

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 25, 2018 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. Mayor Quill, Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy, Carabajal 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
- Comptroller, Laura Wills
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Senior Planner, Renee Jensen
- Senior Planner, Tiffany Beebee

**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** – none

**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.

Christine DeChick, Pimm Avenue. Ms. DeChick spoke regarding road conditions and snow removal on Pimm Avenue. She shared pictures of the problems she is experiencing with the

Council.

Vince DeWitt, Frances Street. Mr. DeWitt spoke regarding the City's responsibility regarding watershed management of Owasco lake and advocated for the City to resume its own administration of a watershed inspection program.

Bob Cotter, South Street. Mr. Cotter spoke regarding the City's responsibility regarding watershed management of Owasco lake and advocated for the City to resume its own administration of a watershed inspection program.

Richard Miller, Meadowbrook Drive. Mr. Miller spoke regarding the City's responsibility regarding watershed management of Owasco lake and advocated for the City to resume its own administration of a watershed inspection program.

Stephanie DeVito, Executive Director of the Auburn Downtown Business Improvement District. Ms. DeVito spoke to introduce a new gift card program the BID will be administering for downtown businesses.

## **7. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

### **January 11, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the January 11, 2018 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

## **8. Reports of City Officials**

### **A. City Manager's Report**

- As of the first week of January the N. Division Street Hydroelectric facility is operational and is producing power.
- The Assessor's Office has completed their re-valuation of city properties. Tomorrow, Friday January 12, notices will be sent out to property owners to inform them of the results of the re-valuation. These notices will contain information on the process and timeline for disputing the new valuation. We would also like to remind property owners that a change in value does not necessarily indicate that the final tax upon the property will change as that is a function of several factors.
- The new parking kiosks are being installed around down town. They are not currently hooked up but we expect that next week they will start to go live. As we have more information we will announce it on the city web page and our social media outlets.
- Earlier in the week attended a meeting with a representative from the Department of State to discuss potential grant programs pertaining to government efficiency.
- The welcome center construction is about to begin. Several planning meetings have been taking place in recent weeks to prepare for the launch of construction mobilization. The City will have some initial information to share by the end of

the week and all project construction information will be updated on the City website.

**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 - None**

**E. Staff/Vendor Presentations**

- Casey Park Playground Design - Renee Jensen, Senior Planner and Tiffany Beebee, Senior Planner
- Landfill Presentation - Mike Talbot, Department of Public Works
- Update on Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program - Ed Wagner, Town of Owasco Supervisor

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

One matter pertaining to 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 7:33 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Quill called the meeting back in to public session.

- Microcystin Project Update - Seth Jensen, Department of Municipal Utilities and Steve Waldvogel, GHD Engineering
- Monthly Budget Reports for December 2017 - Jeff Dygert, City Manager

**F. Tabled Items – None**

**10. Other Business**

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Four separate matters regarding the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

Two separate matters regarding the sale, lease or acquisition of real property.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on February 7, 2018 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On February 7, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Carabajal.

	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 25th day of January, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*

*Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: February 8, 2018*