

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2020 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.

ROLL CALL – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill, Councilor Debra McCormick and Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- City Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Auburn Police Lt. James Slayton
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz

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 Announcements –
Chuck Mason**

Thanks, Mayor. We do have a couple of announcements this evening. The first is that next week, our Auburn Police Chief, Shawn Butler and the executive team from the Auburn Police Department will be conducting a public forum on Monday, August 10 at 11am. That'll be coordinated out of here, in the council chambers, and will be a live stream public forum in which the Chief is going to do a thorough public review of the policies and procedures for the Auburn Police Department. And this is in partnership with many of the social justice related organizations in our Auburn and Cayuga County community. And people they'll see that live stream right on the city's page of AuburnNY.gov on the city's homepage webpage. And then second thing on Monday, August 10, at 6:30pm is the next Civil Service Commission meeting. For the city of Auburn, that meeting will be held up on the third floor training room. And then notice came over from the Auburn Industrial Development Authority. They will be holding a public hearing in front of the Auburn Industrial Development Authority on August 19

2020, at 4:30pm. That public hearing will be held at 2 State Street Auburn, New York. But it will also have several or it'll have telephone and video conferencing options for participating. So we will post this on the city's website as well as I'm sure it's going to be on the AIDA website. And this is pertaining to an application in front of the Auburn Industrial Development Authority by Nucor Steel from Auburn, New York. So thanks, Mayor. That's it. Thank you.

Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations. None.

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. No speakers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

- July 23, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the July 23, 2020 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Locastro. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- The United States Marshal Service has allocated \$10,000 to the City of Auburn Police Department in order to conduct a short-term joint operation designated as “*Operation Prison City 2020.*” This money will be used to fund overtime details between August 3rd – September 25, 2020 whereby our officers will specifically be detailed to make in person checks of all 149 registered sex offenders in the City of Auburn and to ensure their compliance with the New York State Sex Offender registry laws. The goal of this initiative is 100% face to face contact with all registered offenders and those out of compliance will face further investigation and arrest if applicable.
- PSB Project – This past Tuesday, in preparation for the installation of a backup generator at the new Fire Headquarters on Seminary Street, DMU staff installed the new 500 foot 2” medium pressure gas main. It was a long day in the rain but they were able to go under the driveway for the Dialysis Center, and excavate the driveway for Willard Chapel. On Wednesday, NYSEG welded the new tee to their main and energized the new main. Today, DMU was to finish backfilling both ends, and after the ground settles, they will topsoil the entire job and replace the concrete that was removed by Willard Chapel and the corner of Seymour/ Nelson Streets. Bids for the PSB Project are due on Tuesday, August 11.
- The Auburn Fire Department was awarded a 2019 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of approximately \$38,800. The project scope allows the Fire Department to purchase three Automatic Chest Compression Devices. These devices are placed on patients who are in cardiac arrest and in need of chest compressions to circulate their blood when their heart has stopped beating. Once in place, this device mechanically compresses the patient's chest automatically, allowing our firefighters to perform other lifesaving actions in an attempt to restore the patient's heartbeat and save their life. These devices are battery powered and continue

chest compressions while the patient is being moved to the ambulance, including through narrow hallways and up or down stairways. During transport to the hospital, these devices eliminate the need for our firefighters to stand in a moving ambulance, unrestrained, to deliver manual chest compressions. The devices will be carried on our three in-service Engine Companies, to allow for rapid deployment to medical emergencies. These Automatic Chest Compression Devices will not only improve patient care, but reduce risk of injury to our firefighters during cardiac arrest events.

B. Reports from members of Council –

Councilor McCormick

Could I ask a quick question? I'm not sure if we could answer it. The first announcement about the US Marshal Grant. Who does? That's not a typical City Officer or City Police Department responsibility, is it? Does anybody know?

Jenny Haines

Lieutenants Slayton's here.

Lt Jim Slayton

We're in conjunction with the US Marshal service. We have normal details that we do with them. We're collaborate with them. And this grant in particular, or this agreement goes from August 3 2020 to September 25 2055.

Councilor McCormick

Okay, I just didn't think, it's that just you, it's both, teamed up. Because I was thinking how short everybody is.

Lt Jim Slayton

Well we have extra detail to go out. They pick a group. Captain Schattinger is in charge of the detail, so he picks certain individuals and they do it off-shift. So it doesn't affect our shifts at all.

Councilor McCormick

Not that that's not absolutely a good idea to do that. I just, for some reason, I thought it was like the Probation Department.

Lt Jim Slayton

Nope, it's ours all shift hours, so it doesn't affect manpower at all

Councilor McCormick

Right. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Sir. Thank you. Chief Fritz, I don't know when you started with the Fire Department. In about 2002, I had your job at that point, and Congressman Sherwood Boehlert started the Firefighter Act. He was part of it and I was invited to testify at a Congressional hearing in regards to it. So it took us a few years to get traction, but next generation of chiefs and officers have done a great job in grabbing this federal money. So, thanks. Just every once in a while, I was thinking about us old guys, myself and Congressman Boehlert, but it took us a long time to catch up.

Fire Chief Fritz

Well, maybe because of your efforts and others, the City is probably, at this point, received over a million dollars in assets from this program. So it has definitely helped us get the equipment that we need to provide the services to citizens. So thank you.

Mayor Quill

Thank you, Chief. Reports from members of Council? Councilor, please.

