

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, August 28, 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 Deputy 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
- Deputy City Clerk, Coleen LaMay
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Supervisor of Water and Sewer, Tom Gabak
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Supervisor of Landfill, Scott Emerson

**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 Deputy Clerk read the following:

A. The City of Auburn Planning Board will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

B. The City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at West Minister Church, 17 Williams Street, Auburn.

C. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

D. The Auburn Doubledays 2014 baseball season will conclude with the final home game of the season on Monday, September 1, 2014 at the special time of 2:05 p.m. vs. the Batavia Muckdogs.

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)

E. The Deputy Clerk read a letter addressed to the Mayor, Auburn Police and Fire Department from Martin Stanton thanking public officials that were on duty during the time an accident had occurred on Grant Ave involving Mr. Stanton and his wife.

#### **5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –**

A. Dr. Karpinski was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

**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:

**John Montone 159 Lake Ave-** spoke to council about resolution # 143 that was being discussed at tonight's meeting regarding Auburn Municipal Power Agency.

**Denny Zach 97 N. Lewis St.-** spoke to council about resolution #143 that was being discussed at tonight's meeting regarding Auburn Municipal Power Agency.

**Tim Lattimore-South St** spoke to council regarding the energy issues, consolidation health insurance and cost savings.

**Diane Gove 82 Lake Ave –** spoke to council about concerns she has on resolution #145 regarding the merger of Civil Service with the County.

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

A. August 21, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

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

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

- Updated Council on the Meter Replacement Program as part of the energy conservation program with Wendell Consultants. 88% of the water meters have been installed. In Line Services is a subcontractor with Wendell and they will be demobilizing, but will return in mid-September to install the

MXU's on the remaining meters. To date there are 292 owners who have not responded despite numerous attempts and repeated requests to schedule a meter replacement. There is another 111 water services that have bad piping that may require some work prior to a meter installation. At this point with In-Line Services demobilizing they will be transferring the remaining meters and equipment to City forces.

- The City Manager reported to council on the Mill Street Hydro Project has been load tested and operated. The City is currently waiting NYSEG's final sign off on the installation and after they do that we will begin commercial production with that hydro facility.
- City Manager reported to council the Celebration of the rededication of the State Street Dam. The City has concluded a \$3.1 million project with substantial renovations to the dam, stabilizing it and made it safer for generations in the future. The City Manger wanted to compliment Christina Selvek for coordinating that and our Engineer for hosting a nice event.
- The City Manger reported to council on the issue associated with the Co-Gen Facility. Back in April there was a penalty provision in the sales agreement with part of the negotiation required the City to pay a penalty which is \$317,000. That amount has not been paid to the previous owners and it is being held in an escrow account. This is a federal tax penalty because the transfer occurred prior to the expiration of 5 years under which the grant would have time out in terms of penalty. The City is actively working with Federal delegations and Christina Selvek has been coordinating telephone conferences. Every federal office or elected representative is involved and the City is seeking a waiver.

**B. Reports from members of Council**

- **Councilor McCormick** reported to council on the Watershed and asked for Tony DeCaro to speak before council on the issue of blue/green alga that has been reported in the lake.

**9. Matters to come before Council**

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

**B. Ordinances – None**

**C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions –**

**D1. Council Resolution #143 of 2014 Amending the Auburn City Charter to Eliminate and Consolidate the Auburn Power Agency**

Motion to approve by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to Table by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruczika.

The motion to table carried 4-1. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka voting aye. Mayor Quill voting no. **TABLED**

**D2. Council Resolution #144 of 2014 Amending Article XI of the Auburn City Charter Regarding Water Service**

Mayor Quill sponsored, but there was no second.

**D3. Council Resolution #145 of 2014 Amending the Auburn City Charter to Allow the City to Eliminate the Auburn Civil Service Commission in Order to Consolidate With the Cayuga County Civil Service Commission**

Motion to approve by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Mayor Quill. Motion to table by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruczika.

The motion to table carried 4-1. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka aye. Mayor Quill no. **TABLED**

**E. Tabled Legislation - None**

**F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None**

**F1. BID's Parking Garage Banner Promotion Presentation.** Connie Reilley and Todd Coleman of the Auburn Business Improvement District made a presentation to Council on a new banner program for the City's parking garage.

**F2. City of Auburn Ash Tree Inventory Presentation.** Corrine Murray has worked all summer on inventorying the City's trees made a presentation to the Council on the results of their findings.

**F3. FY 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program Presentation.** Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Projects & Grants presented Council with the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program plan.

**F4. Presentation on a proposal for a Refuse Collection Enforcement Program.** Mayor Quill asked that this presentation be presented to Council in a future meeting because the City Manager has requested to go into an executive session. Council agreed.

**F5. Budget Status Reports.** Mayor Quill asked that this presentation be presented to Council in a future meeting because the City Manager had requested to go into an executive session. Council agreed.

**10. Other Business**

**Councilor McCormick** wanted to comment on the three resolutions that were on the agenda this evening. She wanted to explain as to why she made the decisions that she made. Councilor McCormick wants to make sure that the City has a well thought out plan and to make sure the residents are well informed before allowing them to vote on something that is going to impact the city.

**Councilor Cuddy** wanted to comment on this evening resolution. Councilor Cuddy asked Corporation Counsel John Rossi if council could have a resolution to dissolve the agency. Corporation Counsel John Rossi explained as to why that could not happen.

**Councilor Ruzicka** wanted to complete the AMPA discussion. Councilor Ruzicka also discussed the matter of the water department and firmly believes the City can work within its Charter and still have consolidation efforts.

**Councilor Camardo** asked the City Manager on the policy on the road construction and excavations in the street and following up on this and when the City Manager is going to bring it back to council. The City Manager stated that they will be bringing this back during a work session meeting within the next couple of weeks.

**Executive Session** – Councilor Camardo made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. 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 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:30p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 29, 2014 by:

Coleen LaMay  
Deputy City Clerk

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

On September 4, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 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 28th day of August, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: September 5, 2014*