

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, August 7, 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
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- 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 August 12, 2014 meeting of the Historic Resources Review Board of the City of Auburn has been cancelled. This is due to the fact that no applications were submitted to go before the board and the board has no outstanding matters of old business to discuss. The board's next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014.

B. 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](http://www.AuburnNY.gov/Roads)

C. This weekend, August 8-10th, is Founder's Day and Great Race weekend in Auburn, NY. Complete information pertaining to these two Auburn traditions can be found on the News & Announcements section of the city web site at [www.AuburnNY.gov](http://www.AuburnNY.gov)

- D. The City of Auburn Summer Concerts and Movies continue next week
- Tuesday, August 12th at Hoopes Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the band Mark Doyle & The Maniacs followed by the movie Adventures In Zambezia.
  - Thursday, August 14th at Market Street Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the band Inside Job.
- E. The Auburn Doubledays baseball season is in full swing. Upcoming home games include:
- Friday, August 8th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Tri-City ValleyCats (Houston Astros).  
Fireworks night sponsored by NUCOR and the Wall 99.3
  - Saturday, August 9th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Vermont Lake Monsters (Oakland Athletics).
  - Sunday, August 10th at 5:05 p.m. vs. Vermont Lake Monsters (Oakland Athletics).  
Free admission for children 12 years old and younger
  - Monday, August 11th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Vermont Lake Monsters (Oakland Athletics).

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](http://www.AuburnDoubledays.com)

## **5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations – None**

**6. Public to be Heard** – The Mayor opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. The following residents spoke:

### **Jack Hardy 72 Chapman Avenue**

Mr. Hardy spoke about the 42nd Annual FLAACA Antique Car Show is set for Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Auburn as part of Founder's Day. Mr. Hardy thanked the city for allowing the parking lots at Memorial City Hall to be used for the club's registration and staging of cars. This year's show is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Bill O'Neil who founded the car club and show 42 years ago.

## **7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. July 31, 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:

- That the finishing touches are being put on the Franklin Street reconstruction project. Crews were painting stripes on the road and finishing landscaping work today.
- Update on the N. Division Street hydro-electric plant has been idle for over a year. There has been a recommendation to try to get the plant running again. If repair costs can stay under \$16,000.00 the costs of repair could likely be recovered with 1 year of revenue generated off the plant

when operational. Revenues to the city from the operation of the plant would likely be on average \$20,000.00 annually.

## **B. Reports from members of Council**

- **Councilor McCormick** reported that the Cayuga County Health Department has issued a press release regarding algae blooms in Owasco Lake. This is an announcement that the health department usually makes in the summer months. The press release contained the following: The Cayuga County Health Department has the following advice:
  1. People should suspect that blue-green algae could be present in surface water that is visibly discolored or that has surface scums.
  2. People and pets should not swim in surface water that is discolored or has surface scum. If contact does occur, wash with soap and water or rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove algae.
  3. Avoid bathing, showering, or washing dishes in untreated surface water that is experiencing an algae bloom.
  4. Do not let your pet drink water experiencing blue-green algae blooms.
  5. People are encouraged to call the Environmental Health Division at 315-253-1405 if they suspect a blue-green algae bloom. Individuals with questions may call the Environmental Health Division of the Cayuga County Health Department at 315-253-1405 or log onto the Cayuga County Health Department website at [www.cayugacounty.us/environmental](http://www.cayugacounty.us/environmental) or <http://www.nyhealth.gov/environmental/water/drinking/bluegreenalgae.pdf> for more information.
- **Councilor McCormick** reported on attending the August 4, 2014 Public Meeting pertaining to the South Street reconstruction project. She stated that the meeting was well attended and lasted two hours. Residents heard from the city's Director of Engineering Bill Lupien, and from representatives of C&S Companies the engineers on the project. She stated she thought the meeting was very informative. She stated Councilor Camardo, City Manager Selby and City Clerk Mason were also in attendance.

