

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 23, 2019 6:00 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 6:00PM in the City Council Chambers 24 South St. Auburn NY by Mayor Quill.

**1. Roll Call** – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill and Councilors McCormick, Giannettino, Cuddy and Carabajal were all present.

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

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Assistant Comptroller, Theresa Adams
- Fire Chief, Joe Morabito

**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 announcements pertaining to Memorial Day weekend including the Memorial Day parade which will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11am in downtown Auburn. Following the parade there will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park at 172 Genesee Street..

**5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations.**

**Mayor Quill opened the PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF AUBURN 2019-2020 BUDGET. No members of the public spoke. The hearing would be left open throughout the entire meeting.**

**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.

Alicia Procino spoke regarding supporting the area food pantries.

Dale Bush spoke to announce two other Memorial Day events in the area, the watch fire in Weedsport at 8pm on Memorial Day and a 2pm ceremony on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

May 9, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 9, 2019 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

**8. Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager's Report**

- The City is accepting Bids for our 2019 Road Improvement Program. Information is available on the City webpage under the left hand tab “Bids/RFPs.” Bids are due back Tuesday June 11.
- We anticipate starting to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of portions of Lincoln St and William St tomorrow. These road improvements are being funded as part of the Equal Rights Heritage Center project. Bid information will be available on the city webpage under the “Bids/RFPs” tab.
- The paving on Loop Rd and North St along the Owasco River Trail wrapped up today. The contractor will be back soon to apply the appropriate lane markings.
- Saturday the deck of the North Division St Bridge was poured and that project is progressing along well.
- Parking Garage update

**B. Reports from members of Council**

- Councilor Cuddy reported that he met with Seth Jenson, Director of Municipal Utilities, Rachel Jacobs, City Comptroller and representatives from towns that the City has Sewer Service Agreements with to begin discussing upcoming sewer rates.
- Councilor McCormick discussed this year's successful Downtown Flower Power flower planting campaign. There were a total of 43 volunteers including a Girl Scout troop from St. Alphonsus Church; members of the Auburn High School Z Club; members of the Westminster Church; and, other volunteer community members. Volunteers planted 120 ground pots and City & BID staff installed 148 hanging flower baskets throughout Downtown. Flowers were also planted in City parks such as Seward Park, Freedom park and veterans Memorial Park. Major sponsors of the program include City of Auburn, Auburn Beautification Commission, Lyons Bank and several donations from Downtown businesses, community members, and tremendous support also from outside the BID

district.

- Councilor Giannettino discussed a recent ceremony he attended for individuals graduating from Drug Treatment Court and he commended the City Judges on the program.
- Councilor Giannettino recognized City staff for their efforts to maintain the Arterial Highway areas through the City. He commented that the grass and weed eating along the highway was being worked on all week and it is in great shape.

## **9. Matters to Come Before Council**

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

### **B. Ordinances – None**

### **C. Local Laws – None**

### **D. Resolutions – None**

## **STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS**

- **Overview of Annual Watershed Inspection Report - Dr. Adam Effler, Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council**
- **Monthly Activity and Bar Graph Reports for April 2019 - Jeff Dygert, City Manager**

## **10. Other Business**

**Mayor Quill closed the PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF AUBURN 2019-2020 BUDGET. No members of the public spoke during this year's public hearing.**

Mayor Quill thanked all those volunteers and City staff that have worked in recent weeks to get Veterans Memorial Park ready for Memorial Day and he invited the public to attend the annual Memorial Day Parade followed by the ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

Executive Session. Councilor Cuddy made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Carabajal. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

One matter pertaining to potential litigation involving the City of Auburn.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on June 13, 2019 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk