

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 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 Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present. Councilor Deb McCormick was excused.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Deputy Police Chief, Roger Anthony
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- City Engineer, William Lupien
- Assessor, Mike Burns
- Assistant Fire Chief, William DiFabio
- Assistant Comptroller, Theresa Adams
- Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff Clark
- Assistant to the Mayor and Council, Rhonda Miller

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 –

Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations -

WHEREAS, Nineteen years ago today, America witnessed one of the darkest days it had seen in years. In less than three hours, we were attacked by terrorist groups, and lost over 3,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Today we pay tribute to loved ones, friends, family, fellow citizens, and all who died on September 11, 2001 out in the field in Southwestern Pennsylvania, in the steel of the twin towers of the World Trade Center, and the wreckage and flames of the United States Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, America stood united in our communities, cities, states, and as one nation that morning and still do today. Our patriotism and resilience as Americans shine through any darkness that may knock on our door. To this day we still work together to rebuild and recover mental and physical damage from the attacks; and

WHEREAS, With over a decade that this terrible tragedy occurred, our country and world have changed in so many ways. America will forever remember where we were, what we were doing, and who we were with at the time of the attacks; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as, "Patriot Day" and has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, proclaim the day, September 11, 2020 as

PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

And urge the citizens of Auburn to reflect and remember all the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Tenth day of September 2020.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York

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.

Charlie Greene, resident of the Town of Niles spoke regarding City owned property on Chapman Avenue.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

- August 27, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the August 27, 2020 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Earlier today, our Codes Department coordinated the installation of temporary fencing at the church at the corner of Wall and Washington St. Our planning, Codes, and Corporation Counsel's Offices have been working with the building owner for several years to address ongoing issues related to the upkeep and structural stability of the building. The stability of the building has deteriorated to the point that staff felt it necessary to install the fencing to keep pedestrians out of harm's way as debris from the building continues to fall from the building unto the adjacent ground. Staff is continuing to work with the property owner to address the issues.
- Our Civil Service Test for Police Officer received 127 applicants, a significant decrease from the last test with approximately 175 applicants, but still a good sized group that we hope scores well.
- The Civil Service Test for Firefighters is scheduled for Oct. 10 and those interested must sign up by Sept. 25. A community outreach event is scheduled for Sept. 17 at the Booker T. Washington Center at 6pm. Information about the job and the process will be available at the event. More information is available on the city webpage for both the event and the registration for the test.
- We urge all residents to complete their 2020 Census by Sept. 30. The Census can be completed electronically through the webpage 2020census.gov, or following the link on the City of Auburn webpage, or call 1-844-330-2020. Census data is used to determine eligibility and funding for a variety of community programs and projects for the next ten years, and is secure and confidential.

Public Safety Building Update:

- Construction trailers are onsite and hazard materials abatement is expected to begin on Monday September 14th. PEAK Construction is anticipating to begin demolition and construction work on Monday September 28th. The City and NYSEG are working to remove the existing overhead electric transformers and to relocate the electrical utilities underground. The relocation of electrical utilities supports the Willard Chapel's master plan and future DRI projects.
- MWBE utilization plans for this project were submitted to NYS DEC and DOS this week. The current proposed MWBE project participation is at \$1,460,114. The City will continue to encourage MWBE participation throughout the project.

B. Reports from members of Council – none

Matters to Come Before Council

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

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions – none

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Second Public To Be Heard: Mayor Quill opened the second Public to be Heard portion of the Council meeting and the Clerk read the Public to be Heard rules. No speakers

Mayor Quill made a motion to enter recess to move the meeting to Falcon Park, the motion carried 5-0. The Council recessed at 5:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6 p.m. at Falcon park. The following new Police Officers and Firefighters were sworn in to their new positions in front of family and friends in an outdoor ceremony at Falcon Park. The ceremony also included oaths of office for promotions in each department and recognition of recent retirees.

Auburn, N.Y. Police Department (APD) Promotions:

Officer to Sergeant, James Smith;
Officer to Sergeant, Michael Chadwick;
Lieutenant to Captain, Kyle Platt;
Sergeant to Lieutenant, Matthew Androsko;
Officer to Detective, James Frost;

APD Retirements:

Sgt. Gregory Dann, 04.04.2020;
Sgt. Joseph DiVietro, 05.15.2020;
Capt. James Moore, 07.02.2020;
Det. Meagan Kalet, 08.15.2020;
Officer Stephan McLoughlin, 08.29.2020;

APD Graduates from Syracuse Police Academy:

Officer Michaela Tanner;
Officer Eric Leach;
Officer Luke Parker;

Auburn NY Fire Department (AFD) Promotions:

Fire Chief Mark A. Fritz;
Assistant Chief Jeffery Clark;
Fire Captain Mark Pineau;
Fire Captain Matthew Pysnack;
Fire Lieutenant William Seamans;
Fire Lieutenant Ryan Guerrette;
Fire Lieutenant Ricky Smith Jr.;

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AFD New Firefighters:

Firefighter Patrick DeLuca;

Firefighter William (Bryan) MacIntyre;

Firefighter Brandon Magill;

AFD Retirees:

Fire Captain Christopher Logue;

Fire Captain Brian Scanlan.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m..

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 24, 2020 by:

Chuck Mason, City Clerk