

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

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, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, Steve Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth 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.

Mayor Quill congratulated Councilor McCormick and Councilor Cuddy on their successful re-election to serve a second term on the City Council. The new terms will begin January 1, 2018.

4. Public Announcements –

The City of Auburn Plumbing Board meeting that was originally scheduled for November 14, 2017 has been cancelled.

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.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street. Mr. Lattimore is the County Legislator for district 13. He discussed topics pertaining to the recent election.

Dr. Mary McLaughlin, business address is P. O. Box 864, Auburn, NY 13021. Dr. McLaughlin submitted here entire remarks in writing to be included in the record. Good evening your honor, city council members, City Manager Dygert and city officials.

I am a rehabilitation psychologist and the Executive Director of Cape Haven Inc, a nonprofit organization focused on providing housing and supportive services to chronically homeless individuals, most of whom suffer from the disabling conditions that are my areas of professional specialty: psychiatric disorders, traumatic brain injuries and related substance use disorders. Our organization has long been interested in building a community of tiny homes for this population in Auburn. We are about to submit a grant application for this purpose and have requested that our site be zoned for tiny homes development.

While our proposal falls within the newly proposed guidelines for these structures, namely within respect to SF parameters and construction within a cluster, projects proposed by Chapel House, do not meet these requirements at this time.

I have come here this evening to request that the newly proposed guidelines be adjusted to accommodate the Chapel House proposals, in particular with respect to square footage and non-cluster location.

I have visited the very impressive tiny homes developments in Syracuse and in Ithaca. These units are approximately 260 to 300 SF in size. Given that construction costs average \$100 SF, the City of Auburn's proposed zoning recommendations – which call for construction of 360 to 700 SF units – would, in my opinion, be cost prohibitive in the extreme for very low income housing. They would cost between \$36,000 and \$70,000. Enforcing this SF size requirement would deprive the community of a very valuable tool with which to end homelessness.

While the Ithaca community, Second Wind Cottages, is a cluster type development of tiny homes, the Syracuse projects built by the non profit organization A Tiny Home for Good are located on various sites within low income areas of the city. These have been very successful and have enhanced their decaying neighborhoods.

Auburn has come a very long way towards providing housing and compassionate supportive services to those individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. I met with the Executive Director of the Arise Disability Services organizations just and learned that Arise is a strong supporter of the tiny homes concept. They have agreed to continue to work with Cape Haven Inc on this matter as has the Executive Director at Chapel House.

One size does not fit all when it comes to homeless housing. We need tiny homes located in both cluster sites and in so called satellite locations in order to adequately accommodate our clients.

A strong impediment to tourism objectives nationwide is the presence of homeless individuals in tourist destinations. Our tiny homes proposals will serve to house individuals appropriately as well as enhance tourism related economic objectives for this area.

Please vote to reduce the tiny house proposed size restrictions to a range beginning at 260 SF, as initially anticipated. Please also vote to allow both cluster site tiny homes locations as well as individual satellite locations in low income areas.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Rick Steele representing Park Outdoor. Mr. Steele spoke regarding issues his company has with the 75% draft update to the City Zoning Code Chapter 305 of the City Code. He wanted the Council to know that he appreciated being listened to by the Council and the City staff that he

has worked with during this process. His concerns have previously been submitted to the Council in writing.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 26, 2017 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The intersection of Standart Ave. and North St. is a well-known intersection in need of repairs. Our plan was to make improvements to the intersection by modifying the curb radius and widening Standart Ave. slightly. Because the intersection impacts State Route 34 we need NYS approval for the desired improvements. Those approvals are taking longer than we had hoped. In the meantime the intersection is going to be resurfaced under this year's road program in the very near future.
- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Electric Vehicle Charging Station in the City Parking Garage tomorrow, November 10 at 4pm. The project was funded through a NYSERDA grant and is part of the Central New York Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan prepared by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board.
- City staff and Bid staff met today to work on scheduling and planning for next year's events. An updated calendar will be available within a few weeks. This year we are going to expand the music and movie series to include a couple of evenings at West end parks. The specific park locations have not been identified yet.
- Over the last few months staff has been working with Barton and Laguidice to update previous studies related to the eventual closure of the landfill. We anticipate being ready to present City Council with an overview of approximately ten options that were explored along with a more detailed look at a couple of recommended options for your consideration at a work session in December.

B. Reports from members of Council

- Mayor Quill reported that he attended a Weedsport School Veterans Day ceremony with his grandchildren that attend the school. He complimented the Weedsport School District on such a well done event for our Veterans.

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. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Mayor Quill then

reconvened the public meeting.

9. Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws - None

D. Resolutions –

Agreement Resolution #162 of 2017: Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Supporting the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, Inc. and its Assumption of Full Administrative Responsibilities of the Owasco Lake

Watershed Inspection Program. Agreement Resolution #162 of 2017 was pulled by staff for further staff review. This will be scheduled for a future Council meeting.

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

Water Distribution System Map Modernization Project. Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities introduced Dan Allen, GISP from MRB Group. MRB Group was retained by the City and has been working on modernizing the maps for the City water distribution system into the latest available technology.

Update on the update to the City of Auburn Code Section 305 entitled “Zoning” by Stephen Selvek, Deputy Director of Community Planning and Development. Mr Selvek went through and discussed items that the staff has received from the public and the Council regarding the 75% draft of the update to the City of Auburn Code Section 305 entitled “Zoning”. Staff will continue to make edits to the document and it will be presented to the Council at a future Council meeting.

F. Tabled Items – None

10. Other Business

Councilor McCormick asked if the Council could receive updates on issues pertaining to parking on Genesee Street especially in the area of E. Genesee Street on the bridge in the Market Street area of the downtown. She has been asked by local business owners on where we are at in that process. She also asked if Council would be looking at an ordinance regarding the use of drones in the City.

Mayor Quill brought up that it is the time of year to conduct the City Manager’s annual evaluation. He will distribute those forms to Council so that Council can be prepared to conduct the City Manager’s evaluation between Thanksgiving and Christmas as is called for in the City Manager’s contract.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on November 21, 2017 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On November 21, 2017 a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Carabajal	X	
Mayor Quill	Excused	
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 November, 2017 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.



Charles Mason, City Clerk

Date: November 22, 2017