

**Auburn City Council  
Business Meeting  
Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:00PM  
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 Michael Quill.

**Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilor McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka and Mayor Quill were all present.

**The following City Staff was present:**

City Manager	Doug Selby
Corporation Counsel	John Rossi
City Clerk	Charles Mason
DPW Supervisor	Mike Talbot
Chief of Police	Brian Neagle
Planning Director	Jenny Haines

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** - Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection** - Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

**Public to be Heard** - There were no members of the public desiring to be heard.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- A. December 23, 2013, City Council meeting minutes.  
Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka.  
The motion carried 3-0. Councilors Camardo, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.  
Councilors McCormick and Cuddy abstained.
- B. January 1, 2014, City Council Inaugural Meeting of 2014 minutes.  
Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.  
The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

**Presentations and Proclamations - None**

**Public Announcements – None**

**City Manager's Report** - The City Manager reported:

- On the issue of the water transmission line replacement on Franklin Street. The manager updated the status of this project. He recognized Department of Public Works employee Tom Gabak and his work crews for the work they conducted in extremely cold conditions on this project, as well as, the City Fire Department for providing generators.
- On the issue of replacement of water meters. The city has embarked on a program to replace residential water meters that are 10 years old or older. There are 1,552 such meters in the city. The purpose of the program is to improve the city's accuracy of water monitoring and to reduce meter reading costs by the installation of remote automatic meter readers. Out of the 1552 homes with these meters 689 homes have already received the new meters. There are over 900 more homes with appointments to receive the new meters. These homes will be receiving postcards from the private company that is doing the work. The manager wants the public to know this is a legitimate and city sponsored program. Residents who receive a postcard and have questions should address their questions to the City Manager at 255-4146 or to the City's Department of Engineering, Bill Lupien at 255-4132.

**State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) – None**

**Ordinances – None**

**Resolutions**

- A. Council Resolution #12 of 2014 adopting a City of Auburn Procurement Policy**  
Sponsored by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick.  
The resolution carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.
- B. Council Resolution # 13 of 2014 for Mutual Aid Assistance by local law enforcement**  
Sponsored by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick.  
The resolution carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.
- C. Appointment Resolution #14 of 2014 appointing a member to the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council**  
Sponsored by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.  
The resolution carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.
- D. Council Resolution #15 of 2014 establishing landfill rates**  
Sponsored by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor McCormick.  
The resolution carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.
- E. Financial Resolution #16 of 2014 amending the adoption of the 2014 Cayuga County tax rate and City of Auburn share of the Cayuga Community College charges**  
Sponsored by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Mayor Quill.

The resolution carried 4-0. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye. Councilor Camardo abstained.

**Local Law- None**

**Tabled Legislation**

**A. Council Resolution #5 of 2014 approving settlement of the pending litigation by FLH Inc. challenging the real property tax assessment of the Inn of the Finger Lakes**

Sponsored by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The resolution carried 3-2. Councilors McCormick, Cuddy, and Mayor Quill voting aye. Councilors Camardo and Ruzicka voting no.

**Other Business**

**A. Reorganization discussion regarding transfer of the Code Enforcement Office to the Fire Department.** No discussion was held, this topic was postponed to a future meeting.

**B. City Manager presentation regarding preliminary budget considerations for the City's 2014/2015 GF Budget.** The City Manager presented and council members discussed a very preliminary overview of matters pertaining to the upcoming 2014/2015 city budget.

**C. Executive Session**

Council voted to enter an executive session regarding matters pertaining to personnel (NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105-f 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.)

Motion for executive session was made by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Camardo. The motion carried 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill all voting aye.

Council entered into executive session at 7:35PM.

Council returned from executive session at and by unanimous vote adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On February 6, 2014 a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2014 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor Ruzicka. The minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, Ruzicka, and Mayor Quill voted aye.

Vote recorded February 6, 2014 by Charles Mason, City Clerk.