

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 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 Deb McCormick, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- City Engineer, William Lupien
- 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 –

- This Saturday September 19 the Viet Nam veteran welcome home motorcade and memorial dedication will be happening here in Cayuga County to unveil a new Vietnam War Memorial in Port Byron, NY. There will be a motorcade that will start at 11 A.M. at the Auburn High School, this motorcade will proceed down Lake Ave. to Metcalf Drive to South Street/North Street to Rte. 38 to Rte 31 in Port Byron to the Aqueduct Park in Town of Brutus, where the ceremony will happen.
- Two-week deadline to complete the U.S. Census. CENSUS VOLUNTEER TRAINING - Please join us for a Census Volunteer Training Monday, September 21 from 2-3 pm at Cayuga Community College Auditorium to learn more and sign up to help. We will be distributing Census lawn signs at the training as well. Visitors are directed to go through the College's front door screening process, and PPE is required. We will live stream the event from the Cayuga

County Complete Count Facebook page in the event you are unable to attend in person.

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.

Dale Bush, 116 Standard Woods. I'm going to make this announcement this week because I won't be here next week. But it's my annual reminder to all of our drivers, commuters out there, that on Monday, September 28, school will reopen on a hybrid schedule, but still, the buses will be out there, the walkers, and since I worked as a crossing guard, I see it every year. People don't stop, they get very impatient. So please plan on a little extra time, and give the kids a wide berth, there. Thank you.

David Scott, yes, good evening, Mayor, members of Council. My name is David Scott. My address is 63 South Street, Auburn 13021. Before I begin my remarks, I just like to remind everyone that 10 years ago, in a place called Iraq, the beginnings of the consolidation and conclusion of the Iraqi Freedom began. That operation was called Operation New Dawn. I'm drawing your attention to that because as I've seen in the last 10 years, it has become America's next forgotten war. Operation New Dawn started 1 August 2010. So with that, let me launch into what my remarks are. My remarks are fairly simple. We really didn't do it for Minority Enterprise Development week. It's this week. It is this week. We have approximately 18 projects in the Auburn Revitalization Initiative, the Downtown DRI. We have the Division Street Bridge project and the State Street Bridge project in addition to the new Public Safety Building. We have no numbers, whatsoever, on MBE procurement and construction dollars. Those should be prominently displayed on the City's website. It should be actually, today. The other part, we have no awards for MED week. It could have been submitted to the United States Minority Business Development Authority. So we have three MBE's in the City, currently state certified. Right now, we're not doing anything to honor and recognize them. Last part, Saturday 19th September is MBE Buy Day by MBE. A chance to purchase from certified MBE, of which we have three within our municipal limits. And I'm not hearing anything from the City at all. We have to change as a city, we have to develop robust and comprehensive programs to lift Minority Economic Development. I have to go. I have four different jobs to run, because Minority Economic Development is always a secondary, tertiary priority in City Economic Development. I'm sorry to break the news to you on this one. So thank you and good night. Thank you.

Approval of Meeting Minutes -

- September 3, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the September 3, 2020 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Locastro. Motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor McCormick voted present.

Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- 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 tonight 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.
- The State St Bridge project is moving along and on schedule. Next week the main structural steel beams are going to be set in place.
- Our most recent water samples as reported today contain no detectable microcystin in either the raw or finished water.
- Our most recent sales tax report from NYS shows a reduction of about 14.56% for the month of August compared to last year. So far this fiscal year our sales tax revenue is down about 8.8% compared to last year. It should be noted that this year's budget was developed around a projected 12% reduction in sales tax revenue.
- Homeowners in the City of Auburn with an emergency home repair whose income has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic the COVID-19 may be eligible for our Home Repair Program. Emergency repairs include furnace and electrical repairs, sewer or plumbing emergencies & more. This program has income eligibility requirements. You will need to make an appointment with Cayuga County Homsite to apply, contact by phone 315-253-8451. www.homsite.org Funding for this program is made possible by the City of Auburn's Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) program.
- The City of Auburn will receive \$267,435 as part of the third phase of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds established earlier this year when Congress and the President authorized the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The City's cumulative amount for all CARES Act allocation rounds to \$790,887. A work plan for the additional funding is forthcoming pending guidance from HUD.