Councilor McCormick

It's not really a report. This morning, I watched the State of the County address, and I don't know, I wasn't here last week, and I also watched the State of the City. I compliment everyone because it couldn't have been easy to do it. Zoom do it. But both presentations were great. I also would like to acknowledge CEDA, Tracy Verrier and everybody that helped her. Really, now it's taped so people can go watch it. I think they've done the State of the Tourism and I don't know if they've done the school yet. They did. That's a really wonderful thing. They did a lot of work and it was it was good. And Mayor, you and the City Manager really did a great job.

Mayor Quill

I had the best part. I just introduced to the City Manager and sat back and kept quiet. So thank you. I love that part. And I will pass along to the County that we did a better job per you.

Councilor McCormick

Yes. Thank you.

Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions -

**AWARD RESOLUTION #82 OF 2020
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 REVOLVING
LOAN SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

By Councilor Locastro

August 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the Revolving Loan Sidewalk Program allows City property owners to request that the City contractor install sidewalks and/or curbing on their property, which they are then able to finance over a five-year period as a special assessment charged on to their City taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Revolving Loan Fund Account is replenished by previous participants' yearly installment payments; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, bids were opened for this year's program and the following bids were received:

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| 1. | Concrete Slipform Inc.
Canastota, New York | \$ 111,815.00 |
| 2. | Diamond Masonry
Port Byron, New York | \$ 128,690.00 |
| 3. | Roman Construction
Pendleton, New York | \$ 194,960.00 |
| 4. | Villager Construction
Fairport, New York | \$ 316,360.00 |

; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Auburn City Council award the bid for the 2020 Revolving Loan Sidewalk Program to Concrete Slipform Inc. pursuant to their low bid of \$111,815.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award the contract for the 2020 Revolving Loan Sidewalk Program to Concrete Slipform Inc. for their low bid of \$111,815.00 and the cost of Resolution is to be charged to Revolving Loan Sidewalks Account #HA 5497-440-001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in reference to the award of this bid.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

Mayor Quill

Councilors, we have Mr. Lupien, there's acting City Manager and Corp Counsel. Do we have any questions? Councilor..

Councilor Locastro

Were any homeowners denied?

Bill Lupien

No. As long as they're current on their taxes. I think we did have one last year that was behind and was about to sell it. And so, but as long as they're current on their taxes, they're approved.

Councilor Locastro

Was there any leftover money?

Bill Lupien

We have, out of the existing program was about 165,000, We've only got 2000 that is unencumbered, right now. So this is very timely to get this contract in place, because the other one is just about expired.

Councilor Locastro

And you weren't here last week, but I want to let you know from what I see, they're doing a great job on the streets.

Bill Lupien

Okay. Thank you,

Mayor Quill

Mr. Lupien. City Manager mentioned the area on Nelson Street for the new gas line. With the sidewalks that are going to be replaced, will that come under this portion? Or is it coming out with something else?

Bill Lupien

Well, I guess the gas main, that will be replaced as part of the City's but the rest of the is part of the Public Safety Building, isn't it?

Jenny Haines

We've actually had some discussions about doing the sidewalks for the Public Safety Building through the CDBG. program. Okay, which would be in next year's budget.

Bill Lupien

That was the one around the building, wasn't it? Right. Right. How about the main one, though, was part of the contract, I believe right now. I think the main one is part of the contract. Okay. It's gonna go out to bid.

Mayor Quill

Okay. All right. Okay. Thank you. Councilor Giannettino.

Councilor Giannettino

Can I just ask a quick question about the Road Program? I know it's not related to this, but I agree with Councilor Locastro, I think it's going very well this year. How far along are they? How much more work do you think they have left?

Bill Lupien

They're scheduled, I think next Tuesday and probably Wednesday, we'll probably finish up the main paving. They've been doing driveways on South Hoopes. And I guess they were in the Owasco/Lizette Street area today. They'll start tomorrow morning, but then they'll get out of there quick before the fish house business takes off. And then maybe they'll slide down to maybe Richardson Ave. We've got half the streets totally paved. And then Tuesday, Wednesday, hopefully they'll get the mainline ones done. And they'll continue on the driveways. And then after that, they'll do the last bit of topsoil and seeding. So we're probably about two weeks. Two, maybe three the most, away from having a completely done

Councilor Giannettino

Perfect, thank you. Okay.

Bill Lupien

Yes, Councilor.

Councilor Locastro

How close are they to the original bid?

Bill Lupien

We stay within our bid. Yeah. I mean, we We will not be going over. No, we adjust it. And we usually have a little extra money in there that we set aside for patches to do on the micro surfacing streets. And we don't do all the patches and tour through the main roads to make sure we get them all done. And then whatever money we got leftover, we will start doing patches on the micro surfacing streets for the next phase. Which will be coming out probably around the first part of September.

Councilor Locastro

So by the way, they're going now the program should be completed this year.

Bill Lupien

Oh, yeah. Like I said, probably about three weeks, all the program streets will be done. And it just be a matter of some miscellaneous money going for patches.

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Councilor Locastro

Thank you. Okay.

Mayor Quill

No further discussion? Clerk will call the roll, please.

Chuck Mason

**AWARD RESOLUTION #82 OF 2020 - AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2020
REVOLVING LOAN SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

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

TABLED ITEMS - none

STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS - none

OTHER BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m..

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 20, 2020 by:

Charles Mason

City Clerk