

**Auburn City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 13, 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, 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
- Corporation Counsel, Stacy DeForrest
- City Clerk, Chuck Mason
- Director of Capital Projects and Grants, Christina Selvek
- Fire Chief, Mark Fritz
- Police Chief, James Slayton
- Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen
- Technical Director of Municipal Utilities and Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator, Tim O'Brien

**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** –

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's teachings can continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Day of Service theme this year is *“It Starts With Me”*. It calls upon us to confront and acknowledge the work has yet to be completed in a way that produces equitable outcomes for all. As King stated “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality.” We must recognize that these injustices suffered by people of all marginalized identities are all intertwined and only benefit the few. By acknowledging and understanding these connections, we find that we are all trying to achieve the same dream; and

**WHEREAS**, each of us can and must contribute, support, and implement projects that increase economic opportunities, improve education, support veterans and military families, help combat the opioid crisis, and help communities prepare for and recover from disasters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Quill**, Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2022, as a Day of Service in honor of

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

in the City of Auburn, and call upon the people of this community to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Thirteenth day of January 2022.

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

**Public to be heard:** Mayor Quill asked the Clerk to read the public to be heard rules. No speakers.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

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Motion to approve the January 6, 2022 minutes by Councilor Kent, seconded by Councilor Locastro.

Motion to approve carried 5-0.

**Reports of City Officials**

**A. City Manager’s Report –**

**Reports from members of Council**

**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 Presentations –**

**Biosolids Design Project Update** by Seth Jensen, Director of Municipal Utilities

The City's Director of Municipal Utilities, Seth Jensen and Eric Muir, from the City's contractor Brown & Caldwell provided the City Council with an update on the design of future upgrades that are planned for the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. A change order for the design contract totaling \$977,900 for the Biosolid Dryer Capital Project will be brought to Council on January 20, 2022. This change order request will complete the design of the Biosolid Dryer, as well as, engineer the following other improvements to the wastewater treatment facility: 1) Electrical Entrance Gear Replacement, 2) Aeration Tank Diffuser and Blower Replacement, 3) Final Settling Tank Rehabilitation, 4) Primary Clarifier Scum Trough Replacement, 5) ORF Tank Concrete Rehabilitation, 6) Site-wide Communication Improvements, 7) Sludge Pump and Meter Replacement, and 8) Fire Alarm System Communication Improvements.

**Discussion on Rules and Procedures for City Council** by Chuck Mason, City Clerk (see attached)

**TABLED ITEMS - none**

**OTHER BUSINESS –**

Councilor Cuddy discussed that he has drafted a resolution for the City Council requesting that the Governor develop, adopt, and implement without further delay a TMDL comprehensive watershed clean-up plan for Owasco Lake and that the DEC’s draft 2022 303(d) Impaired Waterbody Registry be

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changed to classify Owasco Lake accordingly. He asks that the resolution be included on the January 20, 2022 agenda for Council consideration.

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

- One matter made confidential by Federal or State law. (Section 4503 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules which establishes that a confidential communication between attorney and client shall be privileged. Pursuant to this section, Council will be receiving legal advice from its attorney which fulfills the requirement provided in Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law allowing this exemption.) The motion to enter executive session carried 5-0. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** By unanimous vote the Council adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Mason, City Clerk