

CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2010  
7:00pm

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council, held at 129 W. Emerson Street, Ithaca, Michigan, was called to order by Mayor George Bailey at 7:00pm and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Councilperson Schafer opened with prayer.

Present were Mayor George Bailey, Councilpersons Brian Henderson, L.D. Hollenbeck, Alice Schafer, John Thomas, Cathy Timmons, Larry Trexler and Attorney Jefferson Arnold. Staff present was City Manager Chelsey Foster, Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Fandell, Fire Chief Dave Nelson and Rescue Chief Jamie Gulick.

Audience in attendance was Charlie Stack, Sue Stack, Danny Stack, David Stack and Phyllis McCrossin.

A motion was made by Councilperson Hollenbeck, second by Councilperson Timmons to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

***Public Comment***

Mayor Bailey asked to receive public comment. Charlie Stack from the Ithaca High School government class introduced himself and his family.

***Committee Reports***

Councilperson Timmons reported that the Building and Grounds committee met to review the Community Center Rental Policy and recommends its adoption as written.

A motion was made by Councilperson Timmons, second by Councilperson Hollenbeck to adopt the Community Center Rental Policy. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hollenbeck reported that the GAS Fair Board met and discussed the lease and the maintenance/upkeep responsibility for the barns. City Manager Foster stated he is currently researching minutes from the original ~~McNabb Park Commission~~ Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilperson Thomas reported that the 9-1-1 Committee met and discussion was held on the millage renewal and surcharge fees.

Councilperson Thomas reported ~~the~~ that a joint meeting was held between the Water, Sewer committee and the Ways and Means committee to review the water tower rental of Bader and Sons and the water meter issue. The City Manager will continue to pursue the water meter litigation and he will allow staff to order meters to maintain operations.

Councilperson Thomas reported that the Personnel Committee met for DPW Union Negotiations.

***Department Reports***

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell reported on the second quarter financials and investments of the City and the department's activity. She updated members on the State Revenue Estimating conference and revenue sharing forecast. Clerk-Treasurer Fandell informed members that quotes were requested from the two in-city realtors for listing the Westwind lots that are available and an update will be provided after they are reviewed. Councilperson Hollenbeck requested that the investment report include the amount of uninsured fund liability.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Hollenbeck to accept and file the Clerk-Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Nelson reported on the second quarter activity of the Fire Department. The department made 14 runs and 8 investigations and participated in the H1N1 Flu Clinic, Santa Parade, Fire Prevention for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and a grain dryer fire and foam operations training. Chief Nelson updated members on the Technology Committee which was formed to look at the future needs of the 9-1-1 dispatch center.

Councilperson Trexler inquired if staffing was adequate in the department. Chief Nelson stated there are 17 firefighters and would like to increase to 18, however didn't feel the department needed to carry the full 20 as they have adequate personnel on scene.

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Councilperson Hollenbeck inquired as to if discussions were being held by the chiefs on equipment sharing. Chief Nelson stated the Fire Chief Association is currently reviewing what equipment and services may be able to be combined in the short and long term, however the larger

A motion was made by Councilperson Hollenbeck, second by Councilperson Henderson to receive the Fire Chief's report. Motion carried.

Chief Gulick reported on the Rescue Department's second quarter activity. The department participated in the H1N1 Vaccination Clinic and covered the Ithaca Schools football games and wrestling tournament. The schools are appreciative and the monetary contributions to the department for the coverage are returned in the Memorial Scholarship at the end of the school year. Chief Gulick reported that the truck lighting problem has been temporarily fixed and will be repaired when the part arrives and he thanked the DPW for repairing the radiant heater in the rescue bay. Chief Gulick reported that he has not replaced the position Matt Gulick held, and will not at this time due to budgetary reasons.

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Timmons to receive the Rescue Chief's report. Motion carried.

### ***City Manager's Report***

City Manager Foster reported that the DPW began installation of the water and sewer main extension for the Pioneer project and gave additional construction updates. Manager Foster informed members on the FEMA Flood Map meeting and effects it could have on residents and industry in the hazard areas. He further informed members on of a National Storm Water Management Plan the EPA will be unrolling soon which plans to force communities to begin filtering storm water before it reaches ditches, streams, etc. and updated members on the Household Income Survey status.

City Manager Foster reported that Daryl Cooper has offered to groom the park trails with the City's groomer. He continues to work on the GAS lease and he and Councilperson Hollenbeck will be making some onsite visits to neighboring communities' fairgrounds.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Thomas to receive the City Manager's report. Motion carried.

### ***Old and New Business***

Councilperson Schafer discussed the student program with Mr. Lambrecht and is waiting for him to get back with her with a selection. Clerk-Treasurer Fandell suggested using the Youth Leadership Gratiot students from Ithaca as an option.

Mayor Bailey stated a meeting will be held to discuss collaboration between the Mayors and Managers from Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma next week.

Councilperson Timmons informed members that the Ithaca Promotional Committee will be paying to replace the speaker system and are taking bids for the street flowers and for the flowers in the pots and hangers. She inquired on the Pet Cemetery status. Mayor Bailey stated it will be part of the budget discussions for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

### ***Payroll and Warrants***

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Trexler to approve the claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Clerk-Treasurer Fandell and recommended to say Committee for payment; Accounts Payable Checks #35081-35143 and Payroll Checks #8062-8112 as listed in the Check Register Book. Motion carried.

Mayor Bailey asked to receive public comment. None were received.

### ***Closed Session***

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Trexler to enter into closed session for union bargaining agreement negotiations.

Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: (7) Henderson, Hollenbeck, Schafer, Thomas, Timmons, Trexler, Bailey

Nays: (0) None

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Mayor Bailey excused the public.

Closed Session was entered at 8:00pm.

Return to Open Session at 8:13pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

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Barbara Fandell, Clerk-Treasurer

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George Bailey, Mayor