

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 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 Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka were all present. Councilor McCormick was excused.

The following City Staff was present:

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, Andy Fusco
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator, Anthony Decaro

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 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 next meeting of the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 5 p.m. at Westminster Church, 17 Williams Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

C. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL INTERVIEW AND EXAM FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSE. Notice is hereby given that applications for electrical licenses must be filed in person at the October 8, 2014 City of Auburn Electric Board meeting to be held at 5:00 pm at the City Hall Conference Room at 24 South St. 1st Floor, Auburn, NY. The exam will then be held November 12, 2014 at 5:00 pm at this same location. Applications can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Office in City Hall, 315.255.4111.

D. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL INTERVIEW AND EXAM FOR PLUMBING LICENSE. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Auburn Plumbing Board on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South St. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with General Cities Law Chapter 7, Section 4 of Article 4. Applications and fees for the annual Plumber and Drain Layer examinations will be accepted at this time. The exam will be held the following week, Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. For more information please contact the City of Auburn Code Enforcement Office, 315.255.4111.

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 members of the public spoke:

Norm Davis, Dunning Avenue

Mr. Davis spoke on behalf of the Salvation Army Board of Directors to invite the Mayor, Council and public to an Open House at the Salvation Army on East Genesee Street that will be held October 19, 2014 from 2pm-4pm.

Ron Quill, Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke on behalf of the Salvation Army Board of Directors to invite the Mayor, Council and public to an Open House at the Salvation Army on East Genesee Street that will be held October 19, 2014 from 2pm-4pm.

Owner of Bee Line Auto, 2 Seminary Street

Mr. David Tarala, 2 Seminary Avenue, Owner of Bee Line Auto

Mr. Tarala spoke regarding his concerns for issues he is experiencing in the Seminary Avenue, Seminary Street, and Nelson Street areas with groups of individuals hanging out and causing problems and possible drug traffic. He asked the City to assist the neighborhood with extra attention to the area.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. September 18, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report – The Acting City Manager invited Anthony DeCaro the City's Water Filtration Plant Chief Operator to provide the Council with an update on the progress of the work at the Mill Street Dam. Mr. DeCaro reported that the New York State Electric and Gas Company (NYSEG) inspected the work at the dam and that all certifications are

now in place. The City is training on the new system for the last couple days and earlier in the day the turbine was put online. The City intends to run the equipment at a slow flow for the next couple weeks as the City becomes more familiar with how to use the new equipment. To conclude Mill Street is finally done and we will now be able to send the power to NYSEG.

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. Resolution # 152 of 2014 Changing the Meeting Time for the October 2, 2014 Council Meeting to 7 p.m.

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

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

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

• **The Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District presentation by Doug Kierst, Executive Director, was postponed.**

• **Discussion of Financial Model Scenarios Presented By Laura Wills**

The Comptroller presented three various Financial Model Scenarios, the Council discussed the topic and each offered up various viewpoints on the scenarios. Mayor Quill asked that the topic be placed on the next available agenda for more discussion by the entire Council.

• **New Permitting and Enforcement for Street Excavations/Bill Lupien**

The Superintendent of Engineering presented to the Council on the topic and the Council discussed.

• **Presentation on a proposal for a Refuse Collection Enforcement Program.** Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot presented to Council a proposal for changes to City Code language that would assist the City in creating a new Refuse Collection Enforcement Program. He reviewed current enforcement procedures and discussed the addition of a part-time enforcement position that would be focused on refuse collection enforcement. Following input by individual Council members and discussion among the Council the staff was asked to prepare language to amend Chapter 254-18 to better define the approved container to be used for recycling and the amount of recyclables allowed to be placed curbside. The Mayor asked that this issue return before the Council for further Council discussion at the next available meeting and that the first reading of proposed City Code changes will be scheduled soon after that.

• **Report on Landfill Tipping Fees**

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot presented information to Council on revenues collected at the City Landfill from private refuse haulers since the new dumping rate increases went into effect earlier this year. The report shows that revenue and trash intake are both down due to the increased pricing. Mr. Talbot stated that further analysis will be worked on to supply Council with more information on the overall costs associated with the life of the landfill so that Council could make a determination on adjusting the Tipping Fees.

• **Budget Status Reports**

The Acting City Manager discussed the reports with the Council.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo asked for the following: 1. that the City Manager inform the Council on staff follow-up with residents that make requests during the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting. 2. That the Superintendent of Engineering provide clarification on a charge on the most recent Claims List pertaining to a South Street Construction Claim being charged to Street Maintenance rather than the Water Fund. 3. Would like the City Manager to provide the Council with a list of all cell phone expenditures for City staff.

B. Councilor Ruzicka asked what the status was on joint City and County meetings and he stated that he believed we needed to hold such meetings. He stated that he wants to be provided with the list of unused property that the City owns so that it could be determined if the properties could be sold. He also stated that he did not think the Council's discussion on a vision statement was useful and provided additional thoughts on the topic.

C. Councilor Cuddy stated that he thinks it is very important that the City continue with discussions of developing a City vision statement because the City could benefit from having a unifying goal.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 26, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On October 2, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	abstain	
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 25th day of September, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: October 3, 2014