

**City of Auburn**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2011 4:30PM**

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 Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower and Mayor Quill, Present.

**City Staff Present:** Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Doug Selby, City Manager, John Rossi, Corporation Counsel, 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:

Jerry Morgan, Standart Woods – Read a statement regarding the poor economy and the lack of action by local politicians to ease the tax burden of City residents.

Greg Guy, Executive Director of Options for Independence – Addressed item #10 on the Agenda regarding the additional bonding of \$500,000 to finance the cost of improvements to the Municipal Parking Garage. Mr. Guy expressed the hope that some of these funds would be utilized to install a new elevator at the Parking Garage.

Connie Riley, Executive Director of the Auburn Downtown BID – Urged Council to put in a new elevator in the Municipal Parking Garage.

**Presentations**

**Public Announcements**

Mayor Quill reminded residents of the 911 Memorial Service scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and outlined the schedule of events for the three days.

**City Managers Report**

City Manager Doug Selby requested that Fire Chief Dygert give a report on the dispatch of some of the City resources to a flooded area as well as speak about National Preparedness Month.

Fire Chief Dygert spoke about the emergency equipment being on display at the Auburn Junior High and Holland Stadium and various agencies are going to try to display information on preparedness for at-home emergencies.

Chief Dygert reported on the request from Tioga County as a water rescue resource due to flooding in that area. To date, approximately 40 to 60 rescues had been performed.

Manager Selby reported that two Code Enforcement Officers were also dispatched to Margaretville at the request of FEMA to help do some building assessments. City Manager Selby thanked Brian Hicks and Steve Downing for volunteering their services.

Manager Selby advised that although Councilor Smith had requested monthly budget reports, Manager Selby was not ready to give a full report but he did have a piece of good news regarding sales tax revenues. As of June, sales tax revenues to the City of Auburn are up 3.49% above last year. Councilor Smith requested a full budget session for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and another one for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ordinances**

**Ordinance #7 of 2011 – FIRST READING AND VOTE** – authorizing the City Council to modify Section 285-11 of the Code of the City of Auburn entitled Maximum School Speed Limits. VOTE Councilor Graney - YES, Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE , Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

Motion to waive second reading. VOTE Councilor Graney - YES, Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE , Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

**Bond Ordinance #8 of 2011 – FIRST READING** – authorizing the issuance of \$500,000 additional serial bonds to finance the cost of improvements to the Municipal Parking Garage.

Jim Caplan of Stoppen Engineering presented photos and a slideshow outlining the required work that will be needed for the Municipal Parking Garage improvements.

Chief Gary Giannotta also spoke regarding the need for a new elevator at the Municipal Parking Garage.

### **Resolutions**

**Council Resolution #119 of 2011** authorizing adjustments to the fees to treat wastewater at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. VOTE Councilor Graney - AYE, Councilor McNabb - AYE, Councilor Smith – AYE, Councilor Brower - AYE , Mayor Quill - AYE. **CARRIED.**

### **CARRIED.**

**Council Resolution #120 of 2011** – amending the Rules and Procedures of the Auburn City Council to provide for the acceptance and approval of minutes of Council meetings. Motion to table. VOTE Councilor Graney - NO, Councilor McNabb - YES, Councilor Smith – NO, Councilor Brower YES , Mayor Quill - YES. **CARRIED.**

**There were no Local Laws or Tabled Resolutions.**

**Other Business**

Councilor Smith reiterated that September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup> and the week of Thanksgiving be earmarked for budget sessions to include all information regarding revenue, expenditures and indebtedness.

Councilor Smith also questioned Councilor McNabb as to the time he needed to research the question of meeting minutes.

Council moved into executive session.

Council adjourned at 7:45