

CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 21, 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 and Larry Trexler and Attorney Jefferson Arnold. Staff present was Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Fandell, City Manager Chelsey Foster, Building Inspector Dale Sherman, Rescue Chief Jamie Gulick and Fire Chief Dave Nelson.

Audience in attendance was Don Schurr, Bill Dilts and Wilbur Rykert.

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

Mayor Bailey requested removal of agenda items #9 and #10 Resolutions 2009-09 and 2009-10 due to issues with the applications. A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Teegardin to remove Agenda Items #9 and #10 and approve as amended. Motion carried.

***Public Comment***

Mayor Bailey asked to receive public comment. None was given.

***Committee Reports***

Councilperson Schafer reported that the Library Board met. The board is looking at constructing a patio area under the picnic table and bench with its memorial funds as well as improving the book drop box. The director has obtained a new agent for the USF fund reporting, the sign was dedicated, two computers have been replaced and the summer reading program has been a success. Clerk-Treasurer Fandell added that the penal fines were received and came in \$2,000 higher than budgeted.

Councilperson Thomas reported that the Ways and Means Committee met to review the property donation requests of Dennis Smith and Choice Locations. The Committee would recommend acceptance of the Smith property if the assessment on the property was paid off prior to it being donated, but the owners are not in acceptance of that arrangement. The staff has confirmed access to the Choice Locations property and the committee recommends accepting this property.

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Trexler to accept the property donation for parcel #29-52-060-305-00. City Manger Foster stated the road access is not listed on the Act 51 map so it will be added and the road will need to be named. Motion Carried.

Councilperson Trexler reported that the Senior Activity Board met and expressed their appreciation to Bob Studt and department for the parking lot and bumper work. He further reported that the Airport Authority met and is working on a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan and on a program to present to the townships and others to attract additional members.

***Public Hearing***

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Timmons to open the Public Hearing for CAU Acquisition Company LLC IFT Application. Motion Carried.

Mayor Bailey opened the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

City Manger Foster reviewed the history of the project and the MEGA tax credit process which required local support from the City prior to the IFT application process. The company has filed two applications, one for the Rehabilitation of the Union Street plant and one for the Personal Property. The Resolutions would not be able to be acted upon due an error in property being reported on the wrong application and would need to be moved for accurate accounting.

Don Schurr of Greater Gratiot Development added that the MEGA award was set on the incentive of local support and is the primary reason CAU stayed in Ithaca, they sited the City being easy to