

**Auburn City Council
Work Session Meeting
Thursday, July 24, 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.

1. 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
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle

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

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

4. Public Announcements –

The Clerk read the following:

A. The City of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY.

B. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 12 p.m. (noon). The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY.

C. There has been a new page added to the City web site specifically to report on road construction projects in the city. The page will be updated with timely info pertaining to all major road construction in Auburn. The link to the new road construction page can be found on the left side of the city home page at the bottom of the ‘Citizen Action Center.’

D. There will be a Public Meeting regarding the South Street Water Line Replacement and Repaving Project on Monday, August 4, 2014 from 5 p.m. through 7 p.m..

The meeting will be an open house format where interested residents can learn about the project and discuss their questions or concerns with City staff, representatives from C & S Engineers, and representatives from Rizzo Construction. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

Construction work on the South Street Water Line Replacement is scheduled to begin the week of August 4, 2014. Water Line Replacement will be conducted in three stages:

- Stage 1 being from Metcalf Drive to Chapman Avenue
- Stage 2 being from Chapman Avenue to Elizabeth Street
- Stage 3 being from Elizabeth Street to Lincoln Street
- All of the Water Line Replacement work is planned to be conducted in 2014.

The project will then be on a break for the winter of 2014-2015. The re-paving portion of the project will begin in the spring of 2015.

E. Phase I of the 2014 City of Auburn Road Improvement Program will commence on July 28th and last through the week of August 18th. During this time the following streets will be under construction:

- Brookfield Place - (Clark Street to End)
- West Street (Patch) - (from House #61 to #53)
- Canoga Street - (Intersection at Frazee Street)
- Cottage Street - (Washington Street to Railway Crossing)
- Chapel Street - (North Street to End)
- N. Lewis Street - (Standart Avenue to Dawson Avenue)

The city recommends no unnecessary travel in the affected areas. Residents and travelers are asked to please anticipate delays, lane closures, or road closures.

D. The City of Auburn Summer Concerts and Movies continue next week

- Tuesday, July 29th at Hoopes Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the Johnny Rage Band followed by the movie The Nut Job.
- Thursday, July 31st at Market Street Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the band The Little Zippers.

E. The Auburn Doubledays baseball season is in full swing. Upcoming home games include:

- Sunday, July 27th at 5:05 p.m. vs. Jamestown Jammers (Pittsburgh Pirates).
- Monday, July 28th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Jamestown Jammers (Pittsburgh Pirates).
- Tuesday, July 29th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Jamestown Jammers (Pittsburgh Pirates).

Our hometown Auburn Doubledays are the NY-Penn League Short Season Single-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team. The complete Doubledays baseball schedule can be found at their web site at www.AuburnDoubledays.com

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations – none

6. Public to be Heard –

• **Kent Brandstetter, 106 Franklin Street**

Spoke regarding the Franklin Street reconstruction project. He stated that as a resident of Franklin Street there have been difficult times during the project, however, he wanted to point out the very effective work of the project's Resident Engineer Paul Tennity. He stated that Mr. Tennity and his company should be considered for future city construction projects.

• **County Legislator Tim Lattimore, 65 South Street**

Spoke regarding the public event of a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new downtown Plaza of the Arts building. He also discussed potential cost savings for some city and county consolidation efforts.

• **Michael Deming, 165 Franklin Street**

Spoke regarding the Franklin Street construction project. He stated he thought it was a great project and that the work is quality. He recognized the efforts of Bill Lupien and Paul Tennity on making great things happen for the project within the allotted budget.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. July 17, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

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

- The City Manager introduced Police Chief Brian Neagle. Chief Neagle announced the promotion of Officer Meghan Kalet to the position of Detective. Detective Kalet spoke to thank the Chief, Captain Augello, and her family.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor McCormick reported of an Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council meeting she attended earlier in the week. She also discussed the public event of a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new downtown Plaza of the Arts building. She noted that several members of the city staff were thanked by the building developers for their efforts with the development project.
- Mayor Quill also commented on the public event of a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new downtown Plaza of the Arts building. He stated that there was much positive energy for downtown Auburn at the event.

9. Matters to come before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

Council Resolution #131 of 2014 - Authorizing a Public Hearing Regarding the Installation of Community Development Block Grant Funded Sidewalks

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

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

E. Tabled Legislation- None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

- The City Manager briefly discussed budget graphs pertaining to the month of June 2014 that had been provided to the Council.
- The City Manager introduced the City Comptroller Laura Wills. The Comptroller presented to the Council a model for a five year financial plan that was developed. She discussed the assumptions and criteria that were built into the model. The Council discussed and provided some ideas for items they would like considered in such financial modeling/planning.
- The City Manager briefly discussed the topic of moving the Retired Senior Volunteer Program office of the city from the Boyle Center to Schwartz Towers.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo asked that when the Council commits to responding to residents that come to Council meetings that the Manager follow up with the Council to report on how the issues were resolved.

B. Councilor Ruzicka discussed that he had been contacted by residents of Holley Street pertaining to raccoons in the neighborhood. He was wanted to know how the city handles such matters. He also questioned some of the curbing work being done on the Franklin street. He stated he had heard reports on some of the work being done and he would like to know more details.

C. The City Clerk announced that during the week of July 28, 2014 city staff will be picking up and disposing of any signs—advertising, events, public service, non-profit, real estate and any others--that are located in the City's Rights of Way (ROW). Residents are asked to please remove any signs, or properly place them on private property per the City's sign regulations, prior to July 28, 2014. For any questions related to the City's sign regulations, please call the

Office of Code Enforcement at 255-4110. The City Planning Department and the Corporation Counsel's office worked this week to inform local realtors, plumbers, and non for profit organizations about this new enforcement effort.

Listed below is 305-27 (E)(10) of the Auburn City Code entitled Signs in Right of Way.

Signs in rights-of-way. No sign, except publicly owned signs, shall be placed in or extend into or over any public right-of-way unless the sign owner has submitted written proof of insurance, the adequacy of which should be determined by the Corporation Counsel. Such insurance shall remain in effect so long as the sign is in place.

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

1. Update on collective bargaining negotiations. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.e. collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law;)
2. Matters pertaining to potential litigation. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Council entered into executive session at 7:04 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on July 25, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Minutes of the City Council Meeting, City of Auburn, NY, July 24, 2014

On July 31, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	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 31st day of July, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: August 1, 2014