

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 20, 2021 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 5:00 p.m. from the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY by Mayor Quill.

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

**The following City Staff was present for the meeting:**

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForest
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- City Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Police Lieutenant James Slayton

**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 –**

The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for the city will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7 p.m. and the meeting will be held at the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

**CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS –**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF AUBURN 2021-2022 BUDGET – Mayor Quill opened the public hearing regarding the City Manager’s proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Budget.**

**The following individual spoke:**

Dale Bush, 116 Standart Woods Apts. On the budget, I believe, the 2% is not a lot, but it's still a raise in the taxes for our residents and businesses in the city and even though we are now coming out of this lockdown and that we're here tonight basically with the masks off, and that they will be recovering, but I think right now they're still hurting from the whole last 15 months that we've been in lockdown. So, and I understand your fear of staying with 0% this year and then having to totally jump it 4%, or, whatever next year. However, I think with the recovery, that our sales taxes are going to definitely increase dramatically, people are going to be coming out, the time limit for these businesses to close, are now going away. So, I'm on the side of Councilor Locastro with trying to keep this at a 0%. Thank you.

**Public to be heard:** Mayor Quill asked the Clerk read the public to be heard rules. There were no speakers.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

- May 6, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes  
Motion to approve the May 6, 2021 minutes by Councilor McCormick, seconded by Councilor Locastro. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

**Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager’s Report**

- The City Manager discussed the latest Coronavirus pandemic rule changes as recently announced by the NYS and Cayuga County Health Department.

**B. Reports from members of Council**

**Matters to Come Before Council**

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

**B. Ordinances – none**

**C. Local Laws – none**

**D. Resolutions –**

**AGREEMENT RESOLUTION #64 OF 2021**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE**

**AUBURN YMCA-WEIU FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CASEY PARK POOL**

By Councilor Cuddy

May 20, 2021

**WHEREAS**, since 2009 the City of Auburn (the “City”) and the Auburn YMCA-WEIU (the “YMCA”), have worked together to provide services at the Casey Park Pool during the summer seasons;

**WHEREAS**, this year the City of Auburn and the YMCA would like to enter in a new proposed agreement for the 2021 summer season, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, which is attached and incorporated herein;

**WHEREAS**, under the Agreement, the YMCA will provide services, staffing and programming for the operation of the pool for the cost of \$52,000, and the City will continue to supply pool chemicals and maintain the pool and premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the operation of the Casey Park Pool will run for eight (8) weeks beginning on Monday, July 5, 2021, and run through Sunday, August 29, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposal allows the YMCA to request use of Casey Park’s fields and facilities for summer camps and programs so long as timely notification of the requests are given and do not interfere with the City’s current programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve the attached Agreement between the City and the Auburn YMCA-WEIU and shall pay for the services provided the sum of \$52,000 for the term of this agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to finalize the contract.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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

**E. Staff Presentations –**

The City Manager and the City Comptroller Rachel Jacobs made the following presentations to the Council:

- Final Proposed Budget 2021-2022 for Public Hearing
- Proposed 2021-2022 Consolidated Fee Schedule
- Proposed 2021-2022 Tax Rates, Tax Levy, and Resident Impact

See attachment.

**TABLED ITEMS - none**

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

**ADJOURNMENT:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m..

Minutes submitted by:

Chuck Mason, City Clerk

## Proposed 21-22 Tax Rates, Tax Levy, and Resident Impact

	Adopted 20-21	Proposed 21-22	% Change
Proposed General City Tax Rate	8.778437	8.920900	1.62%
Proposed CIP City Tax Rate	3.526900	3.632861	3.00%
<b>Total City Tax Rate (per \$1,000 Taxable Value)</b>	12.305338	<b>12.553762</b>	2.02%
<b>Proposed BID Rate (per \$1,000 Taxable Value)</b>	<b>2.461068</b>	<b>2.510752</b>	2.02%
Total City Taxable Value	\$ 1,047,711,173	\$ 1,047,203,722	-0.05%
BID Taxable Value	\$ 57,471,940	\$ 57,763,699	0.51%
Proposed General City Tax LEVY	\$ 9,197,267	\$ 9,342,000	1.57%
Proposed CIP City Tax LEVY	\$ 3,695,173	\$ 3,804,346	2.95%
<b>Total City Tax LEVY</b>	\$ 12,892,440	\$ 13,146,346	1.97%
<b>Proposed BID LEVY</b>	\$ 141,442	\$ 145,030.34	2.54%
	20-21 Taxes	Proposed 21-22 Taxes	\$ Inc.
Estimated City Taxes on \$100k home value	\$ 1,230.53	\$ 1,255.38	<b>\$ 24.84</b>