

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, February 19, 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 Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Community Development Planner, Renee Jensen
- Senior Planner, Tiffany Beebee

**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 next meeting of the City of Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting location is the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

B. An upcoming Owasco Lake Watershed Management event entitled “March to Lake Day” will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. at the Bisgrove Auditorium on the campus of Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin Street in Auburn. The event will feature speakers on topics pertaining to management issues of the Owasco Lake Watershed.

**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. No members of the public spoke.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**February 12, 2014, City Council meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, 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**

- The City receive notice from the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation that it is granting the City of Auburn Police Department a \$7,000.00 award that may be put towards the acquisition of a new K-9 Police Dog for the City Police Department. Mayor Quill asked that the Manager make sure that the City properly thanks the foundation for their generous gift.
- The joint meeting scheduled between the City Council and the County Legislature is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2015 and will be held at Cayuga Community College pending Council approving the resolution at this evening's meeting.

**B. Reports from members of Council –**

- Councilor McCormick reported that the Owasco Lake Management Council has adopted a set of goals for 2015. The goals are: 1. Support the efforts of the Manure Working Group as needed or requested. 2. Increase participation of additional towns on the Council by 5 municipalities. 3. Increase awareness of the boundaries of the watershed through signage. 4. Continue work on model municipal storm water/soil erosion laws and encourage Towns to adopt. 5. Continue to look for funding opportunities. 6. Work with the Towns' elected officials and highway superintendents to improve ditching practices. Secondly, she reported that she had a meeting with representatives of the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District and that they are very appreciative of the City's effort this winter to remove snow from the downtown area. Third, she reported that she attended the February 18, 2015 meeting of the Wednesday Morning Roundtable and that the presentation was on the Owasco River Trail project being spearheaded by the City of Auburn. She stated that Jenny Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development, and Christina Selvek Director of Capital Projects and Grants were the presenters and they both did an outstanding job with the presentation. Mayor Quill stated that he also attended and also commended the work of the presenters on behalf of the City.
- Mayor Quill reported that the City of Auburn was happy to have hosted the first town hall meeting for our new Congressman John Katko on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. He stated that Councilor McCormick and Councilor Ruzicka also attended the meeting. The meeting consisted of a panel discussion about agricultural issues but that the Congressman addressed many issues pertaining to Owasco Lake watershed management and economic development. Councilor Ruzicka suggested that the Council invite the Congressman to a future Council meeting and Mayor Quill stated he would have that

invitation sent. Councilor Camardo recommended that such an invitation be extended to all of our State and Federal representatives and the Mayor stated he would have that taken care of. The Mayor asked Councilors to forward to him by e-mail any topics they would specifically like for our representatives to consider.

**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 #18 of 2015 Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement For The Sale Of 5 Frederick Street**

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

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

**D2. Council Resolution #19 of 2015 Approving the Advertising for Bids for the Purchase of Chemicals**

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

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

**D3. Council Resolution #20 of 2015 Approving a Special Meeting Between the City of Auburn and County of Cayuga**

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

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

**D4. Council Resolution #21 of 2015 Approving the Submission of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program**

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. Financial Resolution #22 of 2015 Authorizing a Sewer Fund Transfer for Sanitary and Storm Sewer Replacement Projects**

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

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

**D6. Council Resolution #23 of 2015 Establishing a Salary for the Position of City Clerk**

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

The motion to approve carried 3-2. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, and Cuddy voted aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voted no.

**E. Tabled Legislation - None**

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

**10. Other Business**

**A. Councilor McCormick** stated that she recalls in previous years the Council at the time spent taxpayer money on outside legal counsel to determine the Council's ability to dismiss the City Clerk. Mayor Quill stated that he recalls that about \$5,000.00 was spent on this legal opinion.

**B. Councilor Cuddy** asked for an update on the filling of the City's new Refuse Enforcement Officer. The City Manager stated he would provide an update in the future.

**C. Councilor Camardo** asked questions pertaining to the Walnut Street Culvert reconstruction. Superintendent of Engineering provided answers to the Councilor's question and then went on to provide on an update of the project.

**D. Councilor Ruzicka** stated that in regards to the fact that the City Council entertained the thought of the action for the City Clerk it was for a valid reason that that was done and I will leave it at that.

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

1. Discussion pertaining to potential litigation (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.d. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation).

2. Discussion of a matter made confidential by Federal or State law. (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.)

3. A matter pertaining to discussion of an update on collective bargaining. (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105.1.e).

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 7:20 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 20, 2015 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On February 26, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	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 19th day of February, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: February 27, 2015*