

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 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 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. Wreaths Across America Day is December 13, 2014. Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization with the mission of continuing and expanding the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in our Nation's Capital. Locally there will be a Wreaths Across America Remembrance Ceremony held on December 13, 2014 at 12 p.m. (Noon). This ceremony will be held at the St. Peter & John Episcopal Church located across the street from Veteran's Memorial Park at 160 Genesee Street. This event is organized by the Cayuga County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 704 with the assistance of students from the Dana L. West High School of Port Byron.

B. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

C. The next meeting of the Auburn Industrial Development Authority will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24

South Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

D. The STREAMLINE page of the City website has been updated for the month of December 2014. The month includes two holiday weeks due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The week of Monday, December 22nd is Christmas week and trash and recycling will be picked up one day early in the City of Auburn for residents that have a regular pick-up day between Tuesday and Thursday. The Christmas Week Schedule is as follows:

- If your pick up day is usually Tuesday (December 23rd), you will be picked up on Monday, December 22nd
- If your pick up day is usually Wednesday (December 24th), you will be picked up on Tuesday, December 23rd
- If your pick up day is usually Thursday (December 25th), you will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24th
- There will be no pick up on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th
- If your pick up day is usually Friday, you will be picked up on Friday, December 26th

The week of Monday, December 29th is New Year's Day week and trash and recycling will be picked up one day early in the City of Auburn for residents that have a regular pick-up day between Tuesday and Thursday. The New Year's Week Schedule is as follows:

- If your pick up day is usually Tuesday (December 30th), you will be picked up on Monday, December 29th
- If your pick up day is usually Wednesday (December 31st), you will be picked up on Tuesday, December 30th
- If your pick up day is usually Thursday (January 1st), you will be picked up on Wednesday, December 31st
- There will be no pick up on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st
- If your pick up day is usually Friday, you will be picked up on Friday, January 2nd

E. Civil service exam announcement from the City of Auburn Civil Service Commission:

An open competitive examination (EXAMINATION # 65-129) for the position of Records Retention Clerk for the City of Auburn will be held on February 7, 2015. Exam applications must be filed by December 17, 2014.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations-

Janice Sanders and Gilda Brower, Board Members of the Tomatofest Board of Directors attended to present 2014 Tomatofest awards to local Food pantries. Representatives from local food pantries spoke.

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, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke in his capacity as Chair of the Board for the local salvation Army. He stated that the Salvation Army very much appreciates the work of the Tomatofest. He also talked about ways that local citizens could help the Salvation Army during the holiday season.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

December 4, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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:

- Provided an update on snow removal from the recent winter storm that brought 14 inches of snow to the area within 24 hours. City crews have been working around the clock to clean up after the season's first major snowstorm. One City plow is in need of repair and will be out of commission while repairs are made.
- The City has received from the State of New York a grant for \$75,000.00 for improvements to be made to Clifford Park.
- Auburn and Cayuga County received good news that many projects have been funded by the State of New York in the recent announcement of State economic development funds. Projects within the City of Auburn include \$1.2 million for a Smartgrid Hyrdo Project which will be used for improvements to the N. Division Street Dam, \$950,000.00 in two separate awards for the downtown properties at 10-14 E. Genesee Street (Auburn Floors Building & Picarillo Building), and \$60,000.00 for the Auburn Public Cinema in Downtown Auburn.

B. Reports from members of Council

Mayor Quill discussed that he attended the 'Planning and Brownfield, Strategies for Transformative Redevelopment' Roundtable Discussion on December 9, 2014 at the Rochester City Council Chambers. This meeting was held by the State of New York and Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Improvements and Grants attended with him.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions – None

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

F1. Cayuga Counseling Presentation on Child Advocacy Programs - by Rhonda Stanford-Zahn, Director of the Child Advocacy Center of Cayuga County

F2. Owasco Watershed Inspection Program –Councilor McCormick presented information about the Owasco Watershed Inspection Program proposal to increase the inspection program. The City Comptroller reviewed the impact that funding the program would have on the City Water Fund. Director of Municipal Utilities was also in attendance. The Council discussed the issue. The Mayor asked that a resolution to move forward with the program be placed on the next voting agenda.

F3. Landfill Presentation - by Comptroller Laura Wills. The presentation included revenue forecasts for the City Landfill based on various tipping rates the City could charge for municipal solid waste and construction and demolition material taken in at the City Landfill. The cost per ton was evaluated based on total amounts brought in to the landfill annually. The Council discussed many different issues and scenarios associated with the Landfill. No decision was made by Council on the information presented. The City Manager was asked to prepare more information to be presented by mid-January for future Council consideration of the matter.

F4. City Vision and Mission Statement - by City Manager Doug Selby. The City Manager discussed that he and Councilor Cuddy had worked on previous drafts of a vision and mission statement to come up with a latest draft for Council consideration. Councilor Cuddy read the latest draft of the statements. The City Manager was asked to prepare a resolution for the Council to formally adopt the latest version of the statements.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo spoke to respond to a newspaper article that was in the December 11, 2014 edition of the local newspaper pertaining to the sale of 5 Frederick Street. He read from the purchase offer document signed by the interested purchaser in December of 2013. He discussed his reasons for not supporting the sale at a reduced amount.

B. Councilor McCormick discussed the proposed Harriet Tubman National Park that is in the final stages of consideration to be formally adopted by the United States House of Representatives and Senate. She stated that over the many years that the establishment of the park had been researched it was documented that some of the Tubman sites are located in Auburn, NY, Fleming, NY and the State of Maryland. She recognized the recent efforts of the Town of Fleming Supervisor for researching Tubman's history as it pertains to the Town of Fleming.

B. Councilor Ruzicka discussed matters pertaining to the sale of 5 Frederick Street.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on December 12, 2014 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On December 18, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 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 11th day of December, 2014 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: December 19, 2014