

**Auburn City Council
Business Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 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
- 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. Walnut Street Bridge will be under construction beginning Monday, October 20, 2014, Walnut Street will be closed between Teller Avenue and South Marvine Avenue to allow the contractor, Joseph J. Lane Construction, to perform the necessary operations to replace the Walnut St. box culvert, replace and upgrade the existing utilities, and reconstruct the road. Normal construction hours are from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. We plan to re-open the roadway by December 15, 2014. We will be working diligently with the contractor to minimize your impact from the project. Please feel free to contact the project's Resident Engineer Mr. Paul Tenny at 585-208-4781 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.

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. Cayuga County Fall 2014 Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 8am – 1pm. This event is free, however, everyone MUST REGISTER with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County. Please call 315-255-1183 or register online at <http://blogs.cornell.edu/ccecauyuga/household-hazardous-waste/>

D. 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-

- The City Clerk read a proclamation from the Office of Mayor Quill proclaiming October 2014 as Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) Awareness Month in the City of Auburn, NY. Karen Georgi, representing the Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation accepted the proclamation and addressed the Council. She spoke about the Sensory Processing Disorder, the SPD foundation, and the SPD foundation's mission.
- Police Chief Brian Neagle led a ceremony to officially recognize recent promotions within the ranks of the Auburn Police Department. Mayor Quill administered the Oath of Office to the five officers that received promotions. The officers and their promotion were: Mark Schattinger, promoted October 1, 2014 to Captain of Detectives; James Moore, promoted October 3, 2014 to Captain of Training and Planning; Kyle Platt, promoted October 3, 2014 to Lieutenant; Christine Gilfus, promoted October 1, 2014 to Sergeant; Stephan McLoughlin, promoted October 3, 2014 to Sergeant. Police Chief Brian Neagle remarked that Ms. Gilfus is the first woman in the history of the Auburn Police Department to join the supervisory ranks.

Following the Auburn Police Department ceremony Mayor Quill called for a recess of the meeting. Following the recess the Mayor called the meeting back to order at 6:33 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:

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.

John Allen, property owner in the City of Auburn

Mr. Allen spoke to state he has questions about the new refuse collection enforcement program that has been discussed in recent weeks. He is concerned about the program because he does not know enough about the program. Mayor Quill asked Mr. Allen to leave his phone number for the City Manager so that the Manager may contact him with more information.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

October 2, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

October 9, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report – City Manager Doug Selby reported on the following:

- The issue of the City owned radio tower has been a topic at previous Council meetings. Selling the tower is a possibility. The option to sell the tower via an online public auction is something the Council may wish to explore. A base price of \$750,000.00 would be recommended along with a 20% share to the City of any revenue taken in from the tower leases. The Manager then asked for Council input on this potential process. Following Council discussion it was determined that if the City was to proceed with this it should be decided by a Council resolution. The Manager was asked to prepare such a resolution for Council consideration at a future Council meeting.
- The Mill Street Dam is operational and now has the capability to operate and produce energy at significantly lower flows than the previous equipment had. The City is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony to formally unveil the project on October 30, 2014.
- The Council is aware that the City Police and Fire Department facilities are in need of improvements and that the buildings are old and not necessarily the most ideal investment of City resources for the long term housing of Police and Fire. The City has initiated meetings have been taking place between City and County public safety officials and the local ambulance company about the potential of building a new multi-use regional public safety building that could possibly house the City Police and Fire Departments, as well as, other City and County public safety functions. The idea of exploring a public/private partnership to finance and build such a structure is one idea being talked about. This would require finding a private developer to finance and build the facility, then the City and other tenants could lease the space over a long period of time with an option for purchase at the end of the lease. Moving the topic along would require requests for proposals to be issued and that will require Council action. To move the concept forward participation by two members of Council at future meetings on the topic would be needed. Councilor Camardo and Councilor Cuddy offered to participate.

B. Reports from members of Council

Councilor McCormick spoke to remind everyone that the City Code Enforcement Office started its new Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. hours beginning Tuesday, October 14, 2014. She also referred to the public notice that she received at her residence regarding the upcoming Walnut Street Bridge replacement. She encouraged residents in the Hoopes Park area to read the information that was left at their door about the project. She also reported on an event she attended on Monday, October 13, 2014 which recognized the community efforts of Jack and Jerry Bisgrove and Matteo Bartolotta for all of the investments they have made in the Auburn community. She wanted to recognize their contributions at the Council meeting.

Mayor Quill spoke to state that he also attended the Monday, October 13, 2014 event which recognized the community efforts of Jack and Jerry Bisgrove and Matteo Bartolotta for all of the investments they have made in the Auburn community. He also attended the annual dinner for the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

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 ordinance.

Following the reading the Mayor asked if the Council desired to dispense of the required second reading. Councilor Cuddy made a motion to dispense of the second reading, Councilor McCormick seconded this motion. The motion carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

Councilor McCormick made a motion to approve Ordinance #8 of 2014, Councilor Cuddy seconded this motion. The motion carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

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

Councilor Cuddy made a motion to approve Ordinance #9 of 2014, Councilor McCormick seconded this motion. The motion carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions – None

D1. Change Order Resolution #156 of 2014 Authorizing Change Order #1 for the Traffic Signal Upgrade Project

Motion to approve by Councilor McCormick seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

D2. Award Resolution #157 of 2014 Awarding the Contract for the Roof Replacement at Casey Park Bathhouse

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

D3. Award Resolution #158 of 2014 hiring C&S Engineering Design Services for W. Genesee St. Pavement Project

Motion to approve by Councilor Ruzicka seconded by Councilor Cuddy. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

D4. Agreement Resolution #159 asking Council to agree on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Regional FEMA AFG Grant

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.

D5. Financial Resolution #160 of 2014 Amending the FY 2014-15 City Budget for the Purpose of Establishing Refuse Collection Enforcement Program Personnel

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

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo asked for a listing and report of all information on all of the Payment in Lieu of Tax agreements in the City of Auburn.

B. Councilor McCormick discussed that she has heard of many people moving into the new senior housing development known as the Village at Auburn Grove. She stated that she thinks it is a positive development that the project was able to sell out all of its 150 units.

C. Councilor Ruzicka had the following matters: 1. He has asked previously for a report on tax liabilities owed to the City and would like an update on the progress of the report. 2. He has asked previously for a report on all unused City owned property and would like an update on the progress of the report. 3. He would like to know the progress of City and County joint meetings and when new meetings will be scheduled. 4. He would like to know the progress of the City's independent financial audit report and when that report will become public. 5. He then discussed his thoughts and ideas pertaining to a City five year financial plan, discussing the need to include demographic data trends. He reviewed information that has been previously presented to Council and pointed out specific data that was reported by the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) that he considers optimistic. He pointed out demographic trends

and recent events that he believes the City should be including in its financial planning that would present a more accurate data forecast than what was presented to the Council by CEDA.

D. Councilor Cuddy stated that a majority of members of the Council had made a decision at a previous Council meeting to use a financial modeling tool that was recommended by the City Manager and Comptroller.

C. Councilor Ruzicka asked to be shown the demographic data that was included in the financial modeling tool that was recommended by the City Manager and Comptroller.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on October 17, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On October 23, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 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	absent	
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 16th day of October, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: October 24, 2014