

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 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 Councilor McCormick.

1. Roll Call – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and Ruzicka were all present. Mayor Quill was excused.

The following City Staff was present:

- City Manager, Doug Selby
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Superintendent of Engineering, Bill Lupien
- Fire Chief, Jeff Dygert

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Councilor McCormick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Councilor McCormick asked for a moment of silent prayer.

4. Public Announcements –

The City Clerk read the following announcements:

A. The next meeting of the Auburn Municipal Power Agency will be held Monday, April 13th at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Third Floor Conference Room, at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street in Auburn.

B. The next meeting City of Auburn Civil Service Commission will be Monday April 13, 2015 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

C. The next meeting of the City of Auburn's Historic Resources Review Board will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations - None

6. Public to be Heard – Councilor McCormick opened the Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules.

Ron Quill, 5 Case Avenue

Mr. Quill spoke to discuss the need for fire equipment and provided some historical insight on some of the fire apparatus the City currently maintains.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

April 1, 2015, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilor McCormick announce that the minutes from the April 1, 2015 City Council meeting will be on the April 16, 2015 City Council meeting agenda for the Council's consideration and approval.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The Manager reported that the City has been notified that the New York State Department of Transportation will be paving a section of Route 34 in the City. The section will be on the area of North Street between Seymour Street and the Auburn Police Department building on the Arterial. Thanks go out to Senator DeFrancisco for his assistance with addressing this matter.
- The Owasco Lake level is being managed by the City according to restrictions placed on the process by State regulations. Heavy snowmelt and spring rains can make the process challenging.
- Mill Street Dam has been operating at full capacity in recent weeks due to the heavy snowmelt and spring rains.
- The refinanced bonds that were approved by Council a few weeks ago will save the City \$81,000.00 spread out over the next several years.

B. Reports from members of Council - None

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances - None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions - None

E. Tabled Legislation - None

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

F1. Presentation on Fire Apparatus Replacement and Debt Stabilization Reserve

Fire Chief Jeff Dygert and City Comptroller Laura Wills made a presentation on Fire Apparatus Replacement and the Debt Stabilization Reserve that was budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City budget.

F2. Preliminary Budget Presentation

City Comptroller Laura Wills provided a preliminary 2015-2016 City Budget Presentation. This was a presentation on where the City staff currently is on compiling a budget and was not a proposed budget.

F3. Discussion of Road Program

The City Manager Doug Selby outlined roads that will be paved in the spring of 2015 that are leftover from the 2014 City road program. He also discussed ways that the City can approach the City Road Program in 2015 and specifically discussed using seasonal labor to repair roads.

10. Other Business

A. Councilor Cuddy discussed the proposal for entering an application for the Governor's NY Prize program. He stated that the NY Prize program is intended to benefit communities that lost power after the devastating hurricane Sandy of 2012. He does not want to see Auburn, which did not lose power or suffer damage from hurricane Sandy, compete with communities that did lose power and suffer extreme damage as a result of the devastating storm.

B. Councilor Ruzicka discussed the company that is willing to prepare the NY Prize application. He asked the City Manager about the company and expense associated with endeavor.

C. Camardo discussed the importance of Auburn Community Hospital in the community and encouraged the City Manager and City Council to keep in communication with the hospital administration.

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

1. Discussion on one 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.)
2. Discussion pertaining to potential litigation. (Article 7 entitled "The Open Meeting Law", specifically Section 105.d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;

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The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On April 16, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 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	abstain	
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 9th day of April, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: April 17, 2015