

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, July 16, 2015 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 Quill.

**1. Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy, and 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
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien

**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** –

The City Clerk read the following announcements:

A. The City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department has announced upcoming Summer of 2015 Concert and Movies, all shows begin at 6:30 p.m.:

- Tuesday, July 21st at Hoopes Park, The Johnny Rage Band followed by the Movie: ‘The Hero of Color City’
- Wednesday, July 22nd at Hoopes Park, the Wandering Klezmerim  
(Sponsored by Schweinfurth Art Center and the New York State Council on the Arts)
- Thursday, July 23rd at Market Street Park, Woodstone

B. The Auburn Doubledays baseball season is underway and single ticket purchases for all homegames are now on sale at the Doubledays box office at Falcon Park on N. Division Street in Auburn. Also, new this year general admission tickets for Doubledays homegames are available for purchase during business hours at the City Clerk’s office on the First Floor of Memorial City Hall. The Doubledays are scheduled to play the following games at Falcon park over the next week:

- Saturday, July 18, beginning at 5:05 p.m. is a doubleheader with the West Virginia

Blackbears. This doubleheader will be followed by fireworks.

- Sunday, July 19, beginning at 5:05 p.m. vs. the West Virginia Blackbears. Children under 12 years of age are free admission, hot dog and ice cream on Sundays.
- Monday, July 20, beginning at 12:05 p.m. vs. the West Virginia Blackbears. Businessperson Special-A special businessperson special for lunch. With the official Auburn Doubledays Coupon guests will receive a free hot dog, 24oz Fountain Drink, and popcorn with the purchase of a box seat ticket. Camp Day - Bring your camp for a day at the ballpark! Ticket packages are available for \$8 and include a box seat ticket, \$5 concession voucher, and their camp name up in lights on our message center.

Our hometown Auburn Doubledays are the NY-Penn League Short Season Single-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals Major League Baseball team. The complete Doubledays baseball schedule can be found at their web site at [www.AuburnDoubledays.com](http://www.AuburnDoubledays.com)

C. The Central New York Regional Economic Development Council is looking for citizen input to help Central New York compete for \$500 million in NYS Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) economic development funds! The public is invited to participate in an overview of the program by the CNY Regional Economic Development Council, at a public forum to be held Monday, July 20, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES on 1879 W. Genesee Street Road in Auburn.

D. The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Walnut Street Culvert Bridge re-opening on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the new Walnut Street Bridge at Hoopes Park. The ceremony will be held just prior to the evening concert and movie at Hoopes Park.

## **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.

### **Jackelyn Aversa, 6 Augustus Street**

Ms. Aversa spoke to thank the Council for their service. She spoke about the story of the Nate Switzer family and asked the Council to do everything they could to address safety needs at the intersection of Grant Avenue and Seymour Streets.

### **Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street**

Mr. Lattimore spoke about the Seneca Cayuga Community Action Program's annual fundraising event the taste for Cayuga which he had just attended. He discussed options for a City County Public Safety building and he stated that documents related to the City Co-Gen Facility should be put online.

### **Ryan Carr, 2 Guilfoil Street**

Mr. Carr spoke about the pedestrian crossings at the corner of James and Genesee Streets. He also asked that it be looked into that the area near that intersection be made a 20 MPH school zone for vehicular traffic because the church on the corner of James and Genesee Streets houses the local Montessorri School.

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

### **July 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion to approve carried 5-0. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy and Ruzicka all voting aye.

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Motion to approve by McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion to approve carried 5-0. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy and Ruzicka all voting aye.

**8. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager's Report**

- The City has received communication from the cell phone company Cricket pertaining to equipment that they own located on the Osborne Street Radio Tower. They have offered the City \$18,000.00 to leave the equipment there. The City is looking into this matter to see if it will be financially beneficial to accept the offer.
- The City has been in negotiations with NYSEG pertaining to the N. Division Street Hydroelectric Facility. The negotiations have moved along well and staff will be preparing to bring the matter before the Council at a future date.
- He discussed the Request for Proposals pertaining to the proposed City-County Public safety building.
- He announced the City has a new part time purchasing assistant, Nancy Hillman, who is replacing Maria DelloStritto who will be retiring from the position following many years of dedicated service to the City.
- He reported on the installation of the new phones. He stated that voicemail was a feature so that phones would not just ring and ring and that the City network is now interconnected with fiberoptic cable which will lead to greater productivity on future technological upgrades to systems.
- At next week's Council meeting there will be an update on the RFP to companies that may be interested in running the City's landfill gas to electric facility.
- The Superintendent of Engineering William Lupien has already written a letter to the NYS DOT regarding the issue brought up earlier in the meeting about the stoplight at the corner of Grant Avenue and Seymour Street. He asked Mr. Lupien to address the Council on this matter.

**B. Reports from members of Council**

- Councilor McCormick reported that she attended a program earlier in the day pertaining to safety and City crosswalks. She also reported that the County Soil and Water Conservation Department will be holding a workshop later in August on topics pertaining to Watershed management issues. She will forward the information for the City Clerk to post to the City website.

**9. Matters to Come Before Council**

**A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) - None**

**B. Ordinances - None**

**C. Local Law - None**

**D. Resolutions**

D1. Council Resolution #90 of 2015 Requiring Electronic Messages to be Read into the Council Record

Motion to approve by Councilor Ruzicka, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

The motion to approve did not carry 2-3. Councilor Camardo and Ruzicka voting aye. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick and Cuddy all voting no.

D2. Financial Resolution #91 of 2015 Authorizing a Budget Transfer and Awarding the Contract for a New Showmobile

Motion to approve by Councilor Camardo, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

The motion to approve carried 5-0. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy and Ruzicka all voting aye.

D3. Council Resolution #92 of 2015 Authorizing the City of Auburn to apply to the 2015 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for Improvements at Casey Park

Motion to approve by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor McCormick.

The motion to approve carried 5-0. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy and Ruzicka all voting aye.

D4. Financial Resolution #93 of 2015 Providing Funding for the Position of Assistant Corporation Counsel

Motion to approve by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Cuddy.

The motion to approve carried 5-0. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Camardo, Cuddy and Ruzicka all voting aye.

**E. Tabled Legislation - None**

**F. Staff/Vendor Presentations – None**

**10. Other Business**

A. Councilor Camardo asked if the street sweeper schedule was available on the City website. The Clerk responded that the schedule could be found on the Department of Public Works page of the City website at the following link:

[http://www.auburnny.gov/Public\\_Documents/AuburnNY\\_PublicWorks/index](http://www.auburnny.gov/Public_Documents/AuburnNY_PublicWorks/index)

B. Councilor Cuddy discussed property at 1-7 State Street in downtown Auburn that the City will soon be the owner of again. He stated he would like to see the Council put a plan in place to return this property to use in a manner that will boost the downtown economy. Following this all members of Council discussed matters pertaining to the property.

C. Councilor Ruzicka discussed a letter published by the Associated General Contractors of New York State, LLC that discussed issues pertaining to the Request for Proposals for the Public Safety Complex. The letter was dated July 6, 2015 and was addressed to the Corporation Counsel John Rossi. The letter was read in to the record and will be attached to these minutes. Counselor Rossi addressed the matter. Council members discussed.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on July 17, 2015 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk

On July 23, 2015 a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2015 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor Cuddy, seconded by Councilor Camardo.

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	absent	
Councilor Camardo	x	
Councilor Cuddy	x	
Councilor Ruzicka	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 16th day of July, 2015 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.*  
Charles Mason, City Clerk      Date: July 24, 2015

Approved