

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 12, 2017 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:**

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, John Rossi
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Treasurer, Bob Gauthier
- Sr. Planner, Renee Jensen

**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** – none

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations** –

**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.

Tom Gabak, City of Auburn, Water and Sewer Supervisor

Mr. Gabak spoke to memorialize the passing of City of Auburn Department of Public Works employee Greg Holbert. Mr. Holbert passed away unexpectedly earlier in the week. Mr. Gabak stated that Mr. Holbert was a great employee and will be greatly missed by the City.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes: None**

**8. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager's Report**

- Talks continue with representatives from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University regarding having them facilitate a Council Goal Setting session.
- On Friday, January 13, 2017 at Noon at Falcon Park the Mayor and Manager will hold a press conference to announce matters pertaining to the future of the Auburn Doubledays including the appointment of a new General manager.
- Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities was asked to update work being done at the water filtration plant and the Mill Street Hydroelectric Facility.

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

- Councilor McCormick and Councilor Cuddy reported on a meeting they attended with other City and County officials and representatives from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Owasco Lake and watershed management.
- Councilor Cuddy reported on the most recent County Led Task Force meeting. There are numerous items the task force has identified and they will be scheduled to present at a future Council meeting.
- Councilor Giannettino discussed the most recent Historic and Cultural Sites Commission meeting that was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilor Carabajal discussed the State of the State speech by Governor Cuomo that she, Mayor Quill and Councilor Giannettino attended.

**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**

**F. Staff/Vendor Presentations**

- **Delinquent Properties Discussion – Laura Wills, Comptroller & Bob Gauthier, Treasurer**
- **Wholesale Sewer Rate Presentation - Seth Jensen, Municipal Utilities and Stephen Waldvogel, GHD Engineering**

**10. Other Business**

Council members recognized and discussed the event held on January 10, 2017 where the U.S. Interior Secretary formally established the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park to become the 414<sup>th</sup> unit of the National Park Service. The ceremony was held in Washington D.C. and was attended by U.S. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Katko. Also in attendance

were members of the A.M.E. Zion church including Bishop Proctor and Harriet Tubman Home, Inc. CEO Karen Hill and local Tubman decendent Judith Byrant.

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

1. 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.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal and Mayor Quill all voting aye. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on January 19, 2017 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On January 19, 2017 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 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	

*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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

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*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: January 20, 2017*