

Auburn City Council Meeting, November 9, 2023

**Auburn City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 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
- Director of Capital Improvement Program and Grants, Christina Selvek
- 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. The Old Wheeler Bell was rung in memory of former member of the City Council Ann Bunker who passed away on November 3, 2023. Ms. Bunker was the first women elected to the Auburn City Council. She was elected in 1989 and served two four year terms.

Public Announcements –

Ceremonial Presentations –

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who in defense of our freedom have bravely worn the uniform of the United States; and

WHEREAS, from the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our Nation's ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe; and

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WHEREAS, our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their quiet courage and exemplary service; and also remember and honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense making the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Veterans Day 2023 is "*Service.*" Veterans are proud of their military service in defending our Nation. Honor reflects the military value and tradition of answering the call to duty. There is distinct honor in serving to protect our way of life and the Constitution of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day we remember these heroes for their valor, their loyalty and their dedication; and their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, with respect for, and in recognition of the contributions our service members have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, U.S. Congress has provided that November 11th of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation's Veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, do hereby proclaim **November 11, 2023** as

VETERANS DAY

in the City of Auburn, and encourage all Americans to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayer.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Ninth day of November 2023.

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

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

Tim Lattimore, 63 South Street, it was interesting to see that the Boy Scouts tried to get into the front door and it was locked. The topic of homelessness and hunger, the council does not realize the lines are getting longer and things need to change and we will have that happen at the first of the year.

Thomas Cool, Barber Street. Spoke regarding the Codes Department doing inspections on property he owns at 1 Barber Street for a Certificate of Occupancy and he stated he does not want the Codes Officers in the building. He thinks some items such as doors on bedrooms is government overreach. His tenants do not want Code Inspectors in the house either. He read from the U. S. Constitution. He discussed a conversation that he had with the City's Assistant Corporation Counsel.

David Scott, 63 South Street, spoke to discuss his thoughts on Veterans events.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes – none

Reports of City Officials

City Manager's Report –

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 –

Municipal Utilities Project Update - Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities (see attached)

TABLED ITEMS – none

Second Public to be Heard:

OTHER BUSINESS – none

Executive Session: Councilor Giannettino made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cuddy. Council voted to enter an executive session regarding the following matters:

- Two matters pertaining to the sale or lease of real property.
- One matter pertaining to potential litigation.

The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk