

**City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
Wednesday March 7, 2012 6:00PM**

Minutes

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 Deputy City Clerk Called the roll. Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill, **PRESENT**.

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
Deputy City Clerk	Coleen LaMay
Police Chief	Gary Giannotta
Public Works	Mike Talbot
Fire Chief	Jeffery Dygert
Planning Director	Jenny Haines
Municipal Utilities Director	Vicky Murphy

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

Public to be Heard

John Berry, 53 Lansing St. prefers to have alternate side parking changed to parking on both sides of the street.

Beth Cuddy, 130 North St. spoke against rescinding the ban on accepting wastewater at the City’s WWTP. She spoke on how Niagara Falls council passed an Ordinance on prohibiting the treatment or disposal of natural gas exploration of production waste.

Joe Leogrand, Genesee St. spoke against rescinding the ban accepting wastewater from natural gas companies.

Patty Beer, 81 Swift St. spoke against rescinding the ban on accepting wastewater and used Niagara Falls council as an example on how they passed an Ordinance prohibiting the acceptance of production waste and natural gas exploration.

Sharon Michaels, 4411 Vinegar Hill Rd. spoke against rescinding the ban on accepting natural gas wastewater and believes that the decision made from the meeting would not only affect the City of Auburn, but the surrounding towns and villages as well.

Walt Akmen 17 Liberty St. wants to maintain the ban on natural gas wastewater. Believes it would be a mistake to undo the work that was done this past summer.

Mrs. Scott, no address given, spoke on their being no difference in horizontal and vertical waste water.

David Wawro, N. Hurd Circle spoke in favor of lifting the moratorium for disposal of natural gas drilling wastewater at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Bill Foster, 8 Brae Ridge Rd. is not in favor of bringing back the waste water, but if the City was to do so then they should hire an independent agency to be brought in and check what these companies are bringing into to treatment facility.

Mary, no last name given, Skaneateles, NY spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater.

Dale Bush, 116 Standard Woods spoke in favor of rescinding the ban on bringing in vertical well water. Stated that horizontal frack water has nothing to do with what the City brings in. Mr. Bush also spoke in favor of having alternate side parking year round. Also mentioned the Case Mansion and does not see the negative effects it would have on the surrounding neighbors if converted into a place for homeless veterans and children programs.

Mary Beth Carlberg, MD, Franklin St. Rd. Skaneateles, NY spoke on behalf of the medical community and her husband on how everyone has worked so hard over the past year to keep hydrofracking out of NYS.

Jillian Raymond 53 Grant St. spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater.

Richard Miller, Meadowbrook Dr. spoke on hydro fracking chemicals and there being no difference in vertical and horizontal drill waste water. The only difference between the two is volume.

Mark Cooney, Syracuse, New York spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back hydro fracking. Asked council what are the studies that have been done to put people at ease.

Roseanne Deluca, 6 Hamilton Ave spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater.

Andy Miller, 217 Woodlawn Ave spoke against rescinding the ban and how zero dollars of revenue were coming into Auburn from drilling waste water weeks before the ban went into effect because there was too much pollution in the waste water.

Dave Arnold, 29 Logan St. stated two years ago the City of Auburn won an award one of the best small cities to live in. He asked the council what are the chances of that happening again if they rescind the ban.

David, no last name given, Route 90 Aurora, New York spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater. He also stated how he is concerned about people's health and that the human body is mainly made up of water.

Walter Hung, 218 Wade Ave Ithaca, New York spoke against rescinding the ban and stated that gas drilling water is made up of 2 components 1 is called flow back and the 2nd is produced water is also known as brine. He also stated that the City's local waste water treatment plant is not designed to take in these chemicals.

Maryl Mendillo, Aurora New York spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drill wastewater.

Joyce Lovelace, E. Lincoln St. Ithaca, New York asked the council to consider these questions: does the city have method of storing drilling and what is to prevent them from taking fluids from horizontal to vertical.

Carla Vorruter, E. Lake Rd. Owasco, NY asked council to think clearly about not passing the resolution proposed and to continue on having the ban.

Diane Miller 33 Meadowbrook Dr. spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater.

Hollan Craig, Skaneateles New York spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater. He believes that the City is coming to life and that trouble is lurking is resolution is passed.

Devin Roblee, 7 Orchard St. has no desire to see this City accept waste water. Believes there is much risk in the transportation and treatment of waste water.

Terry Cuddy, 130 North St. asked council to table the resolution until prior non-compliance issues have been thoroughly addressed and remedied and to think about what has been said here tonight.

Doug Ward, 110 N. Seward Ave has 3 questions for the council 1. What do you want Auburn to be known for? 2. Will it be worth it and 3. Are you really going to represent what the people want?

Sandra Porter Syracuse, New York spoke against rescinding the ban on bringing back natural gas drilling wastewater and used Onondaga Lake as an example.

Council **Approved the Minutes** from the February 23rd Council Meeting.

There were no presentations of public announcements.

The City Manager reported as follows:

- Spoke on the Municipal Power Agency workshop where there was discussion on the Allen Street Power line Connect Cogeneration Facility to Casey Park and Falcon Park. They came back with an analysis on that and the payback period. The payback period would be about 11 years and the City would save about \$32,000. Capitol cost to the project would be about \$300,000. City Manager asked council if they would like to bring this back to a future meeting to approve project.

The Clerk read the communications.

There were no SEQR resolutions or Ordinances.

Resolutions

Council Resolution #26 of 2012 Removing the Prohibition Accepting Natural Gas Drilling Water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant by the City of Auburn. Motion to Table by Councilor Camardo Seconded by Mayor Quill, Defeated. Councilor Graney, Smith, Ruzicka AYE, Councilor Camardo and Mayor Quill NO, **CARRIED**.

There were no local laws or tabled legislation.

Other Business

Council agreed to postpone the trash and bulk item pickup, Alternate Side of the Street Parking, Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Form work sessions for 2 weeks.

Councilor Smith asked about the cross walk in front of the prison if a sign could be put up. Chief Giannotta spoke on that matter stating a sign had been placed in front of the prison, but neither the City nor the prison put the sign there, but it seems to be working.

Councilor Smith also spoke on the officer that writes tickets on the alternate side parking that a large amount have been dismissed by the Judge. Chief Giannotta spoke on this matter as well and did confirm that the judge was dismissing the tickets and spoke to Judge McKeon about this and Judge McKeon said he would look into it.

The Clerk read the recap.

Council adjourn at 8:30PM.