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 –

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #91 OF 2020

AUTHORIZING VARIOUS OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET TRANSFERS

By Councilor Giannettino

September 17, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the fiscal 2019-2020 year as outlined in attachment A; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn staff is requesting various operating and non-operating budget transfers for the fiscal 2020-2021 year as outlined in attachment B; and,

WHEREAS, there is \$220,000 of fund balance being requested for these transfers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York:

1. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment A for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; and,
2. That the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the transfers in Attachment B for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and,
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

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

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Attachment A: 19-20 FY			
9/17/2020			
Amount	Account to	Account From	Reason

\$7,000	A3310.425	Sig/Light - Electric	A3310.110	Sig/Light - Salaries & Wages
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\$ 4,000.00	A3310.425	Sig/Light - Electric	A3310.250	Sig/Light - Other Equipment	To cover June usage for electric bills
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\$ 10,000.00	A3310.425	Sig/Light - Electric	A1620.412	Buildings - Operating Supplies
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Attachment B: 20-21 FY					
9/17/2020					
Amount	Account to		Account From		Reason

\$20,000	G8130.451	Sew Treatment - Consulting Fees	G8130.110	Sew Treatment - Salaries & Wages	To provide 4A Operator coverage at WWTP due to retirement
\$ 120,000.00	A3620.456	Codes - Building Demolition	A909	General Fund - Fund Balance	To demolish (4) unsafe buildings throughout the City
\$ 100,000.00	A 3801	Auburn Community Baseball	A909	General Fund - Fund Balance	To cover costs associated with Double Days

AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #92 OF 2020

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO LEASE PARKING SPACES TO
WEGMAN’S FOOD MARKET’S INC.**

By Councilor McCormick

September 17, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn has historically leased underutilized parking spaces located on the south side of Genesee Street between Loop Road and South Street to Wegman’s Food Markets, Inc. (“Wegman’s”); and

WHEREAS, the existing lease agreement terminates on September 30, 2020, and the parties would like to enter into a new agreement; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, Wegman’s will pay the City the sum of \$1,500 for eight (8) designated parking spaces for the next four (4) months commencing on October 1, 2020, and ending on January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Wegman’s has already approved the proposed Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve an Agreement between the City of Auburn and Wegman’s Food Markets, Inc., which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in order to finalize the agreement.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #93 OF 2020

**CONDEMNING ALL ACTS OF RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION AND
RESOLVING TO BE PARTNERS OF CHANGE WORKING TO MAKE THE CITY A
WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE AND SAFE COMMUNITY FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE
OR ETHNICITY**

By Councilor McCormick

September 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Auburn City Council condemns all acts of racism and discrimination; and resolves to be partners of change, committing to continue to work to make the City of Auburn a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community to all, regardless of race or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence defined the United States of America as a democracy based on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people; and the 14th amendment instilled equality of the races into the U.S. Constitution clearly intending to stop state governments from discriminating against black Americans, and played a critical role in allowing Congress to pass landmark civil rights legislation including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the recent shocking events that have occurred across our country, such as the killing of George Floyd, have magnified the fact that in the 21st century racism continues to thrive in our country. Despite many efforts and pleas for change, black people in America continue to be plagued by systemic institutional bias, bigotry, and hate; and

WHEREAS, in the current pandemic the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports that long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put many people from racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19 compared to white Americans; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the City of Auburn and the Auburn Police Department has been committed to addressing racism through recruitment practices, implicit bias training, community forums, policy transparency, and active participation in recent demonstrations, there is still a need to listen and meaningfully respond to the people who are aggrieved by a culture where racism is endemic; and

WHEREAS, Auburn, New York is History's Hometown with a rich abolitionist and civil rights history, the City Council believes all facets of government should work toward making equality and equity a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council pledges to be partners of change and condemns all acts of racism and discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council aims to make the City of Auburn an even more welcoming, inclusive, and safe community to all, regardless of race or ethnicity, and in order to do so we must listen to, recognize and honor marginalized communities.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

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

APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION #94 OF 2020

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS

By Councilor McCormick

September 17, 2020

WHEREAS New York State Executive Law, Section 139, and the Auburn City Code, Section 62-1, authorize the City Council to appoint Commissioners of Deeds for a designated term so that they may take affidavits, depositions and acknowledgments for use in the City, which duties are similar to that of a Notary Public; and

