

CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 16, 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 Schafer 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 Ryan Schlehuder.

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

***Public Comment***

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

***Committee Reports***

Mayor Bailey reported that the Committee of the Whole met to review the applications for the City Manager position. Four applicants were selected for interviews; three, which accepted, and the fourth withdrew to pursue another opportunity. The Committee also reviewed a request for an assessment adjustment and there is no recommendation for adjustment.

Councilperson Trexler reported that the Parks and Cemetery Committee met to review the McNabb Park campsite request by Gratiot Agricultural Society, the development of a pet cemetery, cemetery lot sales policy and cemetery memorial flowers. The Committee recommends a meeting be held with G.A.S members to look at a needs assessment for the campsite development and a new lease be drawn with G.A.S. and an agreement with Scott DeMaul. The committee will have staff develop guidelines for the pet cemetery and return to committee for review. Staff will further develop an interoffice policy for cemetery lot sales effective for July 1, 2009 that lots not paid for in full, will only be allowed twelve months to pay in full on scheduled payments with additional fees for installment paying. This will also apply to any lot not paid in full as of July 1, 2009. The Committee directed staff to research the memorial flowers being placed by Godley's Floral for past memorial donations and have them stopped if funds are depleted from the memorials.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Hollenbeck to accept the recommendations as formerly listed. Councilperson Timmons inquired on some McNabb park cleaning and maintenance issues and when they would be addressed. Councilperson Schafer stated they would be worked out with the new agreement with G.A.S. and presented to Council for final approval. Motion carried.

***Public Hearing and Budget Adoption***

Mayor Bailey opened the Public Hearing on the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments at 7:10pm.

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell reviewed the amendments with the Council and audience. The most significant amendments being for the Johnson property purchase, Streetscape street lighting, Fire Hall repairs, Police Union Retirement Plan change, the loss of the City Manager and Public Safety Director, the drains at-large assessment, the detention pond and the water/sewer bond construction work.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Councilperson Schafer, second by Councilperson Timmons to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 7:15pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Thomas to adopt the 2008-2009 budget amendments. Motion carried.