

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, August 14, 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 Clerk called the roll. Councilor Debra McCormick, Councilor John Camardo, Councilor Terry Cuddy, and Councilor Peter Ruzicka were all present for the meeting. Mayor Quill was excused so that he could attend a meeting of the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM). Councilor Cuddy was the presiding officer.

**The following City Staff was present:**

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Chief Water Plant Operator, Anthony DeCaro

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** – Councilor Cuddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection** –Councilor Cuddy asked for a moment of silent prayer or reflection.

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

B. The next meeting of the Auburn Industrial Development Authority will be Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 2 State Street in Downtown Auburn.

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

- Monday, August 18th at Hoopes Park will beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the Joe Whiting

Band followed by the movie Smurfs 2

- Tuesday, August 19th at Hoopes Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the Prison City Rockers followed by the movie Monsters University.
- Thursday, August 21st at Market Street Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be the band Bad Juju.

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

- Friday, August 15th at 7:05 p.m. vs. State College Spikes (St. Louis Cardinals).
- Saturday, August 16th at 7:05 p.m. vs. State College Spikes (St. Louis Cardinals).
- Sunday, August 17th at 5:05 p.m. vs. State College Spikes (St. Louis Cardinals).

Free admission for children 12 years old and younger

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** – Councilor Cuddy opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. Nobody from the public spoke.

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

A. August 7, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

The motion carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye.

## **8. Reports of City Officials**

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

- The manager reported that a new parking kiosk had been installed at the Seward Parking lot in Downtown Auburn. This kiosk has the ability to accept credit and debit cards. This model of kiosk may possibly be used to replace other parking kiosks if things go well with its use.
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony held for the completion of work that was conducted at the State dam. This will be on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 4 p.m. at the State Dam.
- The City Staff has been reviewing proposals for a new City phone system. This is a topic that will be brought before the Council at a future meeting.

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

- Councilor McCormick reported that she attended an open house with Congressman Maffei on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> that was held at Schwartz Towers. The Congressman held individual meetings with constituents. She also had a meeting with Maureen Reister from the Cayuga Economic Development Agency who is their new business development person. She

also reported on other meetings with area business owners.

- Councilor Cuddy reported on a meeting he had this past week with the owner of Volpi USA Manufacturing which is located in the City's Technology Park.

**9. Matters to come before Council**

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

**B. Ordinances – None**

**C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions – None**

**E. Tabled Legislation - None**

**F. Staff/Vendor Presentations -**

- **Engineering Update on South Street**, presented by Billy Lupien, Superintendent of Engineering and C&S Engineering.
- **Water Filtration Plant & Lower Pump Station Improvement Project**, presented by Vicky Murphy, Director of Municipal Utilities and Anthony DeCaro, Chief Water Plant Operator.
- **Discussion of Vision and Mission Statement for the City**, presented by Doug Selby, City Manager

**10. Other Business**

**A. Councilor McCormick** stated that when she met with staff from the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) earlier this week she reviewed some information on demographics that she thought would be good to share with the entire Council. She asked if the City Manager could have the staff from CEDA prepare to discuss the information at their upcoming presentation to the Council.

**B. Councilor Camardo** asked if the Council could have an update at future Council Work Session meetings on the Co-Gen Facility and on the plan to address excavations in City roads.

**C. Councilor Ruzicka** stated that he thought the Manager and Council should take a look at information compiled by the Auburn Municipal Power Agency on switching the wastewater treatment facility power over to NYSEG from the City's Co-Gen facility. He stated there will be a \$400,000.00 - \$450,000.00 investment needed by the City to make the switch and he is requesting the City Manager and City Comptroller conduct a financial analysis of this project before the City makes a decision to proceed.

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

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;)

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 15, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On August 21, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 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         | 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 14th day of August, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Coleen LaMay, Deputy City Clerk      Date: August 22, 2014*