

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, March 27, 2014 6:00PM  
City Council Chambers  
Memorial City Hall  
24 South St.  
Auburn, NY 13021**

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Councilor McCormick.

**Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka were all present.

**The following City Staff was present:**

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jenny Haines

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection** – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

**Public to be Heard** –

- **Norm Davis, Auburn**

Mr. Davis spoke in his capacity as Chair of the City Neighborhood and Housing Commission and as a Board Member of the local Salvation Army. He stated that the Salvation Army Food Pantry was in need of food supplies and would appreciate the assistance of the local community. He also stated that he believed the City Police Department needed additional support in the upcoming City Budget. He asked the Council to remember the Police Department and the Neighborhood and Housing Commission in the upcoming budget talks.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- A. March 15, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

B. March 20, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

**Presentations and Proclamations –**

- **Proclamation - World Autism Day April 2<sup>nd</sup>** The Clerk read a proclamation from Mayor Quill regarding World Autism Day.
- **Auburn Doubledays Presentation** – David Daum, President of Auburn Community Baseball introduced Michael Voutsinas, General Manager and Kenny Lindberg, Operations Manager from Auburn Doubledays baseball (affiliate of the Washington Nationals) to the Council.
- **Overview of the Mill Street Hydro Project presented by Siemens Industry, Inc.** The Council was provided an update on work at the Mill St. Dam from representatives of Siemens Industry, Inc. Representatives from Siemens included: Steve Heaslip, Account Executive; Rich Rutishauser, Energy Engineer; and, Gene Schoonmakerfranczek, Project Manager.

**Public Announcements –**

The Clerk read the following:

1. A letter from the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding a recent discharge liquid manure into Owasco Lake near Fire Lane 26 in the Town of Scipio. Councilor McCormick serves as the City's representative on the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council and asked that the letter be read into the record.
2. The Auburn City Council has called a special meeting scheduled for:
  - Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 8 a.m. The meeting agenda will include an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of a particular individual.The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021.
3. The City of Auburn Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South St. here in Auburn.
4. The City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 2 at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be held at West Minister Church, 17 Williams St. here in Auburn.

**City Manager's Report -** The City Manager reported:

- On the issue of the Landfill Gas to Electricity Generation Facility at the Landfill (aka Co-Gen), the Manager reported that the City will take the project over by the end of the next

week.

- On the issue of attending a conference at the Cornell University Community and Regional Development Institute (CaRDI). The conference was on the State of New York's cities. Complete information presented during the conference may be obtained at the following web link: <http://cardi.cornell.edu/cals/devsoc/outreach/cardi/training/state-of-ny-cities.cfm>

### **State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – none**

### **Ordinances – none**

### **Resolutions –**

A. Resolution #54 of 2014 – Appointing a Member of the Board of Assessment Review  
Motion to approve sponsored by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The resolution carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

### **Local Law- None**

### **Tabled Legislation- none**

### **Other Business**

- **Budget Status Reports.** The Manager went through the slides presented to Council regarding City Department budgets. Councilor Camardo questioned the Corporation Counsel's services line and pointed out that any budget transfer required to cover overruns in budgets need to receive approval by the Council.
- **Revenue Projections for 2014 – 2015** City Comptroller Laura Wills presented to the Council a line by line list of revenue projections for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City Budget. The Manager stated that in a couple more weeks we would have more of an exact set of figures to be able to project an updated anticipated budget shortfall for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015.
- **Council Rules and Procedures Discussion.** The City Clerk outlined the changes and revisions to the Council Rules and Procedures. The Council discussed. A majority of Councilors expressed the desire to have a Recap remain on the weekly Council agenda. The draft Rules and Procedures will be revised and presented to Council for approval at the April 3, 2014 Council meeting.
- **All members of Council** made statements regarding their thoughts on Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014 which will be on the April 3, 2014 Council agenda for consideration.
- **Councilor McCormick** complimented the City Manager and the Mayor for the presentation they made earlier in the day at the annual State of the City and County Luncheon at the Holiday Inn. The annual event was sponsored by the Chamber of

Commerce. She also recognized that City staff member Christina Selvek was recognized during the presentation as an outstanding employee of the City of Auburn.

- **Mayor Quill** thanked Councilor McCormick for her recognition. He stated that the City staff had worked hard to prepare the presentations made at the State of the City and County luncheon. He thanked Jenny Haines and Renee Jensen for their work to prepare the presentations.
- **Councilor McCormick** stated that over the past week she had talked with representatives from the Auburn Business Improvement District and some downtown business owners. She would like the Council to consider the BID request for early funding for the future maintenance contract.
- **Councilor Camardo** stated that he thinks the BID request needs to be decided as part of the overall FY 2014-2015 City Budget.
- **Councilor Ruzicka** stated that he thinks the BID request needs to be decided as part of the overall FY 2014-2015 City Budget.
- **Mayor Quill** stated that he agreed with the Councilors that the request from BID should wait for the FY 2014-2015 budget.
- **Councilor Camardo** asked the Clerk to look into the City Council meetings being shown on local public access TV. Apparently the last couple weeks the Thursday night Council meeting has not been shown at its regularly scheduled time on Monday evenings.
- **Councilor Cuddy** asked that the Council consider a request from local resident Susan Rusinko to pass a resolution of support for a new State law being considered at the State Legislature in Albany known as the Compassionate Care Act (Assembly Bill A.6357-A (Gottfried) / S.4406-A (Savino)).
- **Executive Session.** Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:

1. Contract negotiations (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-e. Collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law);

2. Three different matters pertaining to the appointment of particular individual. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.f. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.)

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 8:25 p.m. The Executive session adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on March 28, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On April 3, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill	x	
Carried and Adopted	x	

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 27th day of March, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: April 4, 2014*