

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 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 Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill were all present. Councilor McCormick was excused.

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
- Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Police Chief, Brian Neagle
- Police Officer Andrew Kalet
- Police K-9 Officer Pikachu

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. PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL INTERVIEW AND EXAM FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSE. Notice is hereby given that applications for electrical licenses must be filed in person at the April 8, 2015 City of Auburn Electric Board meeting to be held at 5:00 pm at the City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room at 24 South Street, Auburn, NY. The electrical license exam will then be held May 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm at this same location. Applications can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Office in City Hall, 315.255.4110.

B. The next meeting of the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Westminster Church, 17 William Street, Auburn.

C. Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule Due to the Good Friday/Easter Holiday
The Good Friday/Easter holiday week schedule is as follows:

Usual Trash Pick-Up Day	Holiday Week Pick-Up
Tuesday	Monday, March 30
Wednesday	Tuesday, March 31
Thursday	Wednesday, April 1
Friday	Thursday, April 2

There will be no trash / recycling pick up on Good Friday, April 3rd.
For more information: AuburnNY.gov/Streamline or call 255-4155.

D. Due to the Good Friday holiday notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled Auburn City Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday April 2, 2015 at 6:00PM has been changed to Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 6:00PM in City Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall 24 South St. Auburn, NY.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations

A. Introduction of the new K-9 Police Officer Pikachu

Police Chief Brian Neagle and Police Officer Andrew Kalet introduced the Auburn Police Department's new K-9 Pikachu. Chief Neagle discussed the fact that the funding for the new K-9 was a gift to the City from the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation. Sean M. Walsh served in the California National Guard during Operation Enduring Freedom, and was killed in action in the Khost Province of Afghanistan on November 16th of 2011. After his death Sean's friends and family established the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Fund with the main goal of assisting Law Enforcement Agencies to establish a K-9 team in memory of Sean. Auburn resident Shirley Quigley, Sean's grandmother, made the contact to arrange for this gift to the City. Ms. Quigley was in attendance at the meeting on behalf of the foundation. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Quill, Police Chief Neagle and Officer Kalet thanked Ms. Quigley and the foundation for this generous gift. Pikachu was in attendance and toured the Council Chamber.

B. Acknowledgment of City Employees for their work during the Winter of 2014-2015

City Manager read a list of names of all employees that the City would like to recognize for their hard work and dedication in the effort to handle snow removal during the very bad winter conditions that the City experienced during the winter of 2014-2015. The extreme cold and record setting snowfall made the winter very challenging throughout the City and the region. Mr. Selby expressed his thanks to the following employees on behalf of the City:
Ron Allen; Kim Bauso; John Bell; Jason Brown; Keith Buonocore; Jim Buschman; Chris Diehl; Dan Dorobiala; Tom Gabak; Dave Gibson; Chris Goodwin; John Gridley; Bob Harris; Anna Hlywa; John Hribick; Andy Humphrey; Myron Latanyshyn; Shelly Lowe; Chris Maywalt; John McCarthy; Kevin McQueeney; Bob Mitchell; Sara Pesek; AJ Petrosino; Rob Pickard; Brian Rhodes; Seamus Rhodes; Dan Sincebaugh; Ben Smith; Dale Smith; Justin Smith; Rick Smith; Jim Swartwood; Mike Talbot; Laurie Walter; Rich Wild; and, Jeremy Woodman.

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.

Mary O’Neill, 188 Woodlawn Avenue

Ms. O’Neill is an RN at Auburn Community Hospital, she thanked the Council and spoke to urge the Council to support Resolution #32 of 2015 Requesting the Governor and State Legislature to provide full funding of the Vital Access Provider Program for Auburn Community Hospital.

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

Mr. Lattimore spoke and recognized that the City brought on the new K-9 to the Auburn police Department. He commented on the State of the City and stated it was nice to see the City recognize Vicky Quimby. He also discussed health insurance costs and the City Co-Generation project.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke to remind City residents that food pantries in the Auburn area need support with the upcoming Easter holiday.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

March 19, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

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

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

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager’s Report

- The Manager reported that he and Mayor Quill delivered the State of the City earlier in the day at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon that was held at the Holiday Inn. Each year the City recognizes a City employee as Employee of the Year. This year’s recipient was Vicky Quimby, the City’s Senior Payroll Clerk. He stated that Ms. Quimby is and has been a dedicated employee with the City for 20 years. She consistently demonstrates commitment to the City’s core values of honesty, integrity, quality and teamwork.
- The City parking garage has had some damage which is thought to be a result on snow and ice conditions. A portion of the garage is closed and a portion of the City sidewalk on the west side of the garage has been barricaded. The City will be having the damage inspected to determine the exact extent of the damage.
- The joint City and County subcommittee that is working on the plan to merge City and County Public Works Departments and Fleets of Vehicles met earlier in the afternoon on March 26th. The Sub-Committee will be reporting to the Council an update at a Council meeting in mid-April.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Mayor Quill thanked the City Manager, Christina Selvek and other members of City staff that assisted him and Mr. Selby with preparation of the State of the City address which was delivered earlier in the day on March 26th at the Holiday Inn.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions -

D1. Financial Resolution #32 of 2015 Requesting the Governor and State Legislature to Provide Full Funding of the Vital Access Provider Program

Motion to approve by Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

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

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

F1. Budget Reports for February 2015. City Manager Selby discussed.

F2. US Treasury New Clean Renewable Energy Bond Presentation. Director of Capital Projects and Grants Christina Selvek made a presentation to discuss this program. The item will be on a future Council agenda for more consideration.

• **City Budget Discussion - Modifying city service levels and elimination of selected Services.** City Manager Selby led a discussion. All members of Council discussed their thoughts on concerns of residents and expectations for services.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Camardo brought up the issue of road conditions following the severe weather conditions we have experienced during the winter of 2014-2015. He asked the City Manager if an estimated increase in sales tax revenue could be used to address fixing the City streets. He would like to see the City ready to proactively address the matter of fixing City streets as soon as the weather cooperates this spring.

B. Councilor Ruzicka stated that excavations to City streets contributes to poor road conditions if they are not sealed properly once filled back in. The City needs to do the best job possible to make sure excavations in the street are conducted and sealed properly. He thinks the City needs to address this year's road program to address the current deterioration of the roads.

C. Mayor Quill stated he would like to see the issue of current road conditions addressed and stated it is the Council's responsibility to set a budget for the City to make such repairs. He stated agrees with Councilor Camardo that the City Manager should have a plan prepared as soon as possible for the Council to address this matter.

D. Councilor Ruzicka discussed the City trash fee. He stated he has discussed the matter with some local landlords that have suggested the City have a pro-rated fee for rental units that remain vacant for a portion of the year.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On April 1, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, 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 26th day of March, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 2, 2015