

**Auburn City Council
Meeting # 2
January 7, 2010
Business Meeting
6:00PM**

Mayor Quill called the meeting to order.

The City Clerk called the Roll: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower and Mayor Quill, present.

Staff Members Present: Staff Members: City Manager, Mark Palesh, John Rossi, Corporation Counsel, Debra McCormick City Clerk, Lisa Green Comptroller, Chief of Police Gary Giannotta, Bill Lupien, Engineering Supervisor, Chief Hammon, Crystal Cosentino Planning, Jenny Haines, Planning Director.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Mayor Quill led the pledge and asked for a moment of silence.

Public to be heard

Norm Davis, 98 North Division St. spoke to Council to thank them and Chief Giannotta for appointing him to the Neighborhood and Housing Commission and he expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve the City.

Burt Breese, 5 Grove Ave. Apt. 3 spoke to Council to request help with his landlord, Northeast Reality Investments. He has been unable to contact them to repair problems and tenant disturbances at his apartment that are impacting his family.

Bruce Natalie, 17 Elizabeth St. and member of the Owasco Lake Watershed Association spoke to introduce other members in attendance and to comment on the presentation that is on the agenda.

Mark Dunn, Grant Ave. Development, spoke to Council to express his opposition to a section of the Comprehensive Plan that would require the elimination of pole sign use by businesses.

Mike O Neil, 26 Hockeborne Ave spoke in support of Mr. Dunn's comments.

Terry Cuddy, 130 North St. – Spoke to Council to convey his opposition and concern about drilling for natural gas.

Mark Kubarek, 108 North St. owner of K&S Carwash, spoke in support of Mr. Dunn and Mr. O Neil. He requested that Council work on bringing business to Auburn.

Presentations and Proclamations

- A. The City Clerk read a proclamation by the Mayor to recognize “City of Auburn Employee Recognition Week”

- B. Jessica Miles, Owasco Lake Watershed Inspector gave Council a presentation overview of the work her department has done to monitor and enforce proper use of land in the watershed area. She also stated that additional personnel are needed.

Public Announcements – None

City Manager’s Report – None

SEQR Resolutions – None

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

Financial Resolution #1 of 2010 Council to authorizing the adoption of the 2010 County Tax Rate and the preparation of the necessary tax bills. **VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED**

Agreement Resolution #2 of 2010 Council authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Earth Energy Consultants, LLC for the purpose of conducting a **geologic study to locate existing natural gas development on City of Auburn property.** **VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Smith, Brower, and Mayor Quill, aye. CARRIED**

Note - Prior to this vote, Mr. John Montone spoke to answer questions from Council.

Agreement Resolution #3 of 2010 authorizing Council to approve Supplemental Agreement #2 with McFarland-Johnson, Inc., consultants for the York Street reconstruction project. **VOTE: Councilor Graney, McNabb, Brower, and Mayor Quill, aye - Councilor Smith, no. CARRIED**

Note – Prior to this vote, Bill Lupien, Superintendant of Engineering spoke to answer questions form City Council regarding the status of the York St. project and other concerns regarding it.

At the request of the City Manager Council adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contract at 7:20PM. Motion by Councilor McNabb, seconded by Councilor Brower. All were in favor.

Council returned at 7:30PM – Mayor Quill called the meeting back to order.

Local Laws – None

Tabled Legislation – None

Other Business –

A. Work Session to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

Jenny Haines, Director of Planning and Economic Development reviewed amendments to sections that Council asked by reworked. She discussed the issues regarding Council's concerns about pole sign and sidewalk requirements as they related to homeowners and business issues. Council discussed the options and directed staff to rework language in the plan again and include business owners that have expressed opposition.

Adjournment - Mayor Quill adjourned the meeting at 8:45PM.