

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, September 4, 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
- 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 Planning Department did not receive any applications for Certificate of Appropriateness for the upcoming Historic Resources Review Board September 9th meeting. Since there are no new applications or tabled applications at this time, the City will be cancelling the regularly scheduled September 9th HRRB meeting. The next regularly scheduled HRRB meeting is for Tuesday October 14th, 2014 at 7pm.

B. September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and an event to recognize this will be held this Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Lowes parking lot on Grant Avenue in Auburn, NY from Noon through 4 p.m. On exhibit at this event will be numerous emergency personnel and vehicles from many of our community's public safety and emergency responder departments. There will be emergency preparedness information and free emergency preparedness kits given away to those that attend. The City of Auburn encourages the citizens of Auburn to take part in this event.

C. A public ceremony to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001 will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the September 11th memorial

here at City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

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

The City Clerk read a proclamation from Mayor Quill proclaiming the month of September 2014 as National Preparedness Month in the City of Auburn and September 6, 2014 as National Preparedness Month Community Awareness Day.

**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:

#### **Frank Iaconis, resident of the State of Virginia**

Mr. Iaconis addressed the Council in regards to the condition of Owasco Lake. His parents owned property for many years on West Lake Road in Fleming and he has observed major deterioration to the lake's water quality over the years.

#### **Coleen Strabble, 5 Franklin Street**

Ms. Strabble spoke to thank Mayor Quill and Neighborhood and Housing Commission Chairperson Norm Davis for attention received pertaining to issues she encountered.

#### **Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue**

Mr. Quill spoke in regards to the upcoming anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. He asked the community to remember the many first responders that put their lives on the line every day for our community's safety.

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

A. August 28, 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 had nothing to report.

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

- **Councilor McCormick** spoke to recognize the remarks made by Mr. Frank Iaconis during the Public to be Heard and she stated that the issues he raised were of significant concern to the City and the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council.

#### **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 #146 of 2014** Authorizing the Sale of a Parcel of Land at 5 Frederick Street

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

Motion to amend by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The motion to amend was to add the following language to the resolution: “Be it further resolved that the City Manager is directed to take necessary action to utilize the net profits from the sale of said property to be used for expenses associated with a potential new public safety building as outlined in the City of Auburn Capital Improvement Plan.” (see Attachment A)

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

The motion to approve the resolution as amended carried 4-1. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka all voting aye. Mayor Quill voting no. (see Attachment B)

**D2. Agreement Resolution #147 of 2014** Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement on Behalf of the City of Auburn With the Auburn Enlarged City School District for the Assignment of School Resource Officers

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

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 Camardo** thanked Mr. Frank Iaconis for remarks he made during the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting. He asked that the City Manager provide a schedule regarding how the Council will be getting back to Budget talks, cost containment, and the five year financial planning model.

**B. Councilor Cuddy** spoke on the topic of water quality and that the City needed to be more vocal on the topic. He stated that he wanted to see the Council continue discussions pertaining to the three resolutions that were on the August 28<sup>th</sup> Council agenda but did not pass.

**C. Mayor Quill** asked that a future work session of the Council be specifically dedicated to water and sewer issues and water quality issues. He suggested that perhaps the City should conduct an independent study on water and sewer rates to assist with relations with surrounding towns that are water and sewer users.

**D. Councilor Ruzicka** stated that much information pertaining to water and sewer rates has been previously provided through an independent study during prior talks on water and sewer regionalization discussions and that the City should revisit that information. He also asked the City Manager if he has had time to review Denny’s (Dennis Zack, Chairperson of the Auburn

