

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2019 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.

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

The following City Staff was present for the regular meeting:

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- 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.

5. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations.

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. No speakers.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

June 20, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor McCormick. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Mycrocystin Season Update – With the news of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) being found in Cayuga Lake, Councilor Giannettino asked for an update on the City's preparation efforts. From an operational standpoint, our staff has been working thru system start up procedures to ensure the Powder Activated Carbon unit is fully functioning in anticipation of the Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) season. Some minor tweaks are always needed, so we begin that early each year. Our operability should be greatly increased this year as our new SCADA upgrades project should allow for operators to make real time adjustments to dosing from the water filtration plant. Current powder activated carbon supply is good from last year and we are working to get a PO in place for this year utilizing the same vendor.

I received an e-mail from John West this afternoon indicating that we did run the system today for about 3 hours and everything went well. A bag of carbon is attached to the system and ready to go when the time arrives.

In addition we have a PO in place to conduct all of the necessary water quality sampling again this season. Our typical sampling schedule is as follows:

The water operators for Auburn, Owasco, and Wells College will begin visual surveillance on a daily basis in July. Raw water will be collected and filtered. The filter will be examined under a microscope for blue green algal particles. These daily results will be reported on the monthly operation report.

If evidence of blue green algae is seen in a raw water sample using the microscope, the operator will begin weekly sampling of both the raw and finished water for microcystin.

If the water under the microscope is visibly clear or free of blue green algae for the next seven days, sample collection can stop. Once algae is seen again, weekly sampling must resume.

If toxins are detected in the raw water, the operator will begin sampling twice per week (Monday and Wednesday). If two samples in a row do not show toxins in the raw water, sampling can be reduced to once per week.

All sample result notifications and press releases will be handled by the Cayuga County DOH. We will coordinate our sampling with Wells and Owasco as much as possible to cut down on sample delivery costs.

- Extreme Winter Recovery Program – The Engineering Office received a letter from NYS DOT informing the City that the Extreme Winter Recovery Program was included in the final NYS 2019-2020 budget, and that the City is eligible for reimbursement under this program.
- Zombie 2.0 – NYS Attorney General Letitia James held a press conference in Utica Wednesday afternoon to announce \$9 million in grants for 48 municipalities across New York, including the City of Auburn. The grants are designed to help communities address

their vacant properties, called zombie homes, and create affordable housing. This will be the second round of funding successfully secured by City staff through LISC. This two year grant will fund a portion of salaries in Code Enforcement and Corporation Counsel for work done related to vacant and zombie properties, as well as purchase and implement Building Blocks software, which will complement the new Code Enforcement software. Resolutions related to the Zombie 2.0 grant and Code Enforcement software will be on the July 18 City Council agenda for consideration.

- CEDA Newsletter – The City of Auburn adds another top ranking to its list of accolades - #1 among US cities with the fastest internet speeds. In 2010, Forbes magazine ranked Auburn #1 in the Northeast Region for the “Best Small City to Raise a Family.” Now, according to a PCMag study completed by the publications’ readers from June 1 to June 17, Auburn has internet download and upload speeds that are much higher than the nationwide broadband standard set by the Federal Communications Commission. In the Auburn area, the FCC reports that Verizon Fios has download speeds of 940 megabits per second and upload speeds of 880 megabits per second. CEDA is adding this #1 ranking to their marketing efforts as they work to attract businesses to our community.

B. Reports from members of Council

Councilor Giannettino reported on the most recent meeting of the City’s Historic and Cultural Sites Commission which included that the Commission adopted their budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

9. 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 # 78 OF 2019
AWARDING A BID FOR THE LINCOLN AND
WILLIAM STREET RE-PAVING PROJECT**

By Councilor Giannettino

July 2, 2019

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017, the Auburn City Council passed Award Resolution #180 of 2017, which awarded the Equal Rights Heritage Center project; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln and William Street Re-Paving project was included as part of the Equal Rights Heritage Center project; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln and William Street Re-Paving PIN #375648 project is now a separate project which includes asphalt resurfacing including partial reconstruction, patching, etc.; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received at a bid opening for this project on June 17, 2019, after which NYSDOT agreed to extend the time for completion of this project; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019, bids were opened a second time for the Lincoln and William Street Re-Paving project and the following bids were received:

1. Seneca Stone Co. Inc. \$ 875,785.00
Seneca Falls, New York
2. E-Z Paving/Sealant Co. Inc. \$1,191,770.00 * (Corrected Total)
Fulton, New York

; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Auburn City Council award the Lincoln and William Street Re-Paving Project to the lowest responsible bidder, namely, Seneca Stone Co., Inc., which has submitted a low bid of \$ 875,785.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby award the contract for the Lincoln and William Street Re-Paving project to Seneca Stone Co., Inc., which is the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$875,785.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of the Resolution in the amount of \$875,785.00 is to be charged to Welcome Center Project Acct. #HA 1620-440-IM; and

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

Seconded by Councilor McCormick

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

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION #79 OF 2019

**ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THE FY 2019/2020 RSVP PROGRAM**

By Councilor McCormick

July 11, 2019

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service which is the federal agency responsible for funding the City of Auburn Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has awarded a permanent increase of \$7,500 in federal funds to support the capacity of the City of Auburn RSVP program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn must authorize the acceptance of this permanent funding increase and to execute all necessary documents in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL:

1. That the Mayor, or authorized representative, shall accept the permanent funding increase in amount of \$7,500 for the FY 2019/20 RSVP program from the Corporation for National and Community Service and be received into revenue account A99 4772 (Federal Aid-RSVP).
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

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

STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

Booker T. Washington Building Presentation – by Denise Farrington, Executive Director, Rhoda Overstreet Wilson, President of Booker T. Washington Board of Directors and Jenny Haines, Office of Planning and Economic Development.

In or around 1974, the City of Auburn built the Booker T. Washington Community Center located at 25 Chapman Avenue, Auburn, New York (the “Property”). By 1987, the City of Auburn began leasing the building and grounds to the Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, Inc. (the “BTW Community Center”). Over the years, the City has maintained the building and the grounds, while the BTW Community Center continues to provide community programs and recreation for residents.

The City’s annual maintenance has included snow plowing, refuse collection, mowing and

landscaping, plumbing, and water and sewer services, at a cost of approximately \$14,000 annually. The City has also made various improvements to the property, through the use of the Community Development Block Program, including the installation of fire alarm upgrades, new carpets, a new boiler and heating system, exterior lighting and doors.

The Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, Inc., now would like to assume ownership of the Property so that it can continue to improve and enhance the Community Center by making more improvements, such as roof replacement, removal and replacement of all windows, replacement of the gym floor and repaving of the parking lot.

The BTW Community Center has proposed a written offer to purchase the Property from the City for the value of these improvements, which are estimated as being \$553,000.00. The proposed

Land Sale Resolution seeks approval of this Purchase Offer and Sale Contract with the Booker T. Washington Community Center of Auburn, Inc.

The sale of 22-24 and 25 Chapman Avenue is being made in consideration of the agreement by the BTW Community Center to complete the improvements set forth in the contract, which are estimated as being \$553,000, within three (3) years of the closing and sale of the Property.

10. Other Business -

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

One matter pertaining to employment history of a particular individual.

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on August 1, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk