# City of Auburn City Council Meeting Minutes October 20, 2011 6:00PM

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn N.Y. 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:** City Manager Doug Selby, Corporation Counsel John Rossi, Debra A. McCormick, City Clerk, Police Chief Gary Giannotta, Fire Chief Jeffery Dygert, Jenny Haines Director Planning and Economic Development, Vicky Murphy, Director Municipal Utilities.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a Moment of Silence and a special remembrance for James Salva, local electrician and Chairman of the City's Electric Board.

### Public to be heard -

Jerry Morgan Standard Woods Apartments thanked the City for new cross walks and commented on several other issues.

Walt Aikman 17 Liberty St. commented on national news and world wide events that impact everyone.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South St. Auburn NY commented on the passing of James Salva.

Andrew Miller 217 Woodlawn Ave spoke to Council about the issue of lost revenue due to the ban on accepting waste water from hydro fracking companies. He read from a letter dated 6/22 from Vicky Murphy asking Talisman Co. to discontinue bringing waste water because they exceeded the limits of toxins.

### Presentations and Proclamations –

Terry Winslow 74 Prospect St. and Chairman of the 9/11 Remembrance Committee gave Council a recap of the weekend events and credited his committee for the success.

Mayor Quill presented Mr. Winslow with a Key to the City as recognition for his volunteerism and leadership in planning and launching the event.

**City Manager's Report-** Mr. Selby reported that the Regionalization Task Force members have each met and the group is ready to move to the next step.

**Public Announcements** – The Clerk

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

State Environmental Quality Review Act - None

**Ordinances** - None

## Resolutions

Council Resolution #134 of 2011 authorizing the Mayor to submit a NY Consolidated Funding Application for the Owasco River Trail Project. A motion to amend this resolution strike numbered paragraphs 2 & 3 was made by Councilor Graney, seconded by Councilor Smith. The motion was carried unanimously. VOTE on resolution as amended: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED.

Council Resolution #135 of 2011 authorizing the Mayor to submit one or more NYS Consolidated Funding Applications for Acquisition of Key Vacant or Underutilized Industrial, Commercial, or Brownfield Sites. A motion to amend this resolution - strike numbered paragraphs 2&3 was made by Councilor Graney, seconded by Councilor Smith. The motion was carried unanimously. VOTE on resolution as amended: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED.

Council Resolution #136 of 2011 authorizing the Mayor to submit a NYS Consolidated Funding Application for Technology Park Improvements. A motion to amend this resolution - strike numbered paragraphs 2&3 was made by Councilor Graney, seconded by Councilor Smith. The motion was carried unanimously. VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED

There were no Local Laws, or Tabled Legislation.

# **Other Business**

**Vicky Murphy, Director, Municipal Utilities** presented Council with an overview of the status of existing Waste Water Treatment Plant Infrastructure and assets. She reviewed the expected needs and costs involved.

Discussion of the waste water rates for City residents and Towns was also discussed. A hard copy hand out was distributed.

Frank DeRosa and Norm Davis Chairman of the Neighborhood and Housing Commission presented Council with recommendations the commission put together based on their work. They distributed a handout with details of each.

Council discussed the various issues and obstacles. Suggestions for an administrative housing court were discussed and Mr. Rossi was asked to investigate.

Carol Leonello of 26 Hoffman St. Auburn was invited by Councilor Smith to relay her experience with neighborhood problems and the difficulty getting resolution. Arlene Ryan, a commission member and President of the Orchard St. Neighborhood Association which she began in 1995, commented on the benefits of the association and the turnaround of her neighborhood.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:35PM and returned at 9:05PM

Council adjourned at 9:10PM.