

Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 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
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
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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 Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting location is the Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

B. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Westminster Church, 17 William Street, Auburn.

C. IGNITE the Winter, Winterfest will be held on Friday, March 6, 2015 beginning at 5 p.m. with events featured on Exchange Street Plaza, Genesee Center, the Auburn Public Theater, and all of the Historic and Cultural Sites in the City.

D. 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-

Mayor Quill and members of Council welcomed Police Chief Brian Neagle to lead a ceremony to welcome the 5 new Police Officers joining the ranks of the Auburn Police Department. The 5 new officers are: Nicolas Atkins, Angel Gonzales, Nathan Gage, Adam Rivers, Phillip Wetherell. Following their family members pinning their badges the mayor and members of Council all spoke to welcome the officers.

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 individuals spoke:

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

Legislator Lattimore stated that it is nice to be here on this cold and chilly night and that the gas and electric probably appreciates this cold weather, he knows Mr. Zach is going to speak at the end of the meeting but he would like to give a shout out to all the volunteers that are on those agencies, both the City’s power authority and the County’s power authority, they’re trying to drill down and find out why are costs are what they are and how they can help reducing it. We know the Governor has put out some programs that are very attractive in regards to funding to build some microgrids, he thinks that we have 2 and 3 legs of maybe a 4 legged stool together and he thinks if we joined forces and promoted some of the projects that would finish off those grids he thinks the Governor would think it was a showpiece and he thinks the Governor would put some money up. He appreciates working with the City on those issues.

Norm Davis, 98 N. Division Street, Chairman of the City Housing Commission

Mr. Davis spoke to give a shout out to the joint meeting of the City and County that was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. He thinks it is good to see that the City and County are going to work together to keep essential services in the City.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke about the joint meeting of the City and County that was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. He especially liked the presentation on the Owasco Lake Watershed. He stated that in his previous employment as a City firefighter over 30 years ago improvements to the firehouse on market street were being discussed then and the problems with the building are even worse today so he is glad that the public safety building project is being looked into. To conclude he reminded the community that the Salvation Army and area food pantries are always in need of the community’s help.

Alicia Procino, 50 Wilbur Avenue

Ms. Procino spoke in regards to issues pertaining to the snowfall. She thanked the City that sidewalks around the City water filtration plant on Throop Ave received attention. She appreciates that the staff worked so hard on a water main break in her neighborhood.

Dale Bush, 119 Standart Woods

Mr. Bush spoke as a regular attendee of Council meetings. He encouraged the Council to maintain decorum while discussing and debating topics at Council meetings. He said that Councilors do not need to repeat their arguments several times, but rather stating their position

once is sufficient.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

February 19, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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-None

B. Reports from members of Council –

- **Councilor Cuddy** reported that the Casey Park Ice Rink Committee met earlier in the week. There were representatives from the City, Auburn School District, and local ice clubs in attendance. The group is having good discussions and is working well. It was a positive meeting.
- **Councilor McCormick** discussed the the joint meeting of the City and County that was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. She thinks the Mayor had a good idea when he stated he would like to see the Auburn School District Board of Education invited to future meetings.
- **Councilor Ruzicka** discussed the joint meeting of the City and County that was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. He agrees with Councilor Camardo that it would be important to keep the momentum going by scheduling the next joint meeting to be held within 30 days.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – Bond Ordinance #2 of 2015

The City Clerk read the FIRST READING of Bond Ordinance #2, Refunding of 2006 Serial Bonds. The Clerk announced the Bond Ordinance #2 of 2015 would be presented to the Council for a vote at the march 5, 2015 City Council meeting.

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions - None

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations - None

F1. Presentation Budget Reports of January 2015. The City Manager discussed. Jenny Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development addressed questions from the Council regarding the Code Enforcement Office.

F2. City Budget Discussion on the topic of Consolidation. The City Manager discussed. Members of Council discussed current issues that were discussed at the joint meeting of the City and County that was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Councilor Camardo discussed having City and County Department Heads meet to discuss savings in their respective departments. The Council discussed the pros and cons of this topic. Mayor Quill suggested that it should be up to the City Manager and the County Administrator to determine which department heads should meet and make a schedule for such meetings.

F3. Auburn Municipal Power Agency (AMPA) presentation by Denny Zach, Chairman. Mr. Zach provided an update to Council on what the Auburn Municipal Power Agency has been working on over the past year. Council members thanked Mr. Zach for his service, as well as, the service of all AMPA Board members. There was discussion among Council members about projects that were included in Mr. Zach's presentation pertaining to the following topics: The landfill gas to electric generation facility (Co-Gen); the Mill Street Dam; the North Division Street Dam; the Solarize NY program; the NY PRIZE program. Mr. Zach concluded his presentation by asking for a budget for AMPA to cover legal and research expenses.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Ruzicka discussed the potential merger of City and County Department of Public Works facility as it was discussed at the joint City and County meeting that was held on February 25, 2015. He would like to see the project taken to the next level by putting some cost estimates together and wants to see the project moved forward as fast as we can. He wants the committee to be brought together to continue working on the necessary next steps and wants to see the project in place so that we can take advantage of this project to be included with the application to the State. The Manager stated that at some point in the process there will need to be an official agreement between the City and the County.

B. Councilor Cuddy discussed matters pertaining to Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014.

C. Councilor Ruzicka discussed matters pertaining to Bond Ordinance #1 of 2014.

D. Councilor Camardo discussed matters pertaining to Bond Ordinance # 1 of 2014.

E. Councilor McCormick discussed matters pertaining to Bond Ordinance # 1 of 2014.

E. Mayor Quill stated that he has received an invitation from the Office of Emergency Services in Cayuga County for elected officials to attend a future workshop that will be held on a Thursday evening. He stated he will forward the information to Council and Council can decide if one or all Councilors should attend.

Adjournment: Councilor Camardo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 27, 2015 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On March 5, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 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 26th day of February, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.



Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: March 6, 2015