

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Wednesday, June 11, 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, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Planning, Jenny Haines
- Water Filtration Chief Operator, Anthony DeCaro

**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** –

- **Tim Smith, 13 Chestnut St.**  
Spoke in regards to the proposed trash fee in the budget. Stated he e-mailed the Council with his thoughts on the proposal and other solutions to consider.
- **Norm Davis, Dunning Ave.**  
Spoke in regards to the Council supporting money in the budget for the Auburn Police Department and additional Police officers.
- **Lance Lyons, Auburn**  
Spoke in regards to the trash fee proposal and that he was waiting for a response from the City regarding issues he was having with the City complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Katie MacIntyre, 1 Belleview Place**

Spoke in regards to providing support for police in the City budget. She stated her house and her street was where a shooting had occurred the previous week.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. June 5, 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 –**

**Lisa Carr, Director of the Seymour Public Library** presented to Council on the Storywalk that will be installed for the Summer of 2014 at Hoopes Park. The Storywalk will feature a Children's book that will be on display throughout the park along the park's pathways. Children will be able to read the book while they are taking the walk through the park. A different book will be featured over the next three months of June, July, and August. The children's book that will be featured for the month of June is titled "Diary of a Worm".

**Public Announcements –**

The Clerk read the following:

A. The City of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for its monthly meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall.

B. Owasco Lake Day will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at Emerson Park from 3 p.m. through 7 p.m. There will be many activities for children and families pertaining to the lake. There will be guest speakers and a panel discussion beginning at 5 p.m. in the Pavillion. For more information visit the Owasco Watershed Lake Association web site at [www.owla.org](http://www.owla.org)

C. The Auburn Doubledays baseball season begins this Friday, June 13, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. The complete Doubledays baseball schedule can be found at their web site at <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t458>

D. The Streamline trash and recycling page of the City web site has been updated with trash and recycling information for the month of June. The week of June 30-July 3, 2014 the city will be on a Holiday schedule for trash and recycling pick up due to the 4th of July holiday falling on a Friday. The Streamline page of the web site can be found at [www.AuburnNY.gov/Streamline](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/Streamline)

E. The City of Auburn Parks department has announced the 2014 Summer Concert and Movie Calendar. The Calendar is available on the City web site and is attached to these minutes.

F. Mayor Quill announced that on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Noon at Market Street Park there will be a ceremony for Flag Day.

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

- He discussed a memo from the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) that discussed many legislative proposals in Albany that would be of particular interest to the City: 1. The Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014 - A.9341 (Weinstein) / S.7350(Klein); and, 2. The Asbestos Project Notification Fee Waiver for Local Governments – A. 1871 (Schimel) / S. 902 (Martins). He asked Council for support of contacting our State legislators for their support of these legislative items. Members of Council agreed the City should write to our representatives regarding these items.

- The Franklin Street reconstruction is making progress. The section of the road between Beach Avenue and N. Seward Avenue has been rebuilt and has received its first layer of pavement. The section from N. Seward Avenue to Prospect Street is now being reconstructed and will be worked on over the next few weeks.

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

**Ordinances – None**

**Resolutions – None**

**Local Law- None**

**Tabled Legislation- None**

**Other Business**

**A. The City Manager** invited the City Comptroller to present to the Council on the latest revisions to the proposed budget. The Comptroller presented how the budget proposal had been changed due to Council input from the June 5, 2014 meeting.

**B. Councilor McCormick** brought up reducing the salaries for Civil Service Commissioners. Council briefly discussed.

**C. The City Manager** asked Council for input on including in the budget additional money to pay seasonal workers the State minimum wage of \$8.00 per hour. The current budget proposal pays \$7.25 per hour. Mayor Quill, Councilors McCormick and Cuddy stated they would agree to additional money to pay the \$8.00 rate. Councilor Ruzicka stated he would rather see the additional money go towards establishing the Asst. Police Chief position that was requested by the Police Chief. Councilor Camardo stated that because there are tax increases on the table he would not support the additional money for seasonal laborers. The City Manager also stated he was looking for Council input on the trash proposals.

**D. Police Chief Brian Neagle** announced to the Council that news had just been released that the Auburn Police Department had just completed a search warrant at Scottish Inns on Grant Ave and arrested an individual and confiscated of 237 packs of heroin.

