

City of Auburn
City Council Meeting
Thursday January 3, 2013 6:00PM
Minutes

The **BUSINESS** meeting of the Auburn City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Michael Quill.

Roll Call The City Clerk called the roll. Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill **PRESENT**.

City Staff Present:

CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Manager	Douglas Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
Asst. Corp Counsel	Andy Fusco
City Clerk	Debby McCormick
Dir. Municipal Utilities	Vicky Murphy

Mayor Quill led the **Pledge of Allegiance** and asked for a **Moment of Silence**.

Mayor Quill opened the Public Hearing regarding the Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption.

Rodney Holmes, 9 Pleasant St. Retired Navy Veteran, encouraged Council to approve Local Law# 3 in tribute to all service men and woman that have worn the uniform of the U.S. Armed Services.

Dale Bush, 116 Standard Woods, spoke to agree with Mr. Holmes and to thank the Mayor for all he does for local veterans leaving home to serve and returning home.

Mayor Quill stated he would keep the Public Hearing open in the event more speakers come forward. In the meantime, he opened the regular scheduled **Public to be Heard** portion of the meeting.

Walt Dungy, 109 North St. Auburn - spoke to report on a problem with snow removal at the corner of North and Seymour St. where he lives. NY State plows have come by this area 4 times and covered his sidewalk with snow. The sidewalk is too close to the road due to State road design. Mr. Dungy asked if the state should absorb some of the cost of snow removal.

Norm Davis, 87 N. Division St. Auburn - spoke to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2012 - Approved

Presentations and Proclamations - None

City Manager's Report -

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Snow removal - Mr. Selby invited Mike Talbot, Public Works Superintendent to speak further on this. Mr. Talbot reviewed the week's snow removal activity.
- The draft Owasco River Greenway Trail Report is on the City's website for public review.
- It has been determined that the City is not eligible for the grant (Sewer Camera) that the City and the Town of Owasco were hoping to join together in applying for.

Mayor Quill had asked for Council consensus to add Resolution #147 of 2012 regarding the Auburn Regional Sewer and Water Authority to the agenda. All were in favor.

Public Announcements - The City Clerk read.

Presentations of Petitions and Communications - The Clerk read.

SEQR Resolutions - None.

Resolutions

Appointment Resolution #1 of 2013 appointment of Members to the Auburn Municipal Power Agency. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

Council Resolution #2 of 2013 abolishing the Cable Television Advisory Committee. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

Prior to this vote Council discussed the new Auburn Regional Media Access (ARMA) organization, the volunteer members, how they were appointed, and the City's role in ARMA. Corporation Counsel gave a brief review of the history behind this new organization. The City contributes \$35,000 to ARMA which is offset by fees paid by cable companies to the city.

Agreement Resolution #3 of 2013 approving a municipal cooperation agreement with the Town of Fleming for the provision of wastewater sewage treatment. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

Agreement Resolution #4 of 2013 approving a municipal cooperation agreement with the Town of Owasco for the provision of wastewater sewage treatment. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

Agreement Resolution #5 of 2013 approving a municipal cooperation agreement with the Town of Sennett for the provision of wastewater sewage treatment. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED**

Mayor Quill closed the Public Hearing at 6:40PM.

Local Law

Local Law #3 of 2012 enacting the adoption of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law providing Cold War Veterans Exemption from Real **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Camardo, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. CARRIED.**

There were no Ordinances, Local Laws and Tabled Legislation.

Other Business

Council Resolution # 147 of 2012 supporting the creation of the Greater Regional Sewer Water Authority. After brief discussion there was a motion to Table. **VOTE: Councilors Graney, Smith, Ruzicka, Mayor Quill, Aye. Councilor Camardo, no. TABLED.**

Additional Other Business

Councilor Smith distributed a copy to each Councilor of a letter he received from Mr. Frank DeRosa. He discussed its content and asked that Council discuss it at a future meeting.

Council adjourned to executive session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel at 7:10PM and returned at 8:30PM

Adjournment Council adjourned at 8:30