

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2022 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 5:00 p.m. from the City Council Chambers, 24 South St. Auburn, NY by Mayor Quill.

ROLL CALL – The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Quill and Councilor Ginny Kent, Councilor Jimmy Giannettino, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were all present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- Police Chief, Jim Slayton
- Police Sgt. Matt Hare
- Director of Municipal Utilities Seth Jensen

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection – Mayor Quill asked for a moment of silent prayer.

Public Announcements –

- The Planning Board will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, October 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street. This meeting will also include the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2 of 2022 Amending the City Code Zoning Chapter.
- The Seymour Public Library District will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2023 operating budget at 5 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2022. The meeting will be held at Seymour Library, 176-178 Genesee St., Auburn. The proposed budget for 2023 calls for a tax levy of \$924,000, an increase of \$60,000 over the tax levy currently in place. A copy of the proposed budget is attached and is available at the library and on our website.
- Seymour Public Library District will conduct a trustee election and referendum on its proposed 2023 budget on Friday, October 28, 2022. Absentee Ballots are available. Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at Seymour Public Library during its regular hours, Monday

through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information on the absentee ballot process can be found on the library's website. If you have questions, please call Lisa Carr, Director, at 315-252-2571, ext. 425.

- **ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE: NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL INTERVIEW AND EXAM FOR ELECTRICAL LICENSE** - Applications for Electrical Licenses must be filed in person at the October 12, 2022 meeting, 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 24 South St. 1st Floor, Auburn, NY. The exam will be held November 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at this same location. Applications can be obtained at the Code Enforcement Office in City Hall or on the city website at www.auburnny.gov under the Code Enforcement Department page.

CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS – none

Public to be heard: Mayor Quill asked the Clerk to read the public to be heard rules. Lorraine Copes of Genesee Street and her neighbor Mary discussed the process of tree trimming removal for a tree they have an issue with on city right of way at their property.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

September 22, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 22, 2022 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Kent. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- Testing of the raw water at the filtration plant continues to show high levels of microcystin. The Powder Activated Carbon System (PAC) is in operation and our finished water has been testing with no microcystin.
- Work on Genesee St near Wegman's began today and will likely last through tomorrow. This section is receiving a microsurface treatment. Next week residents and travelers should expect significant changes in traffic patterns and flow on the East Hill portion of Genesee St and John St. due to sewer work and repaving. These disruptions will change daily and we encourage those travelling through to avoid the area during construction. Businesses will remain open and accessible. Please be stay alert and patient, and remember that flaggers may be present at intersections and that flaggers' directions supersede the traffic signals.
- Local businesses will continue to receive updates on closures and detours. The public can go to the city webpage for construction updates.

Reports from members of Council – none

Matters to Come Before Council

A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) - none

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions – none

E. Staff or Vendor Presentations

- **Body Cam Demonstration - Jim Slayton, Police Chief and Sgt. Matt Hare.** In the month of October the Auburn Police Department will be training all police officers on the use of body worn cameras and once trained the cameras will be assigned to each officer for immediate use. Sgt. Hare will be the full time officer assigned to oversee the new program and he showed a couple of sample videos recently taken on live police calls. The program will be fully implemented by the end of the month of October.
- **Biosolids Upgrades and Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project Update - Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities (see attached).**

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

Councilor Cuddy discussed working to educate our State and Federal representatives on our current Owasco Lake water matters. He will prepare items for future City Council consideration.

Second Public to be Heard. Joe Lattimore from the Town of Owasco spoke to commend the Council and Seth Jensen on its work with the Biosolid solution at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and he discussed the process of turning animal waste into a product called biochar that would enhance the soil when applied.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk

Seymour Library

Proposed 2023 Operating Budget

Income	
Total Tax Revenue	924,000
Foundation Income	7,500
State & Local Aid	12,500
Gifts	14,900
Miscellaneous Income	6,800
Sub TOTAL	965,700
Board Designated/Reserve	45,067
TOTAL	1,010,767
Expenses	
Administrative	63,419
Building & Grounds	50,903
Collection Materials	65,000
Payroll & Related Expenses	810,838
Programs, Services, Supplies	3,000
Technology	17,607
TOTAL	1,010,767