WHEREAS, the laws require that the term of each Commissioners of Deeds expire on December 31 of the even-numbered year following appointment; that the appointed persons reside or work in the City of Auburn; that the appointed persons only administer the Commission within the City; and that the appointed persons file an Oath of Office with the City Clerk and with the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2018, City Council of the City of Auburn passed Appointment Resolution #153 of 2018, which appointed 35 individuals and estimated that a total of 50 appointments may be necessary within the next two years; and

WHEREAS, since December, 2018, the Auburn Police Department has had changes in staffing such that it now requires the following additional appointments of employees as Commissioners of Deeds:

1. Michael Chadwick, Sergeant for the Auburn Police Department;

2. Sean DeRosa, Detective for the Auburn Police Department;
3. Scott Deyo, Detective for the Auburn Police Department;
4. James Frost, Detective for the Auburn Police Department;
5. James Smith, Sergeant for the Auburn Police Department; and
6. David Walters, Sergeant for the Auburn Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council does hereby appoint the individuals, who are named herein, as Commissioners of Deeds, pursuant to the authority provided by New York State Executive Law, Section 139; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing appointments shall be effective from September 17, 2020, and shall continue until December 31, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auburn City Council does hereby determine that the number of Commissioners of Deeds for the City of Auburn shall continue to be a maximum of 50, which is the number of Commissioners of Deeds appointed by the list attached to this Resolution plus additional numbers to be reserved for future necessary appointments.

Seconded by Councilor Locastro

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

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mayor Quill

No Tabled Items. No Staff Vender Presentations that I am aware of. Other Business from the Council? Councilor.

Councilor McCormick

Just one quick thing, and I don't want to take the Fire Chief's limelight for the test, but I wanted to reach out speak out to the women in the community that are within hearing range. The Fire Department Firefighter test is something that everyone should consider. If you're so inclined for that kind of work, Public Safety, I think we have no women, I don't think, at this moment on. No, in the end we need to be

represented. So I'm hoping we can get, I checked at Civil Service today. There are 12 women signed up to take the test. But there are 126 people, so far, all together. It's not as scary as it sounds. There's something going on, right now, a workshop at Booker T to recruit people to take the test. I think a lot of times, women are intimidated, for whatever reason, but I, we, took the one day training, and I made it through the day without going to the hospital. Believe me, you've got to be physically fit, I really it's a rewarding and wonderful career opportunity and I'd like to see more women get involved with it. That's it.

Mayor Quill

Thank you, Councilor. Anyone else? Councilor Cuddy, please? Yes,

Councilor Cuddy

Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Last night, we had the Auburn Industrial Development Authority (AIDA) meeting and it was announced who was awarded the Branding contract for AIDA. What AIDA has, thanks to Councilor Giannettino's suggestion to the board, that we wanted to hire a marketing firm to come up with branding for businesses and talent to locate their business in Auburn. To attract, you know, a work pool that they would like to live in, you know, in Auburn and raise their families. So that contract was announced as to who would be fulfilling that. But I will apologize, a fellow board member had asked me, or myself and Councilor Giannettino, to ask if the City would be willing to help out with the cost of that, and I do apologize not bringing it to the board. I wanted to bring it up now, but I did state that that my stance was that over the last few years there has been a lot of activity in AIDA and we do have a budget for this, as Councilor Giannettino had noted as his reason for asking for such an endeavor, for the branding. But I also do want to honor my colleagues request from AIDA and ask if, you know, if the City is in a position to do that and actually open the floor to my colleagues and their wish to participate.

Councilor Giannettino

If I could add to what Councilor Cuddy said, you know, we spoke for ourselves as Members of Council. We made it clear that we don't speak for the entire Council. And both of us were not in agreement with the City participating, and we explained our reasons why and I'd like to share those. First of all, AIDA does have a significant budget right now, a significant amount of money in the bank right now, I should say \$238,000. This project is probably going to run about \$80,000. As a City, we can contribute in a number of ways that doesn't equal money. The firm that we are moving forward with, is the same firm that was hired to do the branding for the Equal Rights Heritage Center. They have a lot of photography, a lot of drone footage, that they can contribute to this project as well. And, you know, I was thinking about it last night. Honestly, the City of Auburn does contribute to AIDA, right, because for every Pilot that's granted, that's coming out of City taxpayers pocket. So I'm comfortable, personally, and I want everybody else to weigh in too. But I'm comfortable, personally, with the direction that was taken that this is an AIDA project and it should be funded through AIDA.

