

CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2009  
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. Mayor Bailey opened with prayer.

Present were Mayor George Bailey, Councilpersons L.D. Hollenbeck, Alice Schafer, Charles Teegardin, John Thomas, Cathy Timmons, Larry Trexler and City Attorney Jefferson Arnold. Staff present was Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Fandell.

Audience in attendance was Michael Trebesh, Lynn Shoen and David Nelson.

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

Councilperson Hollenbeck called for point of order and requested to add to the agenda a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Mayor Bailey denied the request as the closed session was not requested by the employee and thus would violate the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Bailey asked to receive public comments.

Mr. Michael Trebesh introduced himself as the Gratiot County liaison for Senator Roger Kahn.

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell reported in the absence of a City Manager, an update on the Economic Recovery Bill and Federal Stimulus package status. The City's project list has been submitted to multiple agencies and the Federal and State Representatives and Senators for the City of Ithaca. Councilperson Thomas inquired of Michael Trebesh the status of the US-127 project and where it will fit into the package. Mr. Trebesh responded it would fall into the road infrastructure and the Senator is urging support for the project.

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell reported on the Street Paving project of the water and sewer bond project, presenting Change Orders One (1) and Two (2) for City Council review. Change Order #1, in the amount of \$2,652.80 was for additional materials needed due to the condition of the road on E Newark between S. Jeffery and S. Ithaca Streets where there was no aggregate base. Change Order #2, in the amount of \$7,380.88 was for additional cost for the actual quantity of asphalt tonnage used in the project. There were areas of the project where the pavement condition was questionable and more asphalt was required to maintain proper specification. The original bids were unit based and on estimated quantity as submitted by Rowe Professional Services.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Teegardin to approve Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 in the total amount of \$10,033.68 for the 2008 Street Paving Project and to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay Application #1 to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$132,241.87. Motion carried.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell presented Resolution 2009-03 support of stimulus funding to local governments. The Resolution urges congressional support for the overall infrastructure stimulus program as well as sub-allocation allowing local government units to select projects to benefit their communities and receive funds directly.

A motion was made by Councilperson Schafer, second by Councilperson Thomas to adopt Resolution 2009-03 Support of Stimulus Funding to Local Governments. Councilperson Hollenbeck inquired as to the timing of the resolution, with the Republican Party voting against the initial package. Councilperson Trexler recommended the Clerk send a letter urging David Camp's support, as well as the City's other representatives with a copy of the Resolution. Motion carried.