

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2015 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. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill were all present.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William 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. The Mayor asked that people remember the service of Mr. Robert Rejman who served the City for a total of over 40 years on the Board of Assessment review and the Zoning Board of Appeals; and Mr. Robert Welch who served as a member of the City Civil Service Commission.

4. Public Announcements –

The City Clerk read the following announcements:

1. Due to network computer issues the City Council meeting was not being live-streamed. A notice was posted to the City live-stream web page about this technical issue. The service should be restored and running for the next week's Council meeting.
2. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. the meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.
3. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Westminster Church, 17 William Street.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations- None

6. Public to be Heard – Mayor Quill opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. The following individual spoke:

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street, Cayuga County Legislator for District 13

Legislator Lattimore spoke to discuss the issues the City is having at Casey Park and stated that the problems could be solved if the City would run a wire from the landfill to Casey Park so that the energy created at the landfill could provide the power needed to run the Casey Park facility. He also said that solar panels should be installed at the City landfill.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Reported that the efforts of the community provided positive results for the Salvation Army's local campaigns in 2014.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

January 22, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.

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

The motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka all voting aye. Mayor quill voted present.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Mill Street Dam has been producing well for its first two months of operation. We have been operating at just 80% of capacity due to a problem with the system. He thanked Mr. Dennis Zack, Chairperson of the Auburn Municipal Power Agency for assisting with helping to diagnose the issue and we should be operating at 100% capacity when water flows are higher in the spring. Councilor Camardo asked if the City was obtaining enough revenue to pay the debt obligations on the project. The manager stated that the way it works is that the City receives credit against its power bills and that it has been working out so that we generated more power than we have accounts so that we actually received credit on top of zero power bills during the billing cycles. Councilor Ruzicka stated that AMPA member Mr. Jon Montone should be recognized also for his assistance with this matter.
- There was a second meeting between the City and County regarding the mergers of fleets and Department of Public Works equipment/facilities. It has been determined that between the City and County the space is available to accommodate joint efforts. The City-owned Logan Street garage has been looked at as a possible site some work. The committee will meet again next week, Councilor Ruzicka is the City Councilor that is working with this committee.
- There was a meeting earlier in the day regarding the Casey Park Ice rink. Users of the ice rink such as the Auburn School District and the Auburn Ice Hawks attended the meeting that was called by Superintendent of Public Works Mike Talbot. The Manager recognized Councilor Cuddy who attended the meeting. Councilor Cuddy stated that all attendees at the meeting are dedicated towards working on the issue and that all were united in the belief that the ice rink is an important asset to the community that benefits the sales tax collected due to the spending of participants and visitors that attend ice hockey events held there and that the rink benefits the youth of the community.
- Councilor Camardo asked about a water line break that happened earlier in the day on

Franklin Street. The Manager responded that a six inch line was determined to be leaking, the line was not a line replaced in last year's Franklin Street water line upgrade but rather it is an older line. The City will be working to identify the line and make the necessary repair. Any cuts made in the newly paved Franklin Street will be repaved in a manner that will maintain the excellent condition the newly paved road is in.

B. Reports from members of Council –

Councilor McCormick reported on issues pertaining to the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council. She stated that the process of hiring a new watershed inspector is underway and that the new inspector should be starting by the spring of 2015. She also read a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation from the County Health Director Eileen O'Connor asking the DOT not use pesticides for weed control in the Owasco lake Watershed.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions - None

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

F1. Auburn Doubledays Baseball Update by Mike Voutsinas, General Manager of the Auburn Doubledays. Mr. Voutsinas reviewed the accomplishments of the 2014 baseball season; and what is being planned for the 2015 season. He introduced new staff hires for the season and announced that opening day is Thursday, June 25, 2015.

F2. Budget Updates. The City Manager reported that budget updates had been provided to the Council for the month of December 2014, the updates illustrate where department budgets are within the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget year.

F3. City Reorganization Discussion. The Manager introduced the topic which he intended to be an opportunity for the Council to discuss as part of preparation for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City Budget. After much discussion it was determined that the Manager would prepare more detailed recommendations with cost impacts for the Council to consider at future meetings.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor McCormick referred to the annual report the Council had received from the Cayuga County Office of Tourism. She stated it would be nice to invite officials from the Office of Tourism to attend a future Council meeting to present the information.

B. Councilor Camardo stated that he had seen the Superintendent of the City Of Auburn Enlarged School District and that he thinks it would be a good thing to schedule a joint meeting between the school district and the City to discuss issues of mutual concern.

C. Councilor Ruzicka recognized the article that appeared in the Sunday, January 25, 2015 Auburn Citizen newspaper about shopping carts that are found throughout the City. This led to much discussion among the members of the Council. The manager reported that the article was incorrect in some of the information it presented about the City having a policy that charged the owners of the carts for disposal of the carts. The Council members discussed having a simple process that would return the carts to their original owners.

D. Mayor Quill discussed that former Mayor Carnicelli had commissioned a report during her tenure that studied consolidation of City and County government services. He stated that he will be sharing copies of the report with those interested in reading it and he thinks it would be a good exercise for the Council to take a look at what was discussed in the report. He has invited local resident T. David Stapleton who chaired the committee that commissioned the report to a future Council meeting to discuss the process they instituted at the time and the findings they made.

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 pertaining to discussion of an update on collective bargaining.

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 7:31 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on January 30, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

Minutes of the City Council Meeting, City of Auburn, NY, January 29, 2015

On February 5, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2015 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 29th day of January, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: February 6, 2015