Mayor Quill

Through AIDA you said. Thank you. Anyone else?

Councilor McCormick

I think, you know, both of you, know more of the details at this point. I agree with you, too. If they have the funds and it's planned for, I mean, there's a budget for it. I don't see why the City would get involved in it.

Councilor Cuddy

And again, just with the news of tonight of the taxes from the sales tax. We don't want to put ourselves in, we're really pinching every penny in the City.

Councilor McCormick

It, alone, is a good reason.

Councilor Cuddy

So, I will say that I do applaud, Councilor Giannettino suggestion that we do this, because while we're pinching pennies here in the City, AIDA is looking to the future and reaching out and trying to bring businesses and talent to this area. Because really, we want to position ourselves to be a place that is attractive to people looking to move out of more populated areas, I think now is the time to invest in that kind of activity and I do think that Councilor Giannettino's idea was excellent. I do think that we have it, but I just want to make sure that if the Council does want to participate in another way, I'm sure AIDA would, would appreciate that, too.

Councilor McCormick

It's not, I'm just gonna add to my comment. It's not that AIDA and everybody over at CEDA, especially during COVID, have been a godsend to our community. It's not that they're not worth it. That, on top of the fact that every penny we have, we got to hold on to, is really, really the right way to go. They've got it. It's not like they don't have it to do it, because it's a great idea. Especially now.

Mayor Quill

I'm in total agreement with the branding, but I'll just say it really bluntly. AIDA, in my mind, should not become involved in this if they could not afford it to begin with. I don't feel it's appropriate for the City to sponsor a portion, or any of that. I'm speaking as the Mayor now. You know, I have my own personal opinion. But they do some great work for us. There's no, no question, but this is I don't believe there's a territory where we belong in. I mean that respectfully to my two Council members and the remainder Council, but I'm not comfortable with it.

Councilor Cuddy

We're in agreement. Thank you.

Mayor Quill

Anyone, any other councilors in regards? Any other discussion from the council?

Councilor Cuddy

Oh, yes. I'm sorry.

Councilor Cuddy

I'll try to be good. Second, I just wanted to see if there was any movement on bringing the Zoning ordinance back to us for discussion regarding when there is a development project within the Historic District, that there would be something in the ordinance that would notify the board members of the Historic Resources Review Board. If we could, you know, bring that, possibly open that up. If so, if the Council is in agreement for that to be amended. The third thing I wanted to bring up is trees. Councilor Giannettino and I have had some conversations with, you know, based on an article we shared that some areas in the country and in cities, where there is less foliage, less trees, there seems to be that more economic development needs to happen in those kinds of districts. So what we're hoping to do is look at our Tree program and see what we could do for areas that are, particularly in the West end, to make sure that those sites on the West end are getting the kind of attention that the East side is getting, as far as the coverage of trees. It may be happening, but I just, my experience in the Tree program in planning and volunteering, I just would like to see more on the the west end. It's more anecdotal. I think Mr. Talbot and Mr. Aikman have a plan, but I just want to see if there's more that can be done in the areas that might benefit from that.

Mayor Quill

Councilor, I'd like to jump in if I may, and Council doesn't mind. First of all, I entertain a discussion on the floor in regards to the Historic Resource Review Board. I would like an open discussion amongst Council, one evening. Secondly, in regards to trees, foliage, not too many years ago, Councilor, you may have been the Clerk at a time, where we had four segments or sections of the city. Our efforts were placed, for example, in the NorthEast, one year, the next year was a NorthWest and the following year SouthEast and SouthWest. Maybe through the Manager, he doesn't have enough to do now, but maybe we can come up with some sort of a plan, working along the same lines. Both with removal of some of the dead trees and the replacement of those trees. We have a lot of good people, that you mentioned, they work with us, volunteer their time. I would hope that in the near future, we could ask the City Manager to come up. This is only my thoughts, I need your help. But come up with a plan for, you know, four corners of the city, and starting in the West End, or whatever, this mask is the most uncomfortable thing that talked through. If I rip it off, I'm done.

