

**City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
Thursday February 16, 2012 6:00PM**

Minutes

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 Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, **PRESENT**. Councilor Graney; **absent**.

City Staff Present:

CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Manager	Douglas Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Police Chief	Gary Giannotta
Capital Projects Manager	Christina Selvek
Fire Chief	Jeffery Dygert
Planning Program Mgr.	Trish Ottley
AFD Assistant Chief	Scott DeJoy

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

Public to be heard

Jerry Morgan, Standart Woods Apts., and property owner on Pulaski St. spoke to Council about his concern about discovering that synthetic drugs are being sold in local stores. He asked Council to speak to state legislators.

Gary Gulita, Weedsport, spoke to share his personal family experience with the synthetic drug (one called Sonic Bomb) and the damage it has done in his family.

Joe Leogrande E Genesee St. - spoke regarding the same issue of synthetic drugs in Auburn. He reported that they are sold at Arizona Trader to teenagers. He asked if something could be done to prevent this.

Kathleen Morgan Standart Woods spoke to Council about the problem of this product being sold to teenagers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2th - Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Presentations and Proclamations

Monika Salvage, Chairperson of IGNITE spoke to Council to promote the groups plans for the March 3 event *IGNITE the Winter*.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on items that needed follow up from the previous meeting. He reported that the city has 2 Visa Cards and one Wegmans card and there is a policy for credit card use. He also reported that 6 departments each have a small amount of petty cash.

He reported on efforts to alert drivers of the pedestrian crossing in front of the Correctional Facility on State St.

Mr. Selby also reported that he had met with Tom Lewis CEDA board President earlier in the week.

Public Announcements - None.

Presentations of Petitions and Communications - The Clerk read.

SEQR Resolutions - None.

Resolutions

Council Resolution # 22 of 2012 authorizing the City Purchasing Agent to enter into a cooperative bidding agreement with Cayuga Onondaga BOCES. **VOTE: Councilors Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Graney absent. CARRIED.**

Financial Resolution #23 of 2012 authorizing the Seymour Library Tax Levy advance. **VOTE: Councilors Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Graney absent. CARRIED**

Change Order Resolution #24 of 2012 authorizing award of Change Order #1 for the NYSERDA Street Lighting Project. **VOTE: Councilors Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Graney absent. CARRIED**

There were no Ordinances, Local Laws and Tabled Legislation.

Other Business

City Manager, Doug Selby presented Council with a Budget Update through January 31st that included a look at the trends over 5 years in each city fund.
Council discussed.

Councilor Ruzicka asked the Mayor if he could replace him as a board member on the Auburn Municipal Power Agency board and questioned the Mayor's attendance at the AMPA meetings. Mayor Quill remarked on changes made to the day of the monthly meetings, and previous commitments that had an impact on his ability to attend. He declined Councilor Ruzicka's offer to replace him and also explained that the bylaws of the board require the Mayor to serve.

Councilor Smith requested an update on the status of clean up at the Dunn and McCarthy site. Mr. Selby responded with the immediate plans which included the possibility of a community garden. Long term plans will depend on soil testing and other environmental regulations.

Councilor Smith commented on the ongoing discussion regarding the Cayuga Ingredients project and the City's position and public perception.

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:15PM and returned at 7:25PM.

Adjournment Council adjourned at 7:25PM