

## **Auburn City Council Meeting, November 30, 2023**

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 30, 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 Tim Locastro were present. Councilor Cuddy was excused.

#### **The following City Staff was present for the meeting:**

- City Manager, Jeff Dygert
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Tim Brennan
- Police Chief, Jim Slayton
- Director of Planning and Economic Development, Jennifer Haines
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- City Engineer, Bill Lupien
- Several staff members of the City Engineering Department were in attendance

**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 City of Auburn Planning Board will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street.

#### **Ceremonial Presentations –**

Mayor Quill presented a Key To The City to William Lupien who is retiring from the City of Auburn following 57 years of service in the City Engineering Department. Mr. Lupien addressed and thanked the City Council and expressed that it was a pleasure to work for the city for all the years.

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

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David Stanton of Walnut Street spoke to discuss challenges with construction being conducted by NYSEG in the Walnut Street neighborhood.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

November 9, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes by Councilor Kent, seconded by Councilor Giannettino. Motion to approve carried 4-0.

November 16, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 16, 2023 minutes by Councilor Locastro, seconded by Councilor Kent. Motion to approve carried 3-0. Councilor Giannettino abstained.

### **Reports of City Officials**

#### **City Manager's Report –**

- Earlier this week I met with the Cayuga County Micron Development group to report out on the Housing Committee's recent meeting. That committee is headed up by Jenny Haines, our Director of Planning, who was unable to attend this week's county meeting. The county group will meet again in January.
- Yesterday I attended the CNY Regional Economic Development Council's (CNY REDC) meeting in Syracuse along with Steve Lynch from Cayuga County Planning Department and Maureen Riester from CEDA. We were updated on several projects related general business development as well as projects focused on the Micron project.
- Earlier this week I met with representatives from Auburn Community Hospital regarding their new Cancer Center which is nearing completion and parking around their facility. We continue to work with the hospital to explore potential solutions to the congested parking situation.
- Staff from several departments collaborated this week to develop enhanced procedures to address problem properties. We hope that some of these new approaches will expedite the necessary measures often needed to correct violations, as well as reduce the extensive staff time that is frequently required to administer our current approach.
- City staff continues to communicate regularly with Alstom and their realtor regarding the Bombardier property. The company has decided to extend their deadline for responses to the sale of the property to mid-February due to significant interest and the needs of potential bidders.

**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**

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**D. Resolutions – none**

**E. Staff or Vendor Presentations –**

- TNR Cats Update by Claire Lovell, Secretary of TNR Community Cats (see attached)
- Bar Graph Reports for October 2023 – by Jeff Dygert, City Manager

**TABLED ITEMS – none**

**Second Public to be Heard: none**

**OTHER BUSINESS – none**

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

- Three matters pertaining to the sale or lease of real property.
- One matter pertaining to employment history of a particular individual.

The motion to enter executive session carried 4-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk

