

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, October 9, 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:**

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien

**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 Historic Resources Review Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. the meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall.

B. The City of Auburn will be holding two public meetings to gather citizen input for the 2014 Community Development Block Grant five year strategic plan. Help shape the future of our community by attending one of the following meetings:

2014 Community Development Block Grant Program public meeting #1

October 22, 2014, 10:00 a.m. until Noon at Memorial City Hall, Council Chambers, first floor, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

2014 Community Development Block Grant Program public meeting #2

November 12, 2014, 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Plaza of the Arts, 161 Genesee Street, second floor conference room, Auburn, NY 13021.

C. There will be a Public Forum to discuss issues pertaining to protecting Watersheds in Cayuga

County from the application of liquid manure on frozen ground and near waterways and streams. This forum will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 6pm-8pm at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES Campus, 1879 West Genesee Street Road in Auburn, NY. The forum will provide an opportunity for County residents to speak regarding possible legislation to establish regulations to address the issue. Residents wishing to speak at the forum are asked to pre-register by sending an e-mail to Cayuga County Legislator Keith Batman at kbatman@cayugacounty.us. For more information please contact Eileen O'Connor at the Cayuga County Health Department by phone at 315-253-1405 or e-mail at eoconnor@cayugacounty.us

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations-** Fire Chief Jeff Dygert led a ceremony to officially welcome the 13 new Auburn Firefighters to duty. Mayor Quill administered the oath of office to each individual new firefighter. Friends and family of the new firefighters filled the Council Chambers to capacity to witness the event. The names of the 13 new firefighters are: Joe Barry, Michael Bizzari, Kevin Button, Michael Chilson, Ryan Cole, Michael Evans, Lucas Ferrin, Timothy Guzalak, Eric Kelly, Michael McNabb, Erik Tinti, Ricky Smith Jr., and, Zachary Wertman.

Following the Firefighter ceremony Mayor Quill called for a recess of the meeting. Following the recess the Mayor called the meeting back to order at 6:46 p.m.

**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:

**Adam Evans, 1 Willard Street**

Mr. Evans spoke to complement the Auburn Fire Department on their response to a recent call he made during an emergency. He stated the department did a great job responding. He also stated he has observed improvements in recent months with the Auburn Police Department.

**Ron Quill, Case Avenue**

Mr. Quill spoke to state that he wished all of the new Firefighters well in their new careers with the Auburn Fire Department.

**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.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

A. October 2, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

Motion to amend the minutes of October 2, 2014 by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Camardo. Councilor Ruzicka stated he wanted to amend the minutes to include remarks Councilor Camardo had made during the October 2, 2014 meeting under the discussion Council had pertaining to the five year financial modeling discussion pertaining to recommendations listed on the New York State Comptroller's website and

discussion regarding demographics. Following discussion by the Council, Councilor Ruzicka withdrew his motion to amend.

Councilor Ruzicka then made a motion to table approval of the October 2, 2014 meeting minutes, Councilor Camardo seconded this motion.

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

Following the vote to table, the City Clerk explained the manner in which minutes are taken. He asked that if individual members of the Council had amendments to minutes that they send them in writing by e-mail.

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

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

- There was a water main break on South Street earlier in the day on October 9, 2014 that was caused by the construction on South Street. This caused for City Hall and other buildings in the neighborhood to be without water for a period of time during the late morning and early afternoon. Water service was restored about 3:30 p.m. She thanked all of the City staff who worked hard to repair the break and she thanked the staff at City Hall for maintaining business as usual at City Hall.
- The City Code Enforcement Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

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

**Councilor McCormick** spoke about the public meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 6pm-8pm at the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES Campus, 1879 West Genesee Street Road in Auburn, NY to discuss watershed management issues pertaining to the application of liquid manure within Cayuga County watersheds. She also asked if the City could post some public notices and advertisements in the local newspaper to announce the reopening of the Code Enforcement Office to full time status.

**Mayor Quill** announced that he wanted the public to be aware that he had been notified by the New York State Electric and Gas Company (NYSEG) that they will be conducting some work in the Cold Spring Cemetery off of York Street for the purposes of locating a power line.

## **9. Matters to Come Before Council**

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

### **B. Ordinances**

#### **• First Reading of Ordinance #8 of 2014 Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code**

The City Clerk read the proposed amended portions of the ordinance. Following the reading the Acting City Manager Jenny Haines stated that she noticed there were some Chapter Titles and Numbers in the amended ordinance that were underlined which would suggest the Chapter Titles and Numbers would be eliminated. This is a formatting error in the way the ordinance was presented. She stated the document would be fixed and the corrected version would be included

in the October 16, 2014 Council agenda packet. She stated these formatting errors did not change any language of the ordinance proposed.

• **First Reading of Ordinance #9 of 2014 Amending Chapter 254 of the City Code**

The City Clerk read the proposed amended portions of the ordinance. Councilor Ruzicka discussed adding language to Chapter 254-25 to define household hazardous waste and farm hazardous waste. The entire Council agreed with adding this language to the ordinance. The Acting City Manager Jenny Haines stated the language would be added to the ordinance and included in the October 16, 2014 Council agenda packet.

**C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions – None**

**E. Tabled Legislation - None**

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

• **City of Auburn Historic Sites Commission Presentation.** This presentation was postponed for one month. The Commission will reschedule for Thursday, November 13, 2014.

• **Residential Parking Discussion.** This presentation was postponed to a future meeting so that City Manager Selby can be present for the discussion.

**10. Other Business**

**A. Councilor Ruzicka** asked when the Council would be discussing the financial audit reports that have been conducted by the independent auditing firm in recent weeks. He stated that he had heard input from citizens that the quality of the in house video production was substandard and suggested the videographer service be used until the system works. He commented on the Council's Rules and Procedures as they pertain to decorum at Council meetings. He discussed topics pertaining to demographic information to be considered for the City financial forecasting models.

**B. Councilor Cuddy** stated that he thinks the quality of the in house video production is good and that it will be a work in progress for the next few weeks to iron out some minor issues with the system. He also commented on the Council's Rules and Procedures as they pertain to decorum at Council meetings.

**C. Councilor McCormick** stated that she receives feedback from the public about water quality and that the public has questions about the topic. She has had members of the public ask about ice skating at Casey Park. She had an individual from the public discuss how the theme of some matters of discussions at Council meetings pertaining to decorum and treating City Staff in a respectful manner.

**D. Councilor Camardo** stated that he has heard the City recently sent out duplicate tax bills and would like an explanation for the Council on what happened with this. He would like

information he requested at the October 2, 2014 Council meeting from the Comptroller pertaining to information regarding her analysis of demographics and sales tax projections. He also stated he would like the Council to begin discussing the City Budget and that the Council must have discussions pertaining to issues related to holding down and controlling spending.

**E. Councilor Ruzicka** stated that he sent an e-mail to the Council and the Comptroller pertaining to an example of financial modeling that the City should take a look at and try to follow. He asked what the status was on joint City and County meetings. He stated that he wants to be provided with the list of unused property that the City owns.

**F.** The entire Council then had a discussion/debate pertaining to the topics of analysis of demographic and population trends in the City and County.

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

1. Matters of discussion that would be considered confidential under attorney client privilege. (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.)
2. Matters pertaining to potential litigation. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

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 8:03 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On October 16, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

	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 9th day of October, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: October 17, 2014*