

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 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:

- Acting 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

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.

Tim Lattimore spoke to read a letter to the editor written by an unnamed author that is making its way to the editorial page of Auburn's local newspaper.

Susan Allen spoke to discuss alternate side parking on City streets and stated there should be an amnesty program in place for people that have outstanding parking tickets.

Gilda Brower spoke on behalf of the City Human Rights Commission about matters in the City that have improved in recent years.

Dale Bush spoke and stated that the Council had previously let individuals speak during public to be heard that had given political speeches.

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 10, 2019 minutes carried 5-0.

8. Reports of City Officials

A. City Manager's Report

- Tuesday, as part of our plan to upgrade all of the meters that provide data on sewer flow from the towns; GHD along with city staff and town representatives visited each site to discuss the necessary upgrades at each site and develop individual work plans. Our existing sewer contract with the towns is due for renewal and we have met with the towns several times recently to discuss the next contract. Those discussions have gone well and I expect we will have a presentation to update Council very soon.
- We continue to see either low or no microcystin in our raw and finish water samples. Based upon the trend for the last few weeks our staff is going to reduce the use of PAC and the Cayuga County Health Department will continue to monitor.
- Work on the structure to house the powder activated charcoal and transfer equipment at the pump house his moving forward. We hope to have that project wrapped up by winter
- The Auburn Police Dept. will be participating in National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday Oct. 26. Our police will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) at Wegmans and at Kinney Drugs on Owasco St. between 10am and 2pm. Residents are encouraged to drop off any unused or expired prescription drugs in tablet or pill form. We cannot accept liquids, aerosols or needles and we advise residents to remove or obscure their name and address from containers. Those unable to take part in this event are still able to drop off their unused meds at APD headquarters in the lobby 24 hours a day.
- Last evening I attended a recognition event put on by the NY Comp Alliance our Workers' Compensation Insurance carrier. I received an approximately \$14k refund check based upon the City of Auburn's better-than-expected performance over the last year. We appreciate the efforts of our department heads, Safety Officer, HR Associate, and all of our employees to keep our workplace safe and productive.
- Also last evening, several staff members attended the Chamber of Commerce annual business recognition event. The Auburn Fire Department was recognized for 125 years of service to the community. I'd like to remind everyone that 125 years ago local business leaders requested the city form a career fire department to better protect their investments, All of these years later our fire department's ISO Class 1 rating is still relevant in the business world and signifies the highest level of protection that translates into lower insurance costs for businesses.

B. Reports from members of Council

Councilor Giannettino discussed that he attended the annual dinner for the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce that celebrated the organization's 110th anniversary.

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

Tabled Items - none

STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS

15.A. Downtown Revitalization Initiative update by Christina Selvek, Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants

10. Other Business –

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:

Two matters pertaining to the sale, lease or acquisition of real property.

One matter pertaining to potential litigation.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Adjournment: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on October 24, 2019 by:

Charles Mason
City Clerk