

**City of Auburn**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday January 19, 2012 - 6:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael D. Quill.

**Roll Call** - The City Clerk called the roll. Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, present.

**City Staff Present**

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debra McCormick
Police Chief	Gary Giannotta
Planning Director	Jenny Haines
CIP Manager	Christina Selvek
Fire Chief	Jeffery Dygert
Engineering Director	William Lupien
Municipal Util. Dr.	Vicky Murphy
Auburn Police Dept.	Lt. Shawn Butler
Admin Assist/Mayor	Laurie Turo

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

Mayor Quill asked that Arbon Hatfield former County Legislative Chairman be remembered as he passed away during the week.

**Public to be heard**

**Jerry Morgan, Standard Woods Apts.** - Spoke to welcome Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka. He asked about funding for the theater and wiring for the pool.

**Ed Wagner Town of Owasco Supervisor** - spoke on behalf of his town - to object to the 97% sewer rate increase on the agenda for approval and the short notice given to the towns. He also asked Council to table the resolution.

**Terry Lattimore, Owasco Town Councilor** (not representing entire town board) spoke to object to the raise in the sewer rate and to ask that the resolution be tabled.

**Jeff Herrick, Town of Sennett Supervisor** - also spoke regarding his objections to the increase in the sewer rate. He acknowledged the need for an increase to help the city offset the costs and asked that the resolution be tabled.

**Mark Kuberek, 108 North St. Auburn** - Spoke to express sympathy with towns and ask that the City and towns work together. He urged Council to approve the resolution to increase the rates on behalf of the city tax payers.

**Bill Atkinson Oak Creek Apts.** - spoke to share his ideas on starting a band to revive the music of the popular 70's band the Partridge Family.

#### **Presentations and Proclamations - None**

#### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Selby followed up on a request from a previous meeting to provide information on the landfill. He reported that a three year average for landfill costs was \$40.00 per ton average and there were 16 accounts in collections at a total of \$65,000 of which the highest was \$18,000. He suggested that this topic be scheduled as an agenda item for a presentation on the February 9th meeting. Council discussed briefly.

**Public Announcements** - There were none.

**Presentations of Petitions and Communications** - The City Clerk read.

#### **SEQR Resolutions -**

**SEQRA Resolution #4** by the Auburn City Council approving the Auburn Planning Board to act as Lead Agency for SEQRA review of an unlisted action for 191 Franklin Street, Auburn, New York. **VOTE: Councilor VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED.**

#### **Ordinances**

The Clerk read **Ordinance # 1 of 2012** authorizing an amendment to Chapter 285 Vehicles and Traffic. The Clerk read the short portions of the ordinance and notified the public that the full version was available in the Clerk's office.

**Motion to amend:** Graney/Camardo - to not included meters on West Garden Street, Seminary St. and Clark St. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, aye. Mayor Quill, no. CARRIED**

**Motion to amend:** Graney/Ruzicka - change the two way traffic stop at the intersection of Pulaski and State St. to a four way stop. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED**

**VOTE on ordinance as amended: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Councilor Smith stated that he would need to leave the meeting early to participate in a school Honor Society function. He requested that two Resolutions (#11 and 12) that he was involved

with bringing to the floor be moved forward on the agenda so that he be would in attendance for the voting. There was no objection.

### **Resolutions**

**Council Resolution #5 of 2012** waiving the residency requirement for City Comptroller.

**VOTE: Councilors Graney- aye; Camardo- no; Smith -no; Ruzicka-aye; Mayor Quill - aye. CARRIED.**

**Council Resolution #11 of 2012** amending the Order of Business for Auburn City Council meetings.

**Motion to amend: Quill/Graney** - to allow one week for minutes to be prepared and then to include with Council meeting packet for the following week's meeting for approval. In addition - change the phrase "*form of a videocassette*" to "the most current electronic media format available". **"VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

As amended **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

**Council Resolution #12 of 2012** establishing a wholesale rate for wastewater treatment services outside the City of Auburn.

**Discussion:** Council discussed issues related to this resolution:

- Components of the cost to the city in relation to the rate,
- The 10 years the rate has been under what it should have been/
- City residents have unfairly absorbed the costs,
- Fairness to city residents,
- Appropriateness of the rate,
- The frequency of reviewing the rate,
- Council's intent to continue efforts to create the water and sewer authority,
- The city's intention to work with towns and be fair.

Councilor Graney asked that a letter from the former City Manager to Mr. Gary Searing, Fleming Town Supervisor (that also went to each of the other towns) be read into the record regarding plans for rates. **(Letter is included with meeting documents.)**

Andy Fusco, Assistant Corporation Counsel spoke to explain legal issues and some of the history.

The town supervisors in attendance were invited to speak. Mr. Herrick, Sennett Supervisor and Mr. Wagner Town of Owasco Supervisor spoke.

Vicky Murphy Municipal Utilities Supervisor spoke briefly.

**MOTION TABLE: Quill/Camardo VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, no. Mayor Quill, Aye. DEFEATED**

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED: VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, aye. Mayor Quill, no. CARRIED**

Councilor Smith excused himself to leave and stated that he would support all resolutions on the agenda if he were to stay.

**Council Resolution #6 of 2012** adopting a City of Auburn Procurement Policy. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Smith - absent**

**Appointment Resolution #7 of 2012** authorizing appointments to the Neighborhood and Housing Commission. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Smith - Absent.**

**Council Resolution #8 of 2012** authorizing a Public Hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Action Plan to be held before City Council on February 2, 2012. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Smith - absent**

**Council Resolution #9 OF 2012** authorizing the Mayor to submit a US EPA Urban Waters Small Grants application for development of Technology Park Master Build out Plan. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Smith - absent**

**Council Resolution #10 of 2012** authorizing the City of Auburn to apply for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Smith - absent.**

**Appointment Resolution #13 of 2012** appointment of Christopher DeAngelis of Auburn NY as a Civil Service Commission member. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

### **Other Business**

Councilor Camardo ask Jenny Haines, Planning Director several questions regarding the process and tracking for the \$1 million grant application sent to the state for the hotel project. Mr. Camardo also asked for copies and information regarding grants that are in process or available. He asked the City Manager about Capital Projects, the road program in relationship to water and sewer work on those streets that are in the program.

Mayor Quill asked that Ginny Kent be invited to Council when the time was right to talk about the grant program she is working on at the Chamber.

Mayor Quill also announced that 2 town hall meetings are being scheduled for February. More information will be forthcoming.

The City Clerk read the recap.

Adjournment Council adjourned at 8:00PM.

APPROVED 2.2.12