

IN COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2025 VOL 38 PAGE 62

Mayor Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Auburn Hall and led the assembly in the salute to the flag. Councilor Gerry was absent.

I. Consent Items

1. ORDER 106-12012025 – Confirming appointments of Election Wardens & Ward Clerks for a two year term, as nominated by the City Clerk.

Councilor Weisner moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Walker. Motion passed 6-0.

II. Minutes - November 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Walker moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cowan. Motion passed 6-0.

III. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

- Recognizing Councilors Richard Whiting (Ward 1), Stephen Milks (Ward 3), and Benjamin Weisner (Ward 4)

Mayor Harmon presented a plaque to outgoing Councilors Whiting, Milks, and Weisner.

IV. Open Session

None.

V. Unfinished Business

None.

VI. New Business

1. ORDER 107-12012025 - Authorizing the City Manager to Proceed with Construction of the Public Safety Facility. Passage requires majority vote.

Councilor Whiting moved for passage, seconded by Councilor Walker. Mayor Harmon opened the item for public comment, there was no comment.

Motion passed 6-0.

VII. Reports

Mayor Harmon shared he attended the Androscoggin County budget hearing with the Assistant City Manager to oppose the budget increase. Reminded the public of the Christmas Parade & Tree lighting on December 7th in Festival Plaza.

Councilor Whiting noted an early start to the ski season. Councilor Weisner recognized LA 911 Committee and the LA Airport Committee and thanked the committees for the opportunity to serve.

Councilor Walker shared that New Auburn will have a Christmas celebration on December 13. The Age-Friendly Thanksgiving dinner was held on Thanksgiving Day. The Committee served 175 meals on Thanksgiving Day and would also like to thank all of the volunteers who came to help set-up and clean up, serve, and make desserts. The Committee also received a total of \$796.00 in donations, the most received so far for any event.

Councilor Platz shared an update on the School Committee's budget process and planning and project timeline for Auburn Middle School feasibility studies for adding 6th grade projected in summer 2028 if the project continues. Recognized Councilor Walker for his work in organizing the Thanksgiving dinner and other community events. Representative Edwards shared that the school is closed tomorrow for a snow day and boys won their first preseason hockey game.

The City Manager thanked the Colgan family for donating the City's Christmas tree; thanked outgoing Councilors Whiting, Milks and Weisner; noted the City's budget timeline and planning process for Fiscal Year 2027. The City held an onboarding session for the three new Councilors to be sworn into office on December 11.

VIII. Open Session

None.

XI. Executive Session

None

X. Adjournment

Councilor Walker moved to adjourn at 7:17pm, seconded by Councilor Weisner. Motion passed 6-0.

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Emily Carrington, City Clerk