

**Auburn City Council**  
**Thursday August 8, 2013 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Work Session Meeting**  
**Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn N.Y. 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
Superintendent of Engineering Services	William Lupien
Municipal Utilities	Mark Storrs
Police Chief	Brian Nagle

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

**Public to be Heard -**

David Rugin, 13 Liberty St. Auburn spoke to request the City's help with Time Warner pricing or discounts for Senior Citizens.

Norm Davis 87 N Division St. spoke to comment on Founder's Day and the City's participation in the Tug of War.

**Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes for July 18, 2013 - Approved unanimously.

**Presentations & Proclamations** – None

**Public Announcements** – The Clerk read.

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. Selby reported on the following:

- With assistance from Mark Storrs Waste Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, he reported on the recent discovery of leaks in an older 30" effluent line at the plant. It is likely that this has been leaking for some time and only became apparent when a sink hole became much larger. The DEC is aware of the leaks and the expense of repairing this will need to come from contingency funds or capital accounts if possible.

- The City met with School district personnel to discuss the SRO program contract. Councilor Smith also attended. The topic of crossing guards was discussed along with the issue of payment for use of facilities. He reported that discussions are continuing.

**Presentation of Petition and Communications, and SEQR – None**

**Ordinances - Bond Ordinance #8 of 2013** authorizing the issuance of \$4 million serial bonds to finance the Franklin Street Water Main Replacement Project. **FIRST READING by City Clerk**

**Resolutions - None**

**No Local Law or Tabled Legislation.**

**Other Business**

The review of Parts 2 & 3 of the EAF (Schwartz Family Performing Arts Center) was **postponed.**

Reorganization of City Departments - Doug Selby, City Manager - Mr. Selby presented Council with a 4th option for reorganizing the Finance Department. He reviewed the financial implications and Council discussed.

Boards and Commissions - Mayor Quill - The Mayor updated Council on progress made to date on his and Councilor Graney's efforts to talk with board members.

The City Manager brought Council up to date on the status of the purchase agreement with Mac Studios regarding a land purchase. Mr. Selby reviewed communication with Peter Mack outlining issues he would like city to be aware of.

- He has been in negotiations for years (2008) to expand and purchase adjacent land.
- Needs to expand - is bursting at seams and it is holding company back
- Notified wetland
- Adjusting site plan \$41,000 to Army Corps for wetland mitigation.
- Proposes to split cost with City and Mack Studios.
- Sewer line needs to be moved.
- Mack Studios has grieved assessment and was reduced to 1.4 mil - feel they may have been over assessed for multi years. They are concerned.
- Project is scheduled to go to Planning Board, AIDA, they will request a PILOT.  
Mack Studios is asking city to commit to transfer of land at no cost, to move the sewer line and to pay or provide tax abatement for city share of wetland mitigation.

Council asked the Manager for costs associated with this.

Mayor Quill commented on the Founder's Day weekend success and humbly reported on the City Employee's triumph at the Tug of War competition over the County Employees. He displayed the trophy that was presented to him by County Chairman Mike Chapman.

Council moved to executive session to discuss public safety at 7:15PM and returned at 7:50PM and adjourned.