

**Auburn City Council
Thursday November 7, 2013 6:00PM
City Council Chambers
Business Meeting
Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in the 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
Engineering Super.	Bill Lupien
Planning Director	Jenny Haines
Water Filtration Supr.	Tony DeCaro

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Quill led the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Mayor Quill then asked for **Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection**.

Public to be Heard

Walt Aikman, 17 Liberty St. Auburn spoke to Council about the City's tree program. He announced that a tree planting project would be held the upcoming Saturday at Clifford Field.

Jim Serendo, 29 Van Patten St. spoke to Council about the condemned property on his street that is impacting the quality of life for him and his neighbors. He stated it was an ongoing problem and he was considering relocating.

Mrs. Jim Serendo of 29 Van Patten St. also spoke about the condition of the property and its influence on her family's decision to stay in the area or move.

Norm Davis, Salvation Army Volunteer spoke to ask the community to support the Thanksgiving dinner program by donating food this year.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2013 were approved unanimously.

Presentations and Proclamations - None

Public Announcements – The Clerk read.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Selby commented on the situation on Van Patten St. and asked Corporation Counsel John Rossi to explain further. Mr. Rossi reviewed the history of legal actions dating back to 2009 in the city's efforts to foreclose on the property and clean it up.

Presentation of Petition and Communications – The Clerk read.

There were no State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions, Ordinances, or Local Laws.

Resolutions

Financial Resolution # 127 of 2013 authorizing acceptance of a grant from the US Dept. of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership program for the Auburn Police Dept. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Change Order Resolution #128 of 2013 authorizing Change Order #1 for State Dam Rehabilitation. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye.**

Other business

Reorganization discussion - Planning Department - Mr. Selby and Jenny Haines presented Council with information related to responsibilities of the planning and code offices. Council discussed the options of relocating the Code function to the Fire Department.

Council **adjourned to executive session** to discuss contract litigation at 7:20PM. Council returned and **adjourned** at 8:15PM.