

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2011 4:30PM

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. 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, Doug Selby, City Manager, John Rossi, Corporation Counsel, Andrew Fusco, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Jenny Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development, William Lupien, Engineering Superintendent, Gary Giannotta, Police Chief

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:

Peter Ruzicka, Walnut Street – Questioned why the City Budget was not yet available online. Mr. Ruzicka also questioned who were the members of the Ethics Board, as required in the Code, and are they investigating the conflict of interest.

Jerry Morgan, Standart Woods – Spoke regarding the telephone call received from Richard Zwirn, Esq. in reference to the investigation of the donation from the Starlight Foundation to the Montessori School. He also spoke regarding the Historic Sites Commission.

Council moved into executive session.

Presentations

Doug Selby was sworn in as the City Manager for the City of Auburn, New York.

Public Announcements

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor Day

City Council meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

City Managers Report

City Manager Doug Selby requested that Fire Chief Dygert give a report on the dispatch of some of the City resources areas in need.

Fire Chief Dygert reported that in anticipation of a hurricane coming ashore in New York State, we were asked if we could mobilize some of our specialized resources to the downstate area to help with relief areas after the storm has passed. Crews were mobilized and helped with the relief effort.

Resolutions

Agreement Resolution #117 of 2011 authorizing City Council to enter into a professional engineering services agreement for the Cayuga Regional Water & Sewer Implementation Project. VOTE Councilor Graney - YES, Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE , Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Council Resolution #118 of 2011 – authorizing City Council to enter into a legal services agreement for the Cayuga Regional Water & Sewer Implementation Project. VOTE Councilor Graney - YES, Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower AYE , Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.

Other Business

Councilor welcomed Manager Selby and advised that he was not able to attend the meeting the week before to vote.

Councilor Smith asked when we would be passing the new sewer and water rates, when that rate will be going before Council. Mr. Rossi advised that there are going to be changes to the rate regarding the surrounding Towns and when they are effective, Vicky Murphy will come back and give us the rate based on those other charges.

Councilor Smith also requested that Council receive an update on revenues and expenditures for that month.

Councilor Smith requested a Resolution for next week be on the Agenda regarding the passing of Council minutes.

Councilor Smith requested an update on the Road Project. Mr. Lupien advised that Rizzo was going to start paving and milling the last group of streets. They will continue to work on the street that have already been milled. Handicap ramps are being updated and curbs installed at the request of homeowners.

Councilor Brower questioned if the next meeting was a work session with Vicky Murphy, DMU. Mr. Rossi advised that that work session had not been scheduled as yet.

Councilor Brower requested that Council keep an eye on the leaks that Vickie Murphy reported as this relates to lost revenue for the City.

Councilor Brower would also like to address the nuisance law at some point. Mr. Rossi advised that he believed that was scheduled for the 15th.

Council adjourned at 5:25 p.m.