

CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 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. Councilperson Thomas 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 and Consulting City Manager Dennis Collison.

Audience in attendance was John Tanner, Steve Lytle, Rick Wilson, Wilber Rykert, Ryan Schlehuber and Rick Bongard.

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

Councilperson Schafer reported that the Library Board met and the internet service change must go out for bid due to the USF funding received by the library. David Childs from MMNET addressed the Board on the internet connection and the feasibility of wireless connection through the MMNET. The cost would be \$6,900 and two-thirds of the cost could be reimbursed from USF and the USF will also help fund the cost of updating the library operational software from Follett to a new provider. Follett is no longer servicing the software. Councilperson Schafer also reported that the sign has been purchased and Signs of the Times is working on the installation and lettering. The library is remaining a member of the White Pine Cooperative and the Summer Reading program has begun.

Councilperson Thomas reported that the Ways and Means Committee met to review the 2009-2010 budget as changes were made to reflect the declining revenue sharing. The committee is recommending the adjustments to the budget.

Councilperson Trexler reported that the Public Safety Committee met to review the Rescue Squad Assistant Chief position applicants and to interview applicants for the position of Chief of Police. The committee is recommending the appointment of Andrew Cameron as Assistant Chief of the Rescue Squad and the offering of the position of Chief of Police to Steven Lytle pending a background check.

Mayor Bailey requested the appointments for Assistant Chief of Rescue and Chief of Police.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Teegardin to appoint Andrew Cameron as the Rescue Squad Assistant Chief. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Schafer, second by Councilperson Thomas to offer the Chief of Police position to Steven Lytle pending a background check and grant permission to Manager Collison to negotiate the employment offer with Mr. Lytle. Motion carried.