City Manager Dygert

Mayor to your point, we had a meeting, yesterday, with our GIS contractor who's doing the water and sewer mapping work. At the conclusion of that meeting, I just had been writing some notes through it,

and I'm thinking to myself, "Wow, this would be great if we did the Tree program like this and had a complete tree inventory." I mentioned it and was educated by Scott McIntyre, from our Engineering Department, that's an ongoing thing. It's been happening behind the scenes. They have a fairly well developed GIS mapping system of City trees, their conditions, whether they need, you know, their priority. So we end up with numerous calls for trees that need to be taken down, but we have a very small tree crew. We have one arborist and laborer that assist that one arborist. So after looking at that, we had mentioned that it might actually be a good idea for us to come in and do a presentation to Council on all of these GIS systems that are out there. We started a long, long time ago with the GIS mapping of fire hydrants for ISO rating, and things have grown since then. We use it for an awful lot of different things and continue to expand the layers of our map there. So I'm not disregarding what you're saying. We've got a good tool to actually do that, though. We're partially underway. So it may not be a very big leap to get there.

Mayor Quill

In fact, I had a meeting today with a couple of citizens from the area of the Y field. And one of their concerns was a tree that is, they don't want the tree removed, but there's a lot of dead wood in the top of the tree that they're concerned about. I was going to pass it on to Mr. Dygert. But it seemed like the four quadrants that we did many years ago seem to work, but I'll go with your lead, Mr. Dygert. I think it's a great idea, Councilor.

Councilor Giannettino

No, I think there's been a couple good ideas mentioned. I like the idea. And I think we tried it with the road program this year, right? Quadrants.

City Manager Dygert

So, if we were to do quadrants, right, we concentrate on a quadrant, except for potentially, maybe, and now I'm just throwing stuff at the wall right at the moment. But if we let out with a tree program in one quadrant, followed up the following year, like with our water and sewer, which is what we're trying to do, and then follow that the next year, that third year with the road program and we just keep going round the clock.

Councilor Giannettino

And I'd be interested to see that if in our Road program maybe specifically in the streets where we're milling and filling. Maybe one year, look and see what it would cost to plant trees were needed, on those roads, right? Because we're doing it by quarters, or by quadrants, anyways. The other thing that I wanted to mention is and it really became evident to me during COVID because so many people were out using the parks and walking because you really couldn't do anything else. The Park System well we have a great Park System. We have over 20 parks in the City. And we've done a good job, I think, through CDBG funding to upgrade those parks for facilities and tennis courts, basketball courts, and equipment. If you look at St. Francis Playground, or Park, we put this beautiful walking trail in and but there isn't a

single tree down there. But up on Hoopes Park you have this beautiful urban forest. You have this same thing at Casey Park, you have kind of the same thing at the Y Field, or Clifford Park. So, if we could look at it that way too, maybe through CDBG funding, if we could, you know, populate some of the City Park, City properties with trees. And then the other idea I have, and this might be a discussion to have with Walt Aikman or Pete Kramer. Trees are expensive. We only have so much money to spend on them. Maybe we can start our own tree farm. It has been discussed before through the years, Councilor. Those are just some of the ideas I have. And I think it's a good idea that let's have a discussion on the floor and throw some ideas out there and see what we come up with.

Mayor Quill

Councilor.

Councilor Locastro

Is there a program now that the county has for trees?

City Manager Dygert

The County Soil and Water Conservation District does thing every year where you can sign up and you can get different species of trees, different species of bushes, and fruit plants and trees. And things like that.

Councilor Locastro

Can we get involved with that program, possibly?

City Manager Dygert

Yeah, I'm not sure if we've ever done that before but we could certainly look into it. I don't know that we ever have actually partnered with them on that.

Councilor Giannettino

I should know the answer this, but is the tree program included in this year's budget are we or did we have to cut that due to funding?

City Manager Dygert

It's in the budget okay. It becomes a safety issue so it really you know that

Councilor Giannettino

But I'm talking about the fall tree planting.

City Manager Dygert

Oh, I think it's there.

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

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m..

Minutes submitted to the City Council on September 30, 2020 by:

Chuck Mason, City Clerk