Municipal Power Agency) spreadsheet on powering the Wastewater Treatment Plant looking at the cost of a NYSEG hook up versus the landfill gas generator. He asked the Manager if he and the Comptroller sat down with that sheet and looked at it yet? He stated that what Denny laid out seemed to make the decision clear to almost leave it alone versus the NYSEG cost. He asked the Manager to share the result of the Manager's review of that analysis. The Manager responded that there are some calculations in the analysis that are not quite accurate. For example the Wastewater Treatment Plant already does pay 7.6 cents per kilowatt hour so the additional charge is not \$440,000.00 rather it's more like \$60,000.00; it also makes an assumption that remote net metering will be allowed for that type of facility but to date we have no confirmation that the legislation has passed so it's speculative at best that we would actually be able to do what they are proposing in terms of the surplus power; the third factor is that Vicky Murphy (Director of Municipal Utilities) feels that the power quality from the generating station has caused operational problems with instrumentation, it's not as clean as the power from the grid. Councilor Ruzicka stated that this was the first he had heard of unstable power from this facility and asked if Vicky could attend the next regularly scheduled AMPA meeting to elaborate on the topic. He then asked for an update on the Viewpermit Building Codes software program and when the Codes Department Office would be reopening five days per week. The Manager responded that the Viewpermit software is being used at the staff level and that over the next several weeks it would be rolled out for public use. He also stated that changes in personnel in the department had delayed reopening the office for five days per week. A new hire had been made this week and the new staff person would be starting in a couple weeks.

**E. Councilor Camardo** discussed items in response to remarks Councilor Cuddy made pertaining to the three resolutions on the August 28<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. The entire Council then discussed matters pertaining to those resolutions and the topic of water quality.

**G. Councilor Cuddy** stated that the Cayuga County Legislature would be considering legislation that would ban natural gas drilling. He stated that as a gesture of support for their effort he would like to see the City of Auburn reinstate the ban on the accepting of natural gas drilling wastewater at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Council then discussed the impact of a recent headworks analysis study that had been conducted on that topic.

**H. Mayor Quill** commented on a communication that was recently published in a local newspaper about truck traffic. He asked the Police Chief if the City was still involved with enforcement of truck traffic. The Police Chief responded that yes many efforts are made to enforce the issue.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 5, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

Minutes of the City Council Meeting, City of Auburn, NY, September 4, 2014

On September 11, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, 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 4th day of September, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: September 12, 2014*

(Attachment A - AMENDMENT)  
LAND SALE RESOLUTION # 146 OF 2014

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PARCEL OF  
LAND AT 5 FREDERICK STREET

By Councilor Ruzicka, Seconded by Councilor Camardo

September 4, 2013

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn is the owner of a parcel of land situated at 5 Frederick Street, Auburn, New York which was formerly the Frederick Street Fire Station; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has notified the local Board of Realtors of the City's desire to sell the property and as a result two bids were received and H. Ruth Bergerstock has offered the sum of \$71,000 to acquire said property; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid by H. Ruth Bergerstock was the highest bid received and she has moved forward to obtain the necessary approvals of the Zoning and Planning Boards of the City of Auburn and is now in a position to acquire title; and

**WHEREAS**, the parcel to be conveyed is surplus property not needed for City purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the sale of 5 Frederick Street, Auburn, New York to H. Ruth Bergerstock for the sum of \$71,000 and does authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary in order to convey title to the premises; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to take necessary action to utilize the net profits from the sale of said property to be used for expenses associated with a potential new public safety building as outlined in the City of Auburn Capital Improvement Plan.

**Councilor Camardo made a motion to amend Resolution #146 by adding the language that is underlined above. Councilor Ruzicka seconded the motion to amend. The vote on the motion to amend was as follows:**

	AYES	NOES
Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy		x
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill		x

**CARRIED AND ADOPTED x**

The motion to amend carried.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the vote for an amendment to Land Sale Resolution 146 of 2014 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 4th day of September, 2014 and that the City Council approved such amendment by the vote listed above.*

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

**(Attachment B)**  
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**AYES NOES**

Councilor McCormick	x	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	x	
Mayor Quill		x

**CARRIED AND ADOPTED x**

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