

Auburn City Council
Regular Weekly Business Meeting
Thursday July 12, 2012 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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 Quill.

Roll Call

The City Clerk Called the roll. Councilor Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka **and** Mayor Quill, present.

City Staff Present:

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Fire Chief	Jeffery Dygert
CIP Manager	Christina Selvek
Engineering Director	Bill Lupien
Comptroller	Lauren Poehlman
Assessor	Mike Burns
Public Works Supervisor	Mike Talbot
Municipal Utilities Director	Vicky Murphy

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

Public to be Heard - None

Meeting Minutes: June 21, 2012 - Approved.

Presentations and Proclamations

Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities presented Council with a report on the landfill gas to electric project. Ms. Murphy reviewed the following items:

- Explained the objective to increase methane gas quantity and obtain better pricing for excess power to increase revenues at the Landfill Gas to Electric Facility.
- Analysis of production data.
- Review the improvements that have been done -
 - Installed 36 new wellheads
 - Installed new meter on landfill gas line to flare
 - Replaced four (4) valves
 - 5 “watered out” wells were pumped out, of these 5 wells, only 2 continue to produce methane
 - Began supplementing with natural gas June 11, 2012 (60% LFG / 40% NG)
 - Disposing of 10 tons of sludge/day at landfill

- Reviewed future plans for improvements:
 - Install 4 new vertical wells with wellheads
 - Install 4 new horizontal collection trenches with wellheads
 - Connection of existing Cell No. 2 primary cleanout to the LF gas system
 - Installation of LF gas conveyance piping to existing and new well and trenches
 - Placement of up to 10 tons of sludge/day in LF
 - Consultant investigating future sales of excess power to increase revenues

- Water and Sewer Lateral
 - Ms. Murphy reviewed the cost to the city of doing work on sewer laterals in house versus contracting out. Council discussed.

Public Announcements - The Clerk read.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on the following:

- The City Hall elevator had a small fire earlier in the day. Repairs are in progress to get the elevator working as soon as possible.
- City Public Works is working to resolve the Hoopes Park pond weed and algae problem.
- The residents of Elizabeth St. have a problem with sewer laterals that are on private property and in need of repair. John Rossi briefly explained the situation.
- An open house will be held on August 2 at NUCOR for all York St. property owners to review final plans for the street.

Presentation of Petition and Communications - None.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions - None

Ordinances - None

Resolutions -

Council Resolution # 86 of 2012 authorizing the City of Auburn to apply for funding under the 2012 Environmental Protection Fund. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Local Law & Tabled Legislation - None.

Other Business

City Assessor Mike Burns provided Council with an analysis of the percent change in the 2012 Tax Rate in relation to the effects of PILOT programs.

Recap - The Clerk read.

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:45PM.

Adjournment - They returned at 8:35PM and adjourned.