

Auburn City Council
Regular Weekly Business Meeting
Thursday July 19, 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
Police Chief	Gary Giannotta
CIP Manager	Christina Selvek
Engineering Director	Bill Lupien
Comptroller	Lauren Poehlman
Assessor	Mike Burns
Comptroller	Lauren Poehlman

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

Public to be Heard -

Gilda Brower, Grover St. - Spoke to Council regarding recent AIDA and Council discussion about PILOT programs and the federal government's policy regarding business and the economy.

Art Wenzel, 23 Westlake Ave., Auburn - spoke to Council to state his opinion on the President of the United States.

Tim Donovan, 60 Genesee St. spoke to Council about the increased use of designer drugs in the city.

Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2012 - Approved unanimously.

Presentations and Proclamations - The Clerk read a proclamation to recognize the Auburn High School Classes of the 70s and to proclaim Saturday July 21st 2012 "All 70's Reunion Day" in the City of Auburn. Bernie Simmons and several of the volunteer organizers accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Public Announcements - The Clerk read.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Presented a report prepared by the City Assessor as a follow up to a request for information comparing taxable value changes for similar Upstate New York cities to Auburn, he briefly reviewed the findings.
- Followed up on the problems with private sewers for property owners on Elizabeth St. The city has set up a meeting for 7/26 with owners to facilitate a resolution. While the city is not responsible, efforts are being made to assist with finding a solution.
- The Dunn and McCarthy update was prepared by Jenny Haines and distributed - Mr. Selby reviewed- phase one of the investigate is complete and phase II ongoing and expected to be complete by November.
- The City will hold an open house to update property owners on August 2 from 3-5pm at Nucor for York St. Reconstruction Project.

Presentation of Petition and Communications - The Clerk read.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions - None

Ordinances - None

Resolutions -

Agreement Resolution # 87 of 2012 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Auburn and the Auburn Enlarged City School District for the assignment of school resource officers. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.**

Council Resolution # 80 of 2012 awarding the contract for the 2012 City Sidewalk program was **PULLED.**

Council Resolution # 89 of 2012 authorizing a public hearing regarding the installation of Community Development Block Grant funded sidewalks. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.**

Local Law & Tabled Legislation - None.

Other Business

Council asked Chief Giannotta to explain depth of the problem the city is experiencing with bath salts and designer drugs and discuss the actions being taken to address it. Chief Giannotta

described the problem as 'epidemic' and explained that all communities are struggling to keep on top of the problem and law enforcement is working to improve awareness and educate officers on how to handle these situations.

Council adjourned to executive session at 6:50PM.

Adjournment - They returned at 8:50PM and adjourned.