# Auburn Community Cats TNR, Inc.

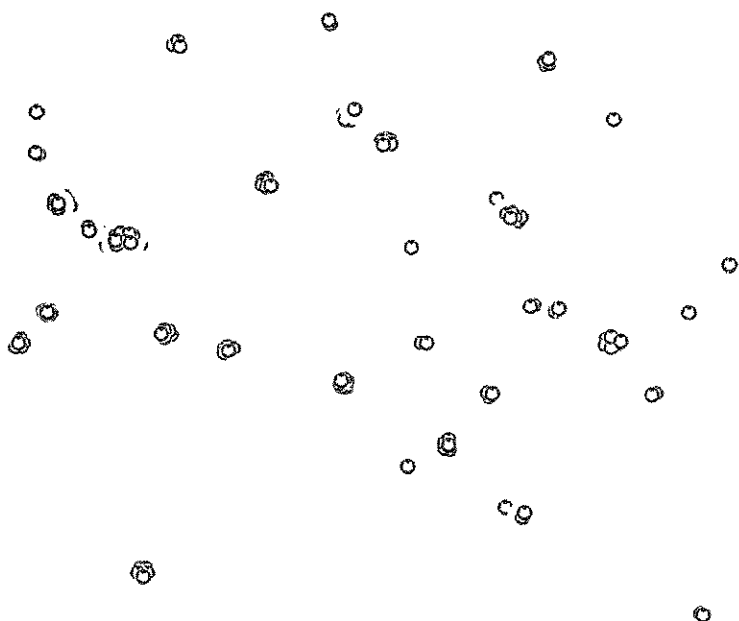
## Annual Report

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023



Community cats are homeless, but not always feral. Many in Auburn are friendly, having been fed by local residents their entire lives. Local rescues are full, and there are not enough potential adopters for the number of community cats living outside. Unfixed males fight and ruin property by marking territory. Unfixed females have litters at an exponential rate. The issue of feline overpopulation affects the entire city of Auburn. TNR, which stands for Trap, Neuter, and Return, addresses the issue of overpopulation by spaying and neutering cats before returning them to the colony and caretakers. The cats are also given vaccinations for distemper and rabies, an important step for public health.

## History & Locations



Auburn Community Cats TNR, Inc. had its first meeting in August of 2021. It was incorporated in February of 2022. By June 30, 2022, ACC-TNR had trapped, neutered and returned 98 cats, all paid for through private fundraising.

Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, ACC-TNR neutered 155 cats, 99 of which were within city limits. Of the 56 cats taken from outside city limits, 19 were from <2 miles of city limits. All 98 cats from 2021-2022 were in the city limits.

Visit the full, interactive map here:  
<https://t.ly/TMO3o>

Members of the public reach out to ACC-TNR via our Facebook page, phone calls, and word of mouth. They are added to a master list and addressed in order. As of June 30, 2023, we had trapped at the first 70 locations we were told about, which leaves 65 remaining on our list.

## Finances

	Income
7/2021 - 12/2021	\$2,551.18
1/2022 - 6/2022	\$10,725.94
7/2022 - 12/2022	\$7,166.14
1/2023 - 6/2023	\$14,009.42

ACC-TNR has run chocolate bar sales, chicken barbeques, t-shirt sales, and other fundraisers, besides tabling at many community events to solicit private donations. Our group members donate items to sell at craft fairs and yard sales. We have GoFundMe and Venmo accounts that we share widely. We presented at a City Council meeting in April of 2022, asking for financial assistance, and were awarded \$5,000 in the 2022-2023 city budget.

Our biggest challenge has been a lack of available appointments. In 2021, we surveyed local veterinarians and found that average private appointments cost over \$250 per cat and were difficult to obtain and schedule.

	Expenditures (Clinics, Supplies)
7/2021 - 12/2021	\$0.00
1/2022 - 6/2022	\$4,840.51
7/2022 - 12/2022	\$6,529.22
1/2023 - 6/2023	\$5,519.45

Low cost spay and neuter clinics are held at the Finger Lakes SPCA of CNY three times per month, but we are limited to 2 cats per clinic. The SPCA will sometimes cover our costs with a grant for stray cats, but this is inconsistent.

Several times per year, we have been able to hold our own clinics with more expensive independent veterinarians. We fix between 12 and 16 cats at each of those clinics.

Auburn Community Cats TNR, Inc. spent \$16,889.18 by June 30, 2023. In that time, we fixed 253 cats. Therefore, our average cost per cat by June 30, 2023 was \$66.76.

Auburn Community Cats TNR, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization.

## Board Members, 2021 - June 2023:

President:	Sue Secaur	4392 State Route 34B, Union Springs, NY
Vice-President:	Alicia Freyee	37 Walnut Street, Auburn, NY
Secretary:	Claire Lovell	1 Tuxill Square, Auburn, NY
Co-Treasurers:	Katie Smith	34 Meadowbrook Drive, Auburn, NY
	Erin Colella	58 Bradford Street, Auburn, NY

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