

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 3, 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, Cuddy, Giannettino, 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 Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Fire Chief, Joe Morabito
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines

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.

WHEREAS, the city of Auburn, NY is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Auburn. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds City residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors and residents. They should be practicing the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them as well as practice using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly. Once they get out, stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, City of Auburn residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, ***"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"***™ effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

THEREFORE, I Michael Quill, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Auburn to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of City of Auburn fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Third day of October 2019.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor

City of Auburn, New York

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.

Tim Lattimore spoke about issues pertaining to Auburn and Cayuga County.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 19, 2019 minutes carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Today the City's telephone system was down. A break in a fiber optic bundle near Phelps, NY caused a large scale outage of service for our provider throughout Central and Western, NY.
- Conduit for the new street lighting on William St. is scheduled to be installed tomorrow by J & E Electric.
- This week staff met with representatives from Willard Chapel to discuss their plans for renovations and improvements and how those plans might interact with the adjacent public safety building project that will eventually unfold next door.

B. Reports from members of Council

9. 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 #118 OF 2019

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
TOWN OF OWASCO CONCERNING TAX-EXEMPT CITY PROPERTY**

By Councilor McCormick

October 3, 2019

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is the owner of real property located outside of its corporate limits in the Town of Owasco, namely 22 White Bridge Road and Swift Street Extension, which are also known and designated on the Cayuga County Tax Map as Nos. 123.04-1-75 and 123.06-1-16 (hereinafter referred to as the "Properties"); and

WHEREAS, the City has not and does not pay to the Town, and the Town has not and does not collect taxes relating to the foregoing municipal Properties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 406(3), the City and Town must adopt the proposed written agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, acknowledging that the Properties are wholly tax exempt.

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

1. That the Mayor of the City of Auburn is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Municipal Cooperation Agreement, attached hereto, between the City of

Auburn and the Town of Owasco, which states that the real properties owned by the City of Auburn that are located in the Town of Owasco, namely, 22 White Bridge Road and Swift Street Extension, are wholly exempt from taxation; and

2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

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

Tabled Items - none

STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

- Purple Heart Trail presentation by Menzo Case, President of Generations Bank

10. Other Business –

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on October 17, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk

On October 17, 2019 a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2019 Auburn, NY City Council meeting was made by Councilor , seconded by Councilor .

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

Auburn City Council Minutes October 3, 2019

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of Auburn, N.Y., at a regular meeting thereof, held in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, in said city, on the 3rd day of October, 2019 and that the City Council approved such by the vote listed above.

Charles Mason, City Clerk Date: