

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2016 6:00 P.M.
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, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal, and Mayor Quill were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- Interim City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Acting Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek

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 weekly announcements:

a. Public Meeting Notice and Notice of Semi-Annual Interview and Exam for Electrical License. Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held by the City of Auburn Electric Board on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 1st Floor at Memorial City Hall, 24 South St., Auburn, NY. Applications and fees for the semi-annual Electrical examinations will be accepted at this time and must be filed in person. The exam will be held the following month, Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the same location. (Applications may be obtained from the Code Enforcement Office or the Code Enforcement web-page of the City web-site, www.auburnny.gov.)

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations –

5a. Bill and Karen Speck representing the United way of Cayuga County presented to the Council on the upcoming annual United Way fundraising campaign.

5b. Mayor Quill opened the public hearing for the potential installation of sidewalks on Prospect Street and Brookside Drive. The following individuals spoke regarding this project:

Doug Ververs, 93 Prospect Street.

Mr. Ververs addressed the Council on several items supporting the installation of sidewalks. He also submitted comments in writing which will be made a part of this record.

Robert E. Hunter, 33 Gaylord Street

Mr. Hunter is a former member of the City Council and he spoke regarding questions he had about the installation of sidewalks on Prospect St. mainly who would be paying for the installation and would they be installed on both sides of the street.

Rusty Tierney, 36 Prospect Street

Mr. Tierney spoke to ask questions about the installation of sidewalks on Prospect Street. He wanted to know what the responsibility of property owners would be.

Police Chief Shawn Butler

Chief Butler is a resident of the area in addition to being the Police Chief. He spoke to support the installation of sidewalks.

The City Clerk reported that some written comments were also received from residents and he would make those written comments part of the record.

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.

Ormie King, Wilbur Avenue

Mr. King is a former County Legislator and City Councilor. He spoke about the historical significance of our City playgrounds and the importance that supporting and programing the playgrounds has on creating a healthy quality of life for the youth of the community when they are growing up in Auburn.

Richard Miller

Mr. Miller spoke regarding the growth of blue-green algal blooms on Owasco Lake and he had questions about how the presence of the algal blooms impacts the water supply as reported by the Cayuga County Health Department.

Steve Rand, 118 Capital Street Ext.

Spoke regarding the Monk Curtain Clubhouse at Clifford Field.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes: None

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report,

- Reported that the Auburn Doubledays of the New York-Penn League, Single-A Short Season affiliate of the Washington Nationals, are pleased to announce that General Manager Mike Voutsinas has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Robert Stedler

New York-Penn League Executive of the Year Award. Voutsinas was also named the co-winner of the league's Hon. Robert F. Julian Community & Baseball Service Award along with Gary Perone of the Brooklyn Cyclones.

- The Police Chief is working on a proposal to use asset forfeiture funds to undertake necessary upgrades to the Police Station lobby and office space. The Chief will be scheduled to bring this matter to a future Council meeting for Council consideration.

B. Reports from members of Council

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. APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION #147

OF 2016

APPOINTING A MARRIAGE OFFICER

By Councilor Giannettino

September 29, 2016

WHEREAS, Section 11-c of the New York State Domestic Relations Law empowers the governing body of a City to appoint one or more Marriage Officers who shall have the authority to solemnize a marriage in accordance with other provisions of the New York State Domestic Relations Law; and

WHEREAS, the number of marriage officers appointed for a municipality is determined by the governing body and Marriage Officers must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, reside in the municipality and have the authority to solemnize the marriage within the territory of the municipality which makes the appointment; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that Guy Thomas Cosentino, former Mayor of the City of Auburn, receive this appointment in to solemnize a marriage in the City of Auburn on Saturday, October 1, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Guy Thomas Cosentino is hereby appointed as a Marriage Officer pursuant to the New York State Domestic Relations Law, Section 11-c and that he shall have the authority to solemnize marriages within the City of Auburn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment shall be effective for the date of October 1, 2016.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Carabajal	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the vote for Council Resolution #147 of 2016 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 29th day of September, 2016 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: September 30, 2016

F. Staff/Vendor Presentations

F1. Owasco Lake Water Quality Update. Eileen O'Connor, Director of the Cayuga County Health Department spoke pertaining to recent water supply testing due to the outbreak of blue-green algal blooms in Owasco Lake. The City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco water supply have been tested on a regular basis for the past week by the Health Department. She discussed the value of water to individuals and a community. She presented the Council with a brochure that her office uses to educate the public on the importance of water.

The Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring Program tracks and reports the development of harmful algal blooms on Owasco Lake. Owasco Lake is the source of public water supply for public water users supplied by the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco. The City of Auburn provides public water to residents in the City of Auburn, the Towns of Aurelius, Fleming Water District 6, Throop, Mentz, Brutus, Montezuma, Sennett, Springport Water District 2, and the Villages of Port Byron, Weedsport, and Cayuga. The Town of Owasco provides public water to residents in the Town of Owasco and Town of Fleming Water District.

The Cayuga County Health Department collects untreated and treated water samples from the City of Auburn and Town of Owasco's water treatment plants to monitor for toxins associated with blue-green algae. To keep up to date with the latest available information from the Cayuga County Health Department visit this webpage: <http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Important-News>

The following webpages contain educational information on Harmful Algal Blooms
Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Monitoring Program
<http://www.owascoinspection.org/algal-bloom-monitoring-1>

Cayuga County Health Department webpage on Blue Green Algae - Cyanobacteria:
<http://www.cayugacounty.us/Community/Health/Environmental-Health/Blue-Green-Algae>
New York State Department of Health Blue-green Algae Frequently Asked Questions webpage:
<http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/bluegreenalgae/faq.htm>
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)
webpage: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>

F2. Auburn Parks Master Plan Final Presentation. Maren King professor from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) and graduate students presented to the Council the final proposal of a Parks master Plan for the City parks. The plan had been compiled over the past 9 months with a series of community meetings held to gather public input. The graduate students also did a comprehensive survey of City park and playground conditions and presented a catalogue of the existing conditions in the master plan. The Council will be asked to formally adopt the master plan at a future Council meeting and the document will be used for future City capital planning. Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Improvement Program and grants for the City also spoke pertaining to work currently being done at the Clifford Field Clubhouse. She also described Clifford Field improvements that will be conducted over the next three years which total approximately \$500,000.00 worth of upgrades.

F3. Presentation on the Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Cayuga County Health Insurance Consortium by Laura Wills, City Comptroller. Ms. Wills presented to the Council on the process and reasons for considering joining the Cayuga County Health Insurance Consortium. The Council will be asked to adopt a municipal cooperation agreement at a future Council meeting.

F4. Monthly Budget Report for August 2016 - Jeff Dygert, Interim City Manager

10. Other Business

Councilor Giannettino asked if staff could follow up with a report on the current City road improvement program.

Councilor Cuddy discussed a future Council Goal Setting Session and that water quality and parks will be part of his priorities for a session.

Councilor Carabajal recapped items pertaining to steps the City was going to take to follow up on the water quality issue.

Councilor Giannettino asked if staff could follow up on questions pertaining to the Prospect St. sidewalk installations.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Auburn City Council Minutes September 29, 2016

Minutes submitted to the City Council on October 5, 2016 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On October 6, 2016 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2016 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Carabajal	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

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Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: October 8, 2016