

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 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 McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy and 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
- City Comptroller, Shawn Butler
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Fire Chief, Joe Morabito

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 –

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.

Keith Cutler, representing East Hill Family Medical. Spoke about his organizations submission to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative plan.

Jim Schwartz, 197 State Street. Spoke about Owasco Lake Watershed management and would like to see a TMDL implemented.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

July 26, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the July 26, 2018 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The North St. water line replacement project is underway and traffic along North St. between Carpenter St. and the City line is reduced by one to two lanes to accommodate the work and equipment. Current work to bore under the railroad tracks is necessary and has involved the temporary closure of the intersection of York St. All of the businesses on York St. are still open and their clientele can access them via Quarry Rd.
- The North Division Street Bridge replacement project is underway and the main span of the bridge has been removed.
- The Water Treatment Plant Lagoon Clean out project has been underway and is progressing ahead of schedule as less material has been encountered than predicted. The primary work in the lagoon may wrap up in a few weeks.
- The Clifford Clubhouse repainting project is wrapping up, the majority of the building exterior has been painted.

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

E. Staff/Vendor Presentations –

Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council (OLWMC) presentation by Ed Wagner, Chairman of the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council. Mr. Wagner provided an update on work the OLWMC has been

2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Program Next Steps Discussion by Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Projects and Grants.

On Friday July 27, 2018 Governor Andrew Cuomo visited the community to announce the City of Auburn as the \$10 million Central New York Region Winner of the 3rd Round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant program. This announcement was considered a crucial

part of the “CNY Rising” plan for the region’s comprehensive strategy to revitalize downtowns and create jobs.

The City of Auburn’s winning DRI application is available for the public to view at:

- www.auburnny.gov
- <https://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative>

Since the award announcement, City officials and staff have been in contact with NYS Department of State staff to determine points of contacts, schedules and next steps. The City of Auburn will be following a process already outlined for winning communities in the *Downtown Revitalization Initiative Guidebook*, which is also available on the DRI website and attached to this memo. The Guidebook outlines from pages 4 to 24 what the City and community can expect from the upcoming Strategic Investment Planning process with NYS agencies. Here are a few key points:

- Timeframe: August 2018 to March 2019
- Establishment of a Local Planning Committee (LPC) as outlined in the Guidebook and supported by NYS agency and City staff;
- LPC members should plan to meet once per month and attend public engagement exercises;
- The LPC/ NYS agencies/ City staff will work cooperatively with a private consulting firm (hired by NYS) to host public information meetings with the goals of further refining the DRI boundaries and projects;
- Upon completion of a DRI Strategic Investment Plan it is submitted and reviewed by NYS for final approvals;
- Projects selected for final DRI funding will work with the appropriate NYS agency for grant administration and contracting. Finalizing grant agreements may take 6 to 9 months with NYS agencies. Projects should not anticipate starting construction prior to Summer 2019 unless previously agreed upon with NYS.

F. Tabled Items – None

10. Other Business

Councilor Giannettino discussed expanding the membership of the new Public Art Commission to include additional members from the Schweinfurth Art Center and the Auburn Public Theater, two organizations that are critical to the Auburn arts community.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 9, 2018 by:

Charles Mason

Auburn City Council Minutes August 9, 2018

City Clerk

On August 23, 2018 a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018 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	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 9th day of August, 2018 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: August 24, 2018