

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, February 5, 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
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Vicky Murphy
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Police Officer, Andrew Kalet

**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 City Clerk read the following announcements:

A. The Auburn Municipal Power Authority will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting location is the third floor conference room at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

B. The City of Auburn Civil Service Commission will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.. The meeting location is the first floor Council Chambers conference room, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

C. The City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development has announced that the Historic Resources Review Board meeting that was scheduled for February 10, 2015 has been cancelled.

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations-** The City Clerk read a proclamation from the Office of Mayor Michael D. Quill naming February 5, 2015 as K-9 Officer Ozzy day in the City of Auburn. The City of Auburn is sad to announce that the Auburn Police Department's K-9 Officer Ozzy passed away following a brief illness on January 20, 2015. K-9 Officer Ozzy worked with his APD partner Andrew Kalet. On behalf of the City Council the Mayor presented the proclamation to Officer Kalet, expressed his condolences and thanked him for his service. Officer Kalet spoke about his work with K-9 Officer Ozzy and thanked the Mayor and City Council.

**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 and recognized Officer Kalet and Ozzy. He discussed 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 and Falcon Park so that the energy created at the landfill could provide the power needed to run the facilities and save the City money. The Hockey team is doing really well with 8 wins in a row but a recent loss to CBA. It is so cold out that Ron Quill did not show up to the Council meeting, he hopes to see Ron at the next week's meeting because it is always good to see Ron. Energy costs are going to continue to go up on the electrical side of it. He has mentioned before that he wants to work with the City and the County on soft costs, one of those being natural gas purchases.

**Gilda Brower, Grover Street, former member of the Auburn City Council**

Ms. Brower spoke about a grant that the Owasco Lake Watershed Association (OWLA) is submitting to the State of New York and is encouraging citizens to contact their State representatives to support this grant funding. Also, OWLA will be holding a lake symposium in the month of March to discuss issues pertaining to protecting Owasco Lake.

**Norm Davis, Dunning Avenue**

Mr. Davis spoke to report that he has heard from many people in the community that the City staff in the Department of Public Works has been doing a very good job keeping City streets cleared of snow.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**January 29, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.**

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

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

**8. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager's Report**

- Update on snow removal. The City has received nearly 22 inches of snow this week. City work crews have been working around the clock to keep up with the snow removal. All 14 City plow trucks have been on the roads. On overnight shifts crews will work to remove snow from downtown areas and parking lots. Citizens are reminded to use caution when driving near snowplows.
- Survey work will begin in preparation of the replacement of the N. Division Street

bridge. You may see surveyors in the Owasco River while flows are low. While construction in this area probably will not occur until 2017 the design work will happen this year.

**B. Reports from members of Council** – Councilor McCormick asked a question about residents that have mailboxes damaged by City snowplows. The Corporation Counsel stated that State law is written that municipalities are not liable for such damage. Councilor Camardo asked if the City would be able to look into developing its own policy on reimbursing residents that are subjected to such damage.

**9. Matters to Come Before Council**

**A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)**

**B. Ordinances - None**

**C. Local Laws – None**

**D. Resolutions -**

**D1. Agreement Resolution #13 of 2015 Authorizing a Supplemental Agreement with CRA for the WWTP SCADA system project**

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

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

**D2. Agreement Resolution #14 of 2015 Approving a Three Year Operating Agreement With Auburn Community Baseball, Inc.**

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

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

**D3. The Mayor announced that Resolution Resolution #15 of 2015 Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Indemification Agreement was PULLED BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**D4. Agreement Resolution #16 of 2015 Authorizing a Master Agreement with NYS DOT for the Resurfacing of Orchard Street**

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

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

**D5. Resolution #17 of 2015 Authorizing a Public Hearing for the 2015-2019 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and 2015-2016 Action Plan**

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

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

**E. Tabled Legislation - None**

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

**10. Other Business**

**A. Councilor Camardo** asked for an update on the water line break that happened in the Franklin Street area the previous week. The Manager reported that the break was identified and repaired. The break occurred on a line that did not get replaced last year when Franklin Street water main was replaced. It is unfortunate that the new road had to be cut into but that the road will be repaired to the best condition possible. Councilor Camardo stated that he wants the City to make sure it looks at all possible scenarios on future infrastructure construction projects.

**B. Councilor Ruzicka** stated that the water break in the Franklin Street area described by the Manager was not an unusual circumstance with pipes that may have been somewhat disturbed by the nearby compaction or activity of nearby construction.

**C. Councilor McCormick** reported that there had been good news reported in the local newspaper pertaining to the New York State Comptroller's report on sales tax revenues across the State for the year 2014. The report listed an increase in sales tax revenues for Auburn and Cayuga County. She stated that she believes new businesses are evidence that there is more spending occurring in the local economy.

**D. Councilor Ruzicka** stated that he believes the change in the gasoline sales tax made by the Council (in 2013) likely can be attributed to the increase in sales tax listed in this report.

**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. Discussion pertaining to the potential sale of city owned property. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.h. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof);

2. Discussion 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 6:58 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 6, 2015 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On February 12, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 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 5th day of February, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: February 13, 2015*