

Auburn City Council Meeting, October 26, 2023

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 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, Councilor Terry Cuddy and Councilor Tim Locastro were present.

The following City Staff was present for the meeting:

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Corporation Counsel, Nate Garland
- Police Chief, Jim Slayton

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 –

Ceremonial Presentations –

Public to be heard: The City Clerk read the rules for Public To Be Heard and the following individuals spoke:

Dr. Walt Aikman, Liberty Street representing Grow Auburn's Trees announced that Community Tree Planting Day will be on Saturday, November 4, 2023 beginning at 8am at the Permaculture Park on Grover Street. He recognized the efforts of Mr. Bill Lupien and City Planning Department staff for additional tree plantings happening in the city this fall. He also noted that the city would be eligible for additional tree grant funding from the State of New York under a new program announced that would help the city fund its tree management plan.

Terry Denman, Town of Niles. Ms. Denman and other volunteer representatives of an organization named NY Citizens Audit spoke to share information with the City Council about the organizations findings pertaining to elections in New York State. They requested the City Council consider a resolution pertaining to the matter. The information shared by the speakers will be held on record at the City Clerk's office.

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Cheryl Guariglia of Nelson Street spoke over concerns in the neighborhood of parking due to Auburn Community Hospital and that the hospital needed to take responsibility.

Approval of Meeting Minutes –

October 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 12, 2023 minutes by Councilor Giannettino, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Motion to approve carried 4-0. Councilor Locastro voted present.

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

- This week, several city staff attended a gathering of NYS based aquaculture businesses and resources hosted by Local Coho, here in Auburn. We learned about the growing industry and the goal of supplying cost competitive, safe, domestically harvested seafood. We also toured the Auburn facility that has undergone numerous changes since it initially started up, as they have continued to develop their process for higher quality and efficiency.
- Staff also attended the CNY Regional Economic Development Council's meeting held in Syracuse.
- This week staff from various departments met to work out the process for implementing the city's rights and responsibilities under Article 19a to address vacant residential properties. As Corporation Counsel Garland presented several weeks ago, this is another avenue the city can pursue to address neighborhood blight and compel rental property owners to maintain their properties.
- This week staff also attended a meeting hosted by Cayuga County Office of Emergency Services and attended by representatives of nearly every ambulance service in Cayuga County to discuss the impact of AMR winding down their operation and alternatives to provide appropriate coverage in the impacted areas.

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

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E. Staff or Vendor Presentations –

- Cell Tower use for Wireless Internet and Affordable Connectivity Program” - James Orioli, CBN America LLC. CBN is a wireless technology company that is interested in leasing a portion of space on the City-owned radio communications tower located on Osborne Street. The City Council will be presented with an Agreement Resolution to approve a contract with CBN at a future City Council meeting.
- City Budget Bar Graph reports

TABLED ITEMS – none

Second Public to be Heard:

Tim Lattimore of 63 South Street spoke and discussed a visit he made to Genesee Elementary for Halloween. He stated the other day at the County, Housing Visions discussed putting in an emergency shelter and one of the locations was on Grant Avenue and he does to think the location is well sited for the project.

James Udall of Osborne Street spoke.

OTHER BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk