

CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 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 Doug Stevens, Wilbur Rykert, and Linda Gittleman.

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

Mayor Bailey asked to receive public comments. None were given.

The monthly Police Department report was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Thomas to receive the Police Department report. Motion carried.

Mayor Bailey stated he received a resignation letter from Downtown Development Director Stephen King who was offered a full time position with another organization. A motion was made by Councilperson Hollenbeck, second by Councilperson Timmons to accept the resignation of Stephen King. Motion carried.

Mayor Bailey asked Doug Stevens of Rowe Professional Services to speak on the St. Johns sanitary sewer extension project change order. Mr. Stevens stated the Change Order is being requested as the contractor can use a directional drilling method in lieu of the bore and jack method for installing the 6" sewer leads. Changing the method would result in a decrease in the contract amount of \$9,141.00 and the firm recommends approval of the Change Order. A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Thomas to approve St. John Street Sanitary Sewer Extension project Change Order #1 in the decreased amount of \$9,141.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Bailey asked Mr. Stevens for a project update. Mr. Stevens stated the sewer project is coming along despite weather delays and an unexpected equipment break. Mr. Stevens further updated members on the test well sight results. The west location deeper aquifer proved to be non-existent and tests would only allow a new well to locate in the same aquifer currently being used. The north location tests showed a lower aquifer but one that is thin. The capacity is unknown without performing analysis and testing. It will also require at least one thousand feet of pipe to connect to the current water system. The firm is reviewing two additional sites currently.

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell reported that the street sweeper repair was completed and will be let out for bid in the next two weeks. The MML Capital Conference will be held the next day covering topics on declining property tax values, energy issues, transportation and infrastructure, brownfields, economic development and Federal and State affairs including the Stimulus package information. Mayor Bailey explained that the request submitted by DPW Director Bob Studdt for the purchase of the IPP sampler be held. An older, but similar piece of equipment was found in the department and needs to be tested for use or possible refurbishment.

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