

CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 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 Attorney Jefferson Arnold. Staff present was City Manager Chelsey Foster and Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Fandell, Chief of Police Steve Lytle.

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell noted some typographical corrections to the minutes.

A motion was made by Councilperson Hollenbeck, second by Councilperson Timmons to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections as noted by the City Clerk. Motion carried.

***Public Comment***

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

***Committee Reports***

Councilperson Schafer reported that the Library Board held the dedication ceremony for the patio in honor of Mr. McDaid and it was well attended. The Board has completed updating the Technology Use Policy, held discussions regarding the budgetary cuts to the State Aid, and noted that part-time staff member Melissa McAlvey has taken a position with the Lansing Library so her hours worked here will be substitute only.

Councilperson Timmons reported that the Ithaca Promotional Committee met and gave an update on events being held; in addition, snowmen orders are now being taken.

Mayor Bailey reported that the Committee of the Whole met for a goal setting session for the upcoming year. Once a report is compiled, a follow-up session will be held with the department head staff.

***Department Reports***

Police Chief Lytle reported that the Department answered 109 complaints for the month of September, with the count varying due to verbal warnings not being included in the database. Chief Lytle has instituted the change and the data will be downloadable to the patrol cars in the future for officers to check for repeat offenders or criminal drive throughs. Chief Lytle reported that he is evaluating accident data and will be developing an accident prevention plan to help eliminate traffic accidents in concentrated or trouble areas in the City.

Mayor Bailey noted the school crossing lights were not working. City Manager Foster stated MDOT staff is looking to update the signals as they are the older ones.

Chief Lytle further reported that Officer Chase attended a photo crime lab training and he received training on the thermal imaging equipment the City received through a \$9,000 FEMA based grant from CDAP. He further reported that three arrests had been made and parties sentenced for the graffiti damage to Woodland Park and throughout the city. The parties have been ordered to perform community service as part of their sentencing and the City has the first option for the service to be performed for it.

A motion was made by Councilperson Trexler, second by Councilperson Thomas to receive the Police Department Report. Motion carried.

***Appointments***

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell requested the appointment of a City Officer to the Election Commission for the General Election to be held November 3, 2009 as set by City Charter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Schafer, second by Councilperson Teegardin to appoint City Manager Foster to the Election Commission for the November 3, 2009 General Election. Motion carried.

***City Manager's Report***

City Manager Foster reported on the status of each construction project, the Westwind storm drain easement revision, the status of the Countywide Master Plan, the City Parks & Recreation Plan and the Hazard Mitigation plan.

He informed members that contact has been made with the MDNRTF grant coordinator and he and Clerk Fandell will be submitting additional information to help improve the preliminary score for the McNabb Park Development grant. Manager Foster updated members on the Safe-Routes-to School grant project and informed them that the Energy Efficiency planning group is writing a grant to receive up to \$200,000 toward the strategic planning and upgrades to facilities.

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

***Old and New Business***

Clerk-Treasurer Fandell informed members that the ballots for the Election had been received and the Public Testing of the machines had been scheduled for next week.

Mayor Bailey stated Councilperson Trexler had been appointed to the Gratiot Community Airport Authority during the absence of a City Manager and requested members to appoint City Manager Foster to replace Councilperson Trexler to the authority at his request.

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Timmons to appoint City Manager Foster to the Gratiot Community Airport Authority as the representative for the City of Ithaca. Motion carried.

***Payroll and Warrants***

A motion was made by Councilperson Thomas, second by Councilperson Teegardin to approve the claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Clerk-Treasurer Fandell and recommended to say Committee for payment; Accounts Payable Checks #34689-34777, Water Bond Construction Checks #1122-1124 and Payroll Checks #7668-7736 as listed in the Check Register Book. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Barbara Fandell, Clerk-Treasurer

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George Bailey, Mayor