

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, November 6, 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
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy

**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 is hosting this year's Marine Corps 239th Celebration Birthday and Veterans Day Service, honoring the brave men and women of our armed forces, past and present, for their dedication and service to our Nation. The public is welcome to attend our two upcoming events:

MARINE CORPS 239TH BIRTHDAY will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. on the South lawn of Memorial City Hall (24 South Street, Auburn, NY) for a Flag Raising Ceremony, followed by a Cake Cutting Ceremony at the SK Post at 168 State Street, Auburn, NY.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park (170 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY). There will be a Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Special Guest Speaker: James P. Miller.

B. Due to the observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday, Memorial City Hall and all City buildings will be closed. This also impacts our regularly scheduled trash and recycling pick-up for Tuesday, November 11th. Residents that normally have their trash picked up on Tuesdays will have their trash & recycling picked up on Monday, November 10th. The Tuesday pick-up area includes:

- all streets north of East Genesee Street
- all streets east of North Street
- South Fulton Street
- Hoffman Street
- Chestnut Street
- Gaylord Street
- Howard Street
- Sheridan Street
- Pimm Avenue

C. Due to the observance of the Veteran's Day Holiday the regular meeting of the City's Historic Resources Review Board has been postponed for 1 week. The November meeting of HRRB will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall.

D. The Grow Auburn's Trees program will be holding a fall community tree planting on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 9 a.m. on the corner of Clymer Street and Thornton Avenue. Residents that would like to volunteer to participate are asked to bring their own shovels and gloves.

## **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 reported that he spoke with some residents of the neighborhood by the Osborne Street playground located on the corner of Osborne, Grover, and Steel Streets. He stated that he was delivering a message to the Council on behalf of those residents that they have concerns regarding the playground. He listed the following items: excessive speed by drivers in the area; need to install some children playing signs for drivers to be aware of the playground; there is a fence needed at the park.

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

Mr. Quill spoke to complement the recent community event of The U.S. Navy Band Commodores jazz band concert that was held at the Auburn Junior High School Auditorium on November 5<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the local Italian Heritage Society. He stated that it was an impressive event and thanked Councilor Camardo for his part in organizing the concert.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**October 30, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.**

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

The motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilors Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor McCormick abstained.

**8. Reports of City Officials**

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

- A banner was installed on the William Street side of the City parking Garage. This was through the effort of the Auburn Business Improvement District.

**9. Matters to Come Before Council**

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

**B. Ordinances**

**B1. Second Reading for Ordinance #10 Amending Chapter 285 of the Auburn City Code Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"**

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.

**B2. First Reading for Ordinance #11 of 2014 Amending Chapter 297 of the City Code Implementing a Penalty for Failure to Comply With the Meter Replacement Program**

The City Clerk read the ordinance. The Corporation Counsel John Rossi notified the Council that the Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy had notified him that there was a change in the proposed language of the amendment. The change was to charge the commercial/industrial customers a 25% fee rather than the 30% fee. The Corporation stated that change would be made to the proposed language and brought back before the Council at a future meeting.

**B3. First Reading of Ordinance #12 of 2014 Amending Chapter 242 of the City Code Regarding Sewer Service Charges**

The City Clerk read the ordinance. Councilor Camardo suggested that proposed language to amend Chapter 242 of the City Code add the City Manager in addition to the Director of Municipal Utilities as the individuals authorized to approve a change to a sewer service charge. Other members of Council were in agreement with adding this language. The Corporation Counsel stated the language would be added and brought back to the Council at a future Council meeting.

**C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions –**

**D1. Council Resolution #162 of 2014 Resolution for Sale of Osborne Tower**

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

Following discussion by Council, Councilor Camardo made a motion to table, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The motion to table did not carry 2-3. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye, Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill voting no.

The Council then voted on the original motion to approve. The motion to approve did not carry 0-5. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting no.

**D2. Agreement Resolution #163 of 2014 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement for Engineering and Design Services for the North Division Street Bridge Replacement Project**

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.

**D3. Council Resolution #164 of 2014 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Correction Deed to the Auburn Enlarged City School District**

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.

**D4. Agreement Resolution #165 of 2014 authorizing a supplemental agreement with CRA for professional engineering services regarding the Water Filtration Plant and Lower Pumping Station Projects**

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

Mayor Quill asked the Council for consent on entertaining Resolution #167 before Resolution #166. No members of Council disagreed.

**D5. Council Resolution #167 of 2014 Adopting the Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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.

**D6. Agreement Resolution #166 of 2014 entering into an Agreement for a Time and**

### **Attendance System**

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.

### **E. Tabled Legislation - None**

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

## **10. Other Business**

**A. Councilor Camardo** stated that he had received feedback from residents regarding the City audit and that residents were very concerned with the City's indebtedness of close to one hundred million dollars. He also stated that it is time the City Council take a look at economic development for the City and asked that the City Manager invite Andrew Fish, the Executive Director of the Cayuga Economic Development Agency to present to Council regarding what is being done for economic development in the City. He also asked about the status of the funding from the State for a new City show-mobile. The City's Director of Grants and capital Projects Christina Selvek spoke to discuss the status of the funds for the show-mobile. She stated she is in contact with our Stet representatives and they have assured us they are working on finalizing the funding.

**B. Councilor McCormick** stated that with the Walnut Street bridge construction she has heard from residents that are now using the pedestrian staircase in the center of the park which leads up to S. Marvine Avenue that the staircase is very dark when it is not daylight. She stated that she spoke with Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot about trying to install some lighting for the staircase. She also asked about the status of the Water Billing office being moved to the Treasurer's office. The Comptroller spoke to advise that the move has yet to happen and is awaiting the hiring of a new account clerk. She also commented on the City's website receiving a favorable rating in a recent Empire Center for Public Policy report and congratulated the staff on that. She then referenced an article that was in the local newspaper about the local company 4M Precision. She stated that she wanted to publically thank the company for investing in their business in Auburn.

**C. Councilor Cuddy** stated that he wants to see the Council complete discussion of a City vision and mission statement by January 15, 2015. Councilor McCormick suggested the Council try to complete the work by the end of 2014.

**D. Mayor Quill** reported that when Councilor McCormick was the City Clerk she was very influential with establishing the City website, so that she should share some of the accolades about the recent favorable review of the website by the Empire Center for Public Policy. He also thanked Councilor Camardo for the way he handled tabling Resolution # 162 of 2014 earlier in the meeting.

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

1. A matter 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. A matter 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 7:15 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on November 7, 2014 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On November 13, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 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	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 6th day of November, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: November 14, 2014*