## **9. Matters to come before Council**

**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;)

Motion to enter an executive session was made by Councilor Cuddy, 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 6:16 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Mayor Quill** called the public session of the meeting back to order at 6:46 p.m. The Mayor announced that with the consent of the Council there would be a resolution carried in to the meeting, Resolution # 140 of 2014 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Auburn and the New York Finger Lakes Region Police Officers Local #195. No member of Council spoke against adding the resolution to the agenda.

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

**B. Ordinances – None**

**C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions –**

**D1. Council Resolution #135 of 2014** Authorizing Change Order #1 for 2014 Road Program.

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

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

**D2. Council Resolution #136 of 2014** Authorizing the Installation of Sidewalks along Portions of Dunning Avenue, Center Street, Clymer Street and Thornton Avenue.

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

After Council discussion with the Director of Planning Jenny Haines. Councilor Ruzicka made a motion to amend Resolution #136 to strike the address of 171 Dunning Avenue from the list of sidewalks to be installed. Councilor Cuddy seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

The Council then voted on Resolution #136 as amended. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

**D3. Council Resolution #137** Establishing a Retirement Incentive

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

Councilor Ruzicka made a motion to table Resolution #137, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion to table did not pass 2-3. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye, Councilors McCormick, Cuddy and Mayor Quill all voting no.

The motion to approve carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

**D4. Appointment Resolution #138 of 2014** Appointing Members to the Historic Resources Review Board

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.

**D5. Award Resolution #139 of 2014** - Awarding a Contract for Improvements at The Wastewater Treatment Plant

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.

**D6. Resolution #140 of 2014** Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Auburn and the New York Finger Lakes Region Police Officers Local #195.

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

The motion carried 5-0. 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 Ruzicka** asked for an update on when the Codes Department office would be opened five days a week and when the ViewPoint/ViewPermit software program for building permit applications would be implemented in the department. Director of Planning Jenny Haines addressed the Council. She explained that the office will open five days a week once the filling of the two office support positions is complete. She explained that staff in one of those positions will be moving to another position within the city organization and that in a few weeks both positions should be filled and the office will reopen for all five days. She then discussed the implementation of the ViewPermit software program. She reported that implementation has been being worked on over the past several months and that Codes Department personnel have been training on the new program. After the completion of a few more weeks of training the program will be ready for full public use.

**B. Councilor McCormick** stated that when cuts were made to city personnel in the city budget a couple of years ago, that the agreement made at the time with impacted personnel created a new preferred list of the individuals that were in the positions that were cut. This preferred list must be canvassed by Civil Service each time the city needs to fill a staffing vacancy and this adds an additional step and additional time to the hiring process.

**C. Councilor Ruzicka** discussed a proposal sent to the City Manager and the Council from Dennis Zack the Chairperson of the Auburn Municipal Power Agency (AMPA) board. The City Manager stated he will be meeting with Mr. Zack next week to review.

**D. Councilor Ruzicka** stated he would like to see where the city's five year financial planning is at. He would like to see demographic trends included in the model in future presentations to the council.

**E. Councilor Camardo** stated that he thinks the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) needs to be contacted to obtain from them data on job performance in the area to be included as part of the city's 5 year financial forecasting model. He also stated he would like to see the Auburn Municipal Power Agency (AMPA) report to Council and that he was waiting for the Corporation Counsel's answer on a question he had pertaining to the 2004 referendum that created the AMPA. He also asked the manager when the topic of restructuring would be on the Council agenda. The manager advised that at the next Council meeting there would be a discussion on a city vision and mission statement that would assist in framing discussion on the topic of restructuring.

**F. Executive Session** – Councilor McCormick made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

1. Discussion pertaining to the potential sale of city owned property. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.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);
2. Discussion pertaining to potential litigation (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 8, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

Minutes of the City Council Meeting, City of Auburn, NY, August 7, 2014

On August 14, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 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	absent	
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 7th day of August, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: August 15, 2014*