

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 26, 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
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- City Clerk, Charles Mason
- Police Chief, Shawn Butler
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Superintendent of Engineering, William Lupien
- Fire Chief, Joe Morabito
- Superintendent of Public Works, Mike Talbot

**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.

**Mayor Quill opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2019. No speakers were present. The Mayor stated he would keep the public hearing open for the entire meeting.**

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes carried 5-0.**

**November 21, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes carried 5-0.**

## **8. Reports of City Officials**

### **A. City Manager's Report**

- I sent out a press release today announcing the departure of Adam Winslow as the General Manager of the Auburn Doubledays. Adam is pursuing other opportunities. I'd like to thank Adam for helping us get the Doubledays franchise back on track over the last few seasons. Assistant General Managers Bob Scarbrough and David Lindberg will be stepping up to handle operations in the short term. We will revisit the long term operation of the team once we know the outcome of the ongoing negotiations between Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball. I also want to stress that the Auburn Doubledays are definitely playing the 2020 season and we are looking forward to the community's support and participation.
- The roadwork on William St. is wrapping up for the season. The road has been widened to accommodate more on-street parking and pick up/drop off for the YMCA and street lighting has been improved. Some additional lighting is planned for the YMCA side of the street as well and final landscaping will be addressed in the spring.
- The North Division St. Bridge area construction is wrapping up. The additional work on sewers and retaining walls along Clark St. have been completed and final paving was being laid down today.
- Casey Park has been a busy venue over the past few weekends, with very good attendance. Unfortunately, we have had to deal with some unwanted activity that has created some concern for our staff, other skaters, and local parents. We will be staffing Casey Park Rink with police officers at various times to address the issues and provide an appropriate immediate response to disruptive behavior.
- The NYS Comptroller released a report today as an overview of sales tax activity across NYS. From January 2019 through September, among cities that preempt from their respective counties, the City of Auburn ranked fifth in sales tax growth at 5.1% (we would probably actually rank #4 as the #1 performer is reportedly due to a reporting correction). Cayuga County's performance improved by 2.5% and Central NY experienced an average gain of 1.6%.

### **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 - None**

**Tabled Items - none**

**STAFF/VENDOR PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Snow Removal Presentation by Mike Talbot, Superintendent of Public Works
- B. N. Division Street Project Update by Bill Lupien, City Engineer
- C. Activity Reports and Bar Graph Reports for October 2019 by Jeff Dygert, City Manager

**Mayor Quill announced the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2019 was still open and invited members of the public to speak. No speakers were present. The Mayor then announced the public hearing was closed.**

**10. Other Business –**

Councilor Giannettino discussed that Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature included in the most recent State budget a series of changes to the law known as Criminal Justice Reforms and that the new laws will be implemented on January 1, 2020. Around the State numerous public safety and government officials are coming to realize that there are major concerns with these changes to the laws. Our City Police Chief has requested the Council look into the matter and the Council should consider a letter or resolution to the Governor and State legislature at a future Council meeting.

Councilor Carabajal discussed potential edits to the Council Rules and Procedures pertaining to the public to be heard section of the Council meeting weekly agenda item. These changes would address candidates running for political office identifying themselves as such before speaking and restrict individuals from reading or submitting any type of material from anonymous sources.

Executive Session. Councilor Giannettino made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor McCormick. 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.
- Two matters matter made confidential by Federal or State law. (Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules which establishes that a confidential communication between attorney and client shall be privileged. Pursuant to this section, Council will be receiving legal advice from its attorney which fulfills the requirement provided in Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law allowing this exemption.)

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Quill invited Councilor-elect Locastro to join the Council in the Executive Session and the Councilor-elect did attend.

Executive session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**Adjournment:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the City Council on December 5, 2019 by:

Charles Mason  
City Clerk