**E. Councilor Cuddy** discussed the trash proposals. He stated he wanted to make sure that enforcement of the City's Solid Waste Code was being considered for the new approach the program would be taking. He stated the Council will need to review the code to make some minor updates. He stated that he believes revenue that would come in from a proper enforcement program would offset the costs of a part-time enforcement position in the budget

and proposed that the Council budget \$15,000.00 for a part-time enforcement position and a \$15,000.00 revenue increase under revenue line A99 1710 codes/grass/trash. He stated he would like the Council and staff to come up with an enforcement plan by September 1, 2014.

**F. Councilor Camardo** discussed the proposal he had made to the Council pertaining to the budget. He stated his proposal went line by line through the budget and made adjustments accordingly to reduce City spending. He stated that the City cannot tax its way out of the fiscal problems it is facing. He wants to see the City make appropriate adjustments to spending and reorganization. He will not be supporting the proposed trash proposal.

**G. Councilor Ruzicka** read a letter from Mr. Tim Smith pertaining to his ideas for the trash proposals. Mr. Smith had sent his ideas in an e-mail to all the Council members. Councilor Ruzicka stated that the City needs a long term financial plan and the current budget proposal does not make any hard decisions and does not address structural financial issues of the City.

**H. The Council members** then debated their views on the overall budget process, the City Managers's budget proposal, and their various own budget proposals.

**I. Councilor McCormick** stated she supports the trash proposal that is in the current budget proposal.

**J. Mayor Quill** stated he will be able to support enforcement of a new trash program once the Council and staff has had time to review the City Code. After the budget is voted on he hopes the City will address its Management Ordinance, following that he would like to see trash enforcement proposals worked on and brought to the Council in time for August Council meetings.

**K. Corporation Counsel John Rossi** updated the Council on research he conducted regarding the 2004 Ballot Referendum that the voters approved local law #1 of 2004. Council Camardo asked why the 2004 Ballot language that was voted on stated 'to change the City Charter'. Councilor Camardo asked that the City ask for an opinion from the State Comptroller or Attorney General on the matter.

**L. Councilor Camardo** asked for an update on why curbs have been installed at city parks that are being paid for by road improvement funds. He would like to see a breakdown of what this year's road improvement funds will be spent on.

**M. Councilor Ruzicka** reported that he had been contacted by an individual that was very concerned there was no fence on the Genesee St. side of the Columbian Rope Playground. He

also stated that the City needs to be aware of the costs of the various styles of curbing it uses on different projects and that the granite curbing is the most expensive.

**N. Councilor Cuddy** stated that two weeks ago the Council awarded the construction bid for South St. and last week heard from C & S Engineers about their involvement with the South St. project. The Council has been told the water line construction would be happening this year, then the road reconstruction will happen in 2015. He asked if there is something the City can do in the interim to fix some of the rough spots of South Street. He also asked if C & S engineers would be back at a future date when they can talk more specifically and update the Council and the public about what the South Street plan actually is.

**O. Executive Session.** Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to:

1. Discussion pertaining to potential sale of City owned land. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-h the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.)

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 7:20 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 13, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On June 19, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

	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 11th day of June, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk*

*Date: June 20, 2014*

**(Attachment A- 2014 Auburn Parks Summer Concert & Movie Calendar)**

[www.AuburnNY.gov](http://www.AuburnNY.gov)

City of Auburn Parks & Recreation Department

**Summer 2014 Concert Series**

Tues, July 8 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, Magical Mystery Tour  
Movie: Frozen

Thurs, July 10 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, Larry Stamatel & The Swamp  
Dogs

Tues, July 15 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, Diana Jacobs Band  
Movie: The Lego Movie

Thurs, July 17 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, Minority Report\*

Tues, July 22 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, Funky Blu Roots  
Movie: Despicable Me 2

Thurs, July 24 6:30 p.m. Clifford Field, Woodstone

Tues, July 29 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, Johnny Rage Band  
Movie: The Nut Job

Thurs, July 31 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, The Little Zippers

Tues, Aug 5 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, Joe Whiting Band  
Movie: Smurfs 2

Thurs, Aug 7 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, Gallows Road Band

Tues, Aug 12 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, Mark Doyle & The Maniacs  
Movie: Adventures in Zambezia

Thurs, Aug 14 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, Inside Job

Tues, Aug 19 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, The Prison City Rockers  
Movie: Monsters University

Thurs, Aug 21 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, Bad Juju

Tues, Aug 26 6:30 p.m. Hoopes Park, The Fulton Chain Gang\*  
Movie: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2

Thurs, Aug 28 6:30 p.m. Market Street Park, The Sloppy Joes

\* Performances contingent on receipt of agreement from performer