

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, July 31, 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
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jenny Haines
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Engineering, William Lupien

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 website now has a page dedicated to reporting on major construction projects sponsored by the city in Auburn, NY. To view the site visit www.AuburnNY.gov/Roads

B. There will be a Public Information 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. For more information visit the city website at www.AuburnNY.gov/SouthStreet

C. The following is a project of Fingerlakes Railway:

Auburn, NY - The McMaster Street Railway Public Grade Crossing will be closed for scheduled upgrades beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014 and will reopen on Tuesday August 12, 2014.

The affected area will be the portion of McMaster Street immediately north of the West Arterial. Businesses on the street, The Auburn Trading Post and all of its associated businesses will be closed for the entire weekend thanks to their gracious acceptance of the Fingerlakes Railway schedule. Auburn Tank and Auburn Trading Post will be available and open for business on Monday, August 11, 2014 for foot traffic. McMaster Street is scheduled to fully reopen on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. For more information on this project, contact: Jon Gadsby, Manager of Track, Fingerlakes Railway by phone at 315-781-1234.

D. The City of Auburn Planning Board will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY.

E. The City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 5 p.m.. The meeting will be held at West Minister Church, 17 Williams Street, Auburn, NY.

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

- Tuesday, August 5th at Hoopes Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the Joe Whiting Band followed by the movie Smurfs 2.
- Thursday, August 7th at Market Street Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be Gallows Road Band.

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

- Wednesday, August 6th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Tri-City ValleyCats (Houston Astros). Free General Admission complements of Tompkins Trust Company
- Thursday, August 7th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Tri-City ValleyCats (Houston Astros). Dollar Thursday = Hot Dogs, Soda and 12 oz. Beers are just \$1.00 each
- Friday, August 8th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Tri-City ValleyCats (Houston Astros). Fireworks night sponsored by NUCOR and the Wall 99.3

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 – Public Hearing Regarding the Installation of Community Development Block Grant

Funded Sidewalks. Jenny Haines, Director of Planning made remarks about the program and the outlined streets that would be receiving the sidewalks. The Clerk read into the record a letter sent in by Winfield and Carolyn Boehler of 138-140, 142 and 144 Dunning Avenue. The Boehler's wrote to support the program. The only speaker during the hearing was Sabrina

Hesford. Ms. Hesford is the Director of the Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play Grant for the Cayuga County Health Department. She spoke in support of the program.

6. Public to be Heard – The Mayor opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. Nobody from the public spoke.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. July 24, 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.

8. Reports of City Officials

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

- The manager introduced the Police Chief Brian Neagle. Chief Neagle introduced the city's newest patrol officer Michael Chadwick. Mr. Chadwick has just completed his training. Mayor Quill presided over the swearing in ceremony for Officer Chadwick. Officer Chadwick then spoke to thank the Chief and his family.
- The city is continuing with its effort to find a solution to the algae growth at the Hoopes Park pond. Tests that the city took at the pond were inconclusive as to identifying a single source of the algae growth. The city will remain focused on the management of the pond as the best way to keep the algae growth minimized. As previously reported to Council the city has introduced grass-eating carp to the pond in an attempt to control weed growth in the pond, these carp require a NYS DEC permit to be used and the city was permitted for 30 of the carp.
- There was an event held earlier in the week of city, county and Federal Emergency Management personnel to run a drill on response efforts needed in the potential event of a breach of the Mill Street Dam. This planning exercise required the time and effort of many city personnel. The manager thanked Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator Anthony DeCaro for his efforts to organize the exercise.
- The operation of the Mill Street Dam which has been delayed since spring was scheduled to go into operation on July 31, 2014. The manager reported that date has been delayed again about two weeks due the need for some specialized work to be completed.
- The Franklin Street Construction is nearly complete. The manager took some photographs of the completed sections of the roadway and sidewalk work. Due to heavy rains some days of work have been lost this week slightly delaying the completion of the project by a few days. The city looks forward to the completion of the project next week.
- The manager along with the City Comptroller will be working on the financial modeling tool that was presented to Council at the July 24, 2014 Council meeting. The City Comptroller has been busy this week with closing out the 2013-2014 city budget year. The manager and comptroller

will be taking a look at the State Comptrollers recommendations on local government financial modeling over the next few weeks.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Councilor Cuddy reported that he attended a meeting on July 30, 2014 that was organized by the Cayuga Economic Develop Agency and the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District to discuss the future of Downtown Auburn. He reported that the meeting was well attended and that there were several good ideas for our downtown discussed
- Councilor McCormick reported that she attended the meeting on July 30, 2014 that was organized by the Cayuga Economic Develop Agency and the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District to discuss the future of Downtown Auburn. She reported that there was much energy and enthusiasm for our downtown from the people in attendance.
- Mayor Quill reported that he also attended the meeting on July 30, 2014 that was organized by the Cayuga Economic Develop Agency and the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District to discuss the future of Downtown Auburn. He reported that there was a very enthusiastic crowd in attendance and some good new ideas were brought about at the meeting.
- Mayor Quill reported that he attended the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) two-day Board of Governors meeting that was held July 31st and August 1st in Ithaca, NY.

9. Matters to come before Council

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

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions –

D-1. Award Resolution #133 of 2014 - Awarding the Bid for the construction of the Walnut Street Culvert

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

D-2. Award Resolution #134 of 2014 - Awarding the Construction Inspection Services contract to Popli Consulting Engineers

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

Motion to amend by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion to amend was made to add language to the resolution that the awarding of the bid is contingent upon approval from NYSDOT. The motion to amend carried 5-0.

The Council then voted on the resolution as amended. The amended resolution carried. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo discussed that it is already August 1st and the Council needed to continue its discussion on city reorganization and talks with Cayuga County about consolidation efforts. The City Manager reported that he had been in discussions with the County Administrator since the last joint meeting working on various topics and that it was time to set up another meeting which would likely be scheduled for later in the month of August 2014.

B. Councilor McCormick discussed that she had met with the city's IT expert Lynda DeOrio to receive some training on using the new Council iPad to view meeting agenda documents. She stated she would no longer need to receive paper copies of agendas due to being able to access the documents through the iPad. She also stated that she thought it was great to see that other city boards such as the Planning Board were beginning to use the city's new NOVUS agenda program as well.

C. Mayor Quill also stated that due to the new Council iPad he received that he would not need a paper copy of the weekly Council meeting agenda. He also asked that city remain vigilant in its effort to enforce the city code pertaining to the placement of temporary and portable signage throughout the city.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 1, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Minutes of the City Council Meeting, City of Auburn, NY, July 31, 2014

On August 7, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, 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 31st day of July, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: August 8, 2014