturally.

Resolutions

Council Resolution # 110 of 2011 authorizing the change in meeting time for Council meetings. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

Appointment Resolution #111 of 2011 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a written agreement with and the appointment of Douglas A. Selby as City Manager of the City of Auburn NY. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

Mayor Quill first thanked John Rossi for his service to the city as Interim City Manager, then he

invited Mr. Selby to join them as part of the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

Appointment Resolution #112 of 2011 appointing a Marriage Officer. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

Award Resolution #113 of 2011 awarding a contract for landfill gas extraction, well balancing and monitoring to Barton and Loguidice PC. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

Award Resolution #114 of 2011 awarding a contract for energy efficient street lighting to M.L. Caccamise Electric Co. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution # 115 of 2011 approving Change Order #1 for the contract of the landfill gas collection system expansion. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

Award Resolution #116 of 2011 of 2011 awarding the Consent Order Compliance Plan professional engineering services. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. Councilor Smith absent. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws, or Tabled Legislation.

Other Business – None

Council adjourned to executive session at 5:45PM and returned at 6:03PM to adjourn the meeting.

Council adjourned at 6:03PM.