

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 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
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Director of Grants and Capital Improvement Program, Christina Selvek
- Police Captain Charles Augello

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.

Mayor Quill announced that Resolution #150 of 2014 was pulled from the agenda by the City Manager.

4. Public Announcements –

The Clerk read the following:

A. The Cayuga County Solid Waste Management Office and the Cornell Cooperative Extension are sponsoring a fall 2014 Back to School “Electronics Plus” Collection event for all residents of Cayuga County and the City of Auburn. The event presents an excellent opportunity to discard materials such as: Computer Equipment; Computer Monitors; TV's; Microwaves; Typewriters; Video Game Systems; Universal Power Supplies; and, Cell Phones in a safe manner. Proper disposal protects human health, our community and the environment. The materials collected at this event will be recycled to the fullest extent possible by the recycling contractors. The event will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Campus located at 1879 W Genesee Street Rd, Auburn.

B. The City of Auburn's Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY.

C. The Auburn Police Department's website has been integrated into the City of Auburn's website. The new site may be viewed at www.AuburnNY.gov/Police

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

- Mayor Quill joined Police Chief Brian Neagle to administer the Oath of Office to the City's newest Police Officer Mr. Dana Ruzicka.
- The City Clerk read a proclamation from Mayor Quill proclaiming October 1, 2014 as Captain Charles Augello Day in the City of Auburn, NY. Captain Augello will be retiring on that date following 41 years of service to the City of Auburn.

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:

Dennis Zack, 97 N. Lewis Street

Mr. Zack spoke in his capacity as Chairperson of the board for the Auburn Municipal Power Agency (AMPA). He stated he had a meeting previously in the day at which he discussed with the City Manager that he will provide better communication to the Council on behalf of AMPA. He also handed to the Council some notes he prepared on the Power Utility Fund presentation that was presented to Council at the September 11, 2014 meeting.

Mike Pisano, 5 Morris Street

Mr. Pisano spoke about concerns he has with unsightly conditions in his neighborhood. He mentioned a sewer drain that needs to be fixed on the corner of Bundy Avenue and Morris Street. He also stated he does not think it is proper for the Auburn Police Department officers to be driving down Genesee Street at the speed limit while talking on their cell phones.

Mark Kuney, resident of Syracuse, NY

Mr. Kuney spoke to urge Council to support Council Resolution # 148 of 2014 Reinstating a Ban Prohibiting the City of Auburn Accepting Natural Gas Drilling Water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Marylin Mendillo, resident of Aurora, NY (former resident of Auburn)

Ms. Mendillo spoke to urge Council to support Council Resolution # 148 of 2014 Reinstating a Ban Prohibiting the City of Auburn Accepting Natural Gas Drilling Water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. September 11, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo. Councilor Camardo made a motion to amend the minutes of September 11, 2014 to add two different statements on issues that he had made at the meeting. 1. Under the topic of the Power Utility Fund he would like for the City to look at having a complete analysis of the history of the Co-Gen facility and have that analysis reported to the Council, he would like the analysis to be conducted by an independent set of eyes. 2. Under the

topic of the Refuse Collection Enforcement Program if any money is going to be spent on a new enforcement position he believes that money should be spent to put a new position in the City's Code Enforcement office so that the Code Enforcement office would have more ability to enforce the entire City code. Councilor Ruzicka seconded the motion to amend.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- A memo was sent to the Council reporting on current staffing levels in the Refuse Collection program.
- The September 11, 2014 City Council meeting presentation has generated additional interest in the Radio Tower. The staff and members of Council have been contacted by others that have an interest in the future of the Radio Tower. One group is named Cell @ Auction and they set up online auctions specifically to sell towers. A second group recently had an advertisement in the recent New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) they advertise that they can assist by raising your revenues and are only compensated for the increase in revenue they assist you to obtain.
- There is a final inspection scheduled by New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) for the week of September 22, 2014 for the Mill Street Dam. Following that the Mill Street Dam project should be back in operation.

B. Reports from members of Council - None

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 # 148 of 2014 - Reinstating a Ban Prohibiting the City of Auburn Accepting Natural Gas Drilling Water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

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

The motion carried 4-1. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor Ruzicka voting no.

D2. Council Resolution # 149 of 2014 - Adoption of the FY 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Program

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

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

D3. Agreement Resolution#150 of 2014 Approving a three Year Operating Agreement With the Auburn Community Non-Profit Baseball Association, Inc. The Mayor announced that Resolution #150 of 2014 was pulled from the agenda by the City Manager.

D4. Land Sale Resolution #151 of 2014 Conveying a Strip of Land on Milligan Street

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

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

D5. Resolution #152 - Adoption of the City of Auburn Investment Policy

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.

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo stated several items: 1. The Council needs good analysis and debate on our ability to pay for the items that are included in the Capital Improvement Plan. 2. The City Manager had reported that the City's upcoming pension bill would be down and he would like to propose that the amount of the decrease from the previous year be used to pay back money we borrowed from the pension fund last year. 3. He has asked the City Manager on repeated occasions to provide a Budget calendar so that the Council can be talking about the City Budget, he would like to have that next week or included in our packet. 4. He received some calls this week about the City water and he asked the City Manager if there was a problem with the City water this week. The City Manager responded that he had not heard of any problems.

B. Councilor McCormick spoke regarding the spreadsheet that Mr. Dennis Zack had distributed during the Public to be Heard portion of the meeting. She stated that it was not clear what the hand-written notes on the sheet meant.

C. Councilor Ruzicka discussed Mr. Dennis Zack's report that was distributed during the Public to be Heard portion of the meeting, he stated it was a report discussing the powering of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He would like to see an analysis of this issue that would tell the entire story of what is going on with the decision to switch the power source to New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG). He also asked if there could be a complete inventory provided to Council of vacant or unused City owned property so that the Council could put property not needed up for sale. Finally, he stated that he thinks the Council is spinning its wheels on the discussion of a vision statement for the City, rather he thinks the Council should be spending time discussing a 5 year financial plan.

D. Councilor Cuddy stated that he thinks it is very important that the Council continue talks on developing a vision statement for the City. He also discussed the future of the City owned Osborne Street Radio Tower. He stated he wanted the City to take the time necessary to make sure the City gets a complete understanding of the maximum value of the tower before any decisions are made about the future of the tower.

E. Councilor McCormick discussed the value of the time of City staff. She questioned why the City Staff cannot attend Watershed Management Council meetings but do attend Auburn Municipal Power Agency meetings.

F. All members of Council then had a lengthy discussion and debate about the topic of adequate analysis of City projects.

G. Mayor Quill stated that he agrees with Councilor McCormick and thinks it is important that we have City staff attend Watershed management Council meetings.

H. 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. Matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;)

2. Matters pertaining to legal advice for a contract the City is involved in or considering becoming involved with. (Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules which establishes that a confidential communication between attorney and client shall be privileged. Pursuant to this section, Council will be receiving legal advice from its attorney which fulfills the requirement provided in Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law allowing this exemption.)

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 7:41 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 19, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On September 25, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	absent	
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 18th day of September, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: September 26, 2014

