

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2023 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 and Councilor Terry Cuddy were present. Councilor Tim Locastro was excused.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- Acting City Manager, Jennifer Haines
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- Comptroller, Rachel Jacobs
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz

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 next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn.

Ceremonial Presentations –

Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

Whereas, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

Whereas, American women have served our country courageously in the military;

Whereas, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, and the civil rights movement, creating a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas, here in Auburn our NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center has as its mission to promote the legacy of the many women that have provided critical leadership in our State's and Nation's history, women such as Harriet Tubman, Frances Seward, Martha Coffin Wright, Eliza Wright Osborne, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton just to name a few.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, on behalf of the members of City Council and the community of Auburn, New York hereby proclaim that March 2022 is designated as

Women's History Month

in the City of Auburn, and encourage citizens to observe **March as Women's History Month** with appropriate programs, celebrations, ceremonies, and activities.

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 March 2022.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York

The Mayor presented Councilor Kent, Acting City Manager Jennifer Haines and Courtney Kasper with a copy of the proclamation. Courtney Kasper, Visitor Experience Manager for the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center provided a presentation on Women's History Month Events which include Harriet Tubman Day Events.

Public to be heard – The City Clerk read the rules for the Public to be Heard. No speakers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

February 16, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February 16, 2023 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Kent. Motion to approve carried 5-0.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- The City of Auburn is currently accepting bids for the construction of the Casey Park Skate Park. Bids are due March 15.

- The City of Auburn is currently accepting bids for the Auburn Police Department drone. Bids are due March 10.
- We have also released a Request For Proposals (RFP) for Deferred Compensation Plan Administration. Those responses are due back March 17.

Reports from members of Council –

Matters to Come Before Council

**A. State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolutions (SEQR) -
SEQR RESOLUTION #1 of 2023**

**DECLARING INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR
THE CITY OF AUBURN COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW FACILITIES
REHABILITATION & SEWER SEPARATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

By Councilor Kent

March 2, 2023

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, intends to undertake improvements such as, but not limited to, the rehabilitation of four (4) existing Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) treatment facilities and the storage and release facility, sewer separation in the tributary areas to the North Interceptor Sewer by constructing new storm and sanitary sewers and rehabilitation of existing sewers and manholes by trenchless construction methods located within the City of Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Auburn will be required to review the above *Unlisted Action* in accordance with Article 8 of the New York Conservation Law and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) regulations as well as the New York State Revolving Fund Equivalency Guidance Packet for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, the New York State Historic Preservation Office, the New York State Department of Transportation and the US Army Corps of Engineers may be considered an Involved Agency in such review with respect to permitting and funding of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York, that it does hereby declare its intent to act as Lead Agency for the purposes of completing a Coordinated Environmental Review in accordance with SEQR and NYS Revolving Fund Equivalency Guidance and directs staff to provide Involved Agencies with pertinent project materials and seek comment with regard to the project in compliance with SEQR requirements.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor Kent	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Locastro	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

B. Ordinances – none

C. Local Laws – none

D. Resolutions –

**LAND SALE RESOLUTION #27 OF 2023
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 34 Maple St.**

By Councilor Cuddy

March 2, 2023

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2022, the City of Auburn acquired title to the real property commonly known as 34 Maple St. (the “Property”) by tax foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Property consists of a single-family home, which is located in a residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, the City listed the Property for sale with the Real Estate Agency, as its real estate broker, and listed a purchase price of \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, Steven Weaver has proposed a cash Purchase Offer and Sale Contract, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the purchase of the Property at the listed price of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver has represented that he intends to renovate and restore the Property in order to resell it; and

WHEREAS, the Property is a surplus parcel and not needed for City purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn that the Purchase Offer and Sale Contract from Mr. Steven Weaver, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the sale of 34 Maple St., for the sum of \$65,000.00, be approved, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein and, also, subject to the following;

(1) That the City provide only a Quit Claim Deed to the buyer at closing;

(2) That the buyer be responsible for all title and closing costs necessary to close the transaction;

(3) That the buyer be required to obtain any and all permits necessary to renovate the Property within thirty (30) days from the date of closing, and that all renovations and/or construction at the Property be completed within one year from the date of closing; and

(4) That the deed transferred to the buyer shall include a reversionary clause to provide that if the buyer fails to satisfy the conditions relating to the renovation of the Property within one year of the closing, then title and ownership of the Property shall automatically and immediately revert back to the City.

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the Purchase Offer and Sale Contract together with any and all documents in order to finalize the closing of this sale.

Seconded by Councilor Giannettino

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor Kent	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Locastro	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

E. Staff or Vendor Presentations – none

Road Program 2023 Presentation – by Scott McIntyre, Engineering Department. (see attached presentation slides)

Bar Graph Reports for January 2023 – by Jeff Dygert, City Manager

TABLED ITEMS - none

OTHER BUSINESS –

- Mayor Quill discussed the windows at Memorial City Hall and requested the City Manager look into maintenance for both the interior and exterior.

Second Public to be Heard. None

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk