

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, May 22, 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 Mayor Quill.

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

**The following City Staff was present:**

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, Andy Fusco
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Director of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Director of Planning, Jenny Haines
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy

**Mayor Quill recognized Councilor Camardo for the purpose of introducing special guests attending the meeting.** Councilor Camardo introduced the elementary school students that will be heading to the Odyssey of the Mind 2014 World Finals May 28 - May 31 at Iowa State University. Two teams from Auburn will be heading to the competition. The Owasco School fourth grade team includes students Ella Carnes, Katie Ferris, Rylee Hastings, Abbie Izzo, Kate Izzo, Anna Montgomery, and their coach John Carnes. The Seward School 5<sup>th</sup> grade team includes Tatia Axton, Anthony Camardo, Liam Gargon, Connor Gasper, Seamus Greene, Kara Lockhart, Jenna Sliwka, and their coach Carol Soules. Councilor Camardo congratulated the students on behalf of the City on their success.

**National Anthem – Owasco Elementary student Abbie Izzo sang the National Anthem**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** – The Odyssey of the Mind students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public to be Heard –**

- **County Legislator Tim Lattimore, South St.**  
Spoke in regards to a vacant property on Park Place and other miscellaneous topics.
- **Norm Davis, Dunning Ave.**  
Spoke in regards to the drug problem in the City and that the Council should support money in the budget for the Auburn Police Department.
- **Ron Quill, Case Ave.**  
Spoke in regards to area food pantries and reminded people that donations are always needed.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- A. May 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.

**Presentations and Proclamations –**

**City Website Presentation by the City Clerk (see attachment A)** The Clerk presented the new and improved City website [www.AuburnNY.gov](http://www.AuburnNY.gov) He thanked all of the City staff that have participated in getting the new site up to date.

**Public Announcements –**

The Clerk read the following:

A. In observance of the Memorial Day holiday City offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014. Also, there will be no leaf/yard waste collection on Monday, May 26, 2014. The annual Memorial Day parade will be held in downtown Auburn on Memorial Day beginning at 11 a.m. following the parade a Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park located on Genesee St. next to the Cayuga County Office building.

**City Manager's Report –** The Manager reported on the following:

- The City Manager and Cayuga County administrator met this week with City and County staff to move forward on many of the topics that were discussed at last week's joint City Council/County Legislature meeting, including some specific ideas for the idea of a joint City and County Public Works facility.
- The work at Falcon Park is nearing completion and the Manager is going to plan a ceremony to recognize the work on opening night for the Auburn Doubledays 2014 season, Friday, June 13, 2014.
- There will be an open house at the City Co-Gen facility on Thursday, May 29, 2014 from 4pm-5pm. This will be during the scheduled maintenance shutdown and will be a good opportunity for Councilors to see the project up close.

**State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None**

**Ordinances – None**

**Resolutions –**

A. Award Resolution # 96 of 2014 - Awarding the Landfill Gas Improvement Project

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

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

**Local Law- none**

**Tabled Legislation- none**

**Other Business**

A. **The City Manager** opened up with remarks stating that the staff was prepared to hear the FY 2014-2014 Budget proposals from Council.

B. **The Mayor and Council** discussed how individual budget ideas would be considered.

C. **Councilor Camardo** presented Council with his budget proposals. His written presentation will be on file at the City Clerk's office and will be included in the official record of the May 22, 2014 Council meeting.

D. **Councilor Cuddy** presented Council with his budget proposals. His written presentation will be on file at the City Clerk's office and will be included in the official record of the May 22, 2014 Council meeting.

E. **Councilor McCormick** presented Council with her budget proposals. Her written presentation was subsequently e-mailed to the City Clerk and will be on file at the City Clerk's office and will be included in the official record of the May 22, 2014 Council meeting.

F. **Mayor Quill asked for a recess at 7:53 p.m. The Council reconvened at 8:03 p.m.**

G. **Councilor Ruzicka** presented Council with his budget proposals. His written presentation will be on file at the City Clerk's office and will be included in the official record of the May 22, 2014 Council meeting.

H. **Mayor Quill** shared with Council with his budget proposals. He discussed the matters of the Manager's proposed budget that he agreed with and disagreed with. He asked the Comptroller to lead a discussion on the property tax rate and how the rate would be affected by a proposed trash fee.

**I. The Mayor and Council** again discussed how individual budget ideas would be considered. The Manager stated that the staff would prepare for future discussion with Council the impacts of some items proposed.

**J. Councilor McCormick** discussed a recent report that was released about the condition of Owasco Lake.

**K. Mayor Quill** commented on how much progress was made with the renovations at Falcon Park.

**L. 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)

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 9:14 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on May 23, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On May 15, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor , seconded by Councilor .

	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 22nd day of May, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: May 30, 2014*

**(Attachment A-Report on City Website upgrade)**  
**www.AuburnNY.gov**

As of May 22, 2014 the City of Auburn website has a new look and new features.

Here are some of the new features:

[www.AuburnNY.gov/Agenda](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/Agenda) The new site now features the City's new electronic agenda system for weekly Council meeting agendas, now residents can view the same agendas, resolutions, and supporting documents that the Mayor and City Councilors see in an interactive agenda format.

[www.AuburnNY.gov/PublicBeHeard](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/PublicBeHeard) Designed for residents that are not able to attend weekly City Council meetings but would like to express their comments or concerns with the Council. This page provides a simple method to communicate to the Mayor, Councilors, and City Manager all in one easy to use form.

[www.AuburnNY.gov/Streamline](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/Streamline) The new recycling and trash collection schedule page will feature detailed announcements about that months schedule, as well as, links to the full calendar and City collection area map.

[www.AuburnNY.gov/Subscriber](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/Subscriber) The new newsletter feature will allow residents to sign up by e-mail to receive news and announcements from the City.

Services A-Z is the new A-Z list of City government services, designed to make it quick and easy for individuals to navigate the site.

Live Streaming – [www.AuburnNY.gov/Channel-A](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/Channel-A) The new site features Channel-A, Auburn's own local government access channel, where City Council meetings will be shown live. The live-stream upgrade will occur over the next few weeks. Once this is completely implemented we will be able to live-stream any meeting that is held in the Council chamber and the public will be able to view the stream from mobile smartphones, iPads & tablets, laptop, and desktop computers.

The Video-On-Demand archive page. Once meetings have streamed live they will be archived here for viewing by the public at any time.

**Coming Soon:** other new features will be added to the site in the coming weeks such as:

- live-streaming of weekly City Council meetings
- upgrade of City forms and applications: including the new Viewpermit program for the Codes Department
  - a survey page
  - a downtown web cam