

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:00 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 5:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Quill.

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

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- Acting City Manager, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- 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.

4. Public Announcements

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.

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street. Mr. Lattimore is the Cayuga County Legislator for District 13. He discussed several issues including traffic on William Street and community solar projects.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes -

May 24, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 24, 2018 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Motion to approve carried 3-0. Councilor Carabajal abstained.

May 31, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 31, 2018 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Carabajal. Motion to approve carried 3-0. Councilor Cuddy voted present.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager’s Report

- This week City staff, including the City Manager, Director of Municipal Utilities, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel met with Town Supervisors for the first of our yearly Sewer Status meetings. The Wholesale Sewer Rate Agreement that was entered into with the Towns of Fleming, Sennett and Owasco last year provides that the City and the Towns meet twice a year during the term of the Agreement to discuss operational and financial updates. The meeting this week focused on providing the Towns with updates regarding City projects concerning UV Disinfection, Meter upgrades and Sludge. The second meeting will be scheduled this Fall and focus on financial updates. For this and future meetings, staff thinks it would be good to have one or two members of City Council attend these meetings as well. The meetings are bi-annual, spring and fall. Would any members of Council be interested in participating? *(Update from meeting: Councilor Carabajal, Councilor Cuddy. Mayor requested that all members of Council be kept informed as to the dates of the meetings)*
- The City has several streets slated for slipline upgrades, which will be starting as early as next week. The following streets are included:

Street	From	To
Metcalf Dr	Kearney Ave	South St
Park Ave West	North St	290’ West
Seymour St	House #265	House #281
McMaster Under RR Tracks	85’	

The contractor will skip one section on Metcalf Drive since this section was replaced in the 1990’s. The crews from Precision Trenchless have already televised, cleaned and measured the pipes. One section of 36” pipe on McMaster St has been done because they had the material in stock. The other sections needed to be ordered.

- Construction Updates:
 - Genesee Street paving project work will be extended for an additional 3-4 days, which will push back the projected date for reverse angle parking to sometime between June 22 -27.
 - NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center:
 - Fahs Construction’s subcontractor Lowery set Glulam’s on Wednesday June 13, 2018.
 - Roof Framing is being installed
 - Fahs Construction’s subcontractor Upstate Spray Foam Insulation has started to ready the building for exterior spray air barrier.

- HMI Mechanical is inside Volumes 1-3 installing underground piping.
- Fahs Construction is to start preparing the Slab-on-Grade Subbase next week.
- Owasco River Trail Project – The contractor has been working on traffic signal upgrades, as well as fabrication work on the boardwalk adjacent to the river, across from Market Street Park, in preparation for the installation of the boardwalk starting next week. Brick pavers are also being installed on Miller Street.
- North Hunter Brook - Schwartz Drive Project
 - The contractor, Silverline, plans on installing and connecting the new 8" waterline to the existing waterline located on the South side of Hunter Brook, West side of Schwartz Drive, on **Monday, June 18, 2018**. This will require the installation of a new valve on the existing line, which will require this portion of the waterline to be shut off temporarily during the day on Monday. The contractor will also be installing a new replacement hydrant for the one located on the NW corner of Schwartz Drive and the entrance to the Standart Apartment Buildings "G" and "H." This will require taking out of service the existing hydrant for approximately 24 hours, and any such time required for the city to re activate. A new hydrant will also be installed on the N side of Hunter Brook, West side of Schwartz and will be connected to the existing 8"D waterline at this location.
- Last night Police Chief Butler and Deputy Chief Anthony presented to the City of Auburn Human Rights Commission explaining Police Department initiatives as well as explaining the internal procedure on receiving and investigating personnel complaints. It was another opportunity for APD to collaborate and strengthen their relationship with various community stakeholders.
- Code Enforcement – In an effort to keep good focus and response on problem properties, staff has set a regular meeting for updates on properties that the City Manager, Council and Code Enforcement are receiving complaints on. The City Manager sent a spreadsheet to the Council with some updates, and received a request back from Council for updates on the following properties:
 - 104 Fitch Ave – Working with new owner on grass and back yard cleanup, as well as Vacant Building Registry paperwork
 - 6-8 Garrow Street – Corporation Counsel will be filing an action in City Court
 - 7 West Street – Still working on update.
 - 167 Franklin Street – The new owner has a remodel permit and has been doing work.
- City of Auburn Brownfield Opportunity Area - Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the designation of three new Brownfield Opportunity Areas in communities across New York State, which gives localities tools to fast-track revitalization efforts and transform long-polluted sites into economic development drivers, including housing and

businesses. Projects in Staten Island, Flushing and **Auburn** have been designated, bringing the total number of BOAs throughout the state to 47.

- The City received a planning grant in the amount of \$389,338 through the state's Brownfield Opportunity Area program to put forth a comprehensive revitalization strategy to promote effective redevelopment and enhanced environmental quality in each area. The New York Department of State, which administers the program, determined that the City's submission met the necessary requirements and criteria for designation.
- Auburn's 573-acre Brownfield Opportunity Area encompasses both sides of the Owasco River and most of the City's downtown, surrounded by a mix of residential neighborhoods, commercial, municipal, recreational and industrial properties. Major thoroughfares, including Route 5, Route 20, and E. Genesee Street, intersect the area north of downtown. The area includes key buildings and sites such as the Auburn Correctional Facility and the Bombardier site and is characterized by over 13 brownfield sites totaling 60 acres, as well as numerous other vacant and/or underutilized sites. The primary community revitalization objectives include:
 - Developing and implementing a market-driven, economically feasible plan for riverfront and downtown redevelopment
 - Encouraging cleanup and return of brownfield, vacant and underutilized sites to productive economic and social use
 - Implementing key strategies needed to support more immediate area-wide redevelopment activities.

B. Reports from members of Council –

9. Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR)

B. Ordinances – None

C. Local Laws – None

D. Resolutions

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #87 of 2018

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO PURCHASE OUTSTANDING TAX LIENS

By Councilor Giannettino

June 14, 2018

WHEREAS, the annual tax sale for the City of Auburn will be held on June 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, a list of taxes for sale as of Friday, June 1, 2018 will be available in the City Clerk’s Office and the list will also be published in the Citizen Friday, June 8 and Friday, June 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the list will be subject to change dependent upon payments which are allowed until the time of the tax sale and the purchase of the tax liens by the City of Auburn allows the City to enter into payment agreements or proceed with the foreclosure process as the same is ready for processing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the City Treasurer to purchase all outstanding tax liens which remain unpaid as of June 20, 2018.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

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

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

Waste Water Treatment Plant Dewatering and Conveyance Sludge Options Presentation by Seth Jensen, Municipal Utilities and Tim Carpenter, representing MRB Group.

F. Tabled Items – None

10. Other Business

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on July 5, 2018 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On July 5, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2018 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Giannettino, 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 14th day of June, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: July 6, 2018