

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2025
5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Brett Baublitz at 5:30pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were Mayor Brett Baublitz, Councilpersons James Andrew, Rob Endter, Clark Hubbard, Rick Koppleberger, Alison Lombardi and Kristyn Roethlisberger. Staff present was City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Additional staff present was DPW Superintendent Brandon Smith.

Audience in attendance was Gary Hansen, Shannon McKnight, Brook Vernon and Meghan Downham.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 2025. Motion carried.

Mayor Baublitz asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Conn requested to add Budget Amendments to the agenda under Unfinished Business. Mayor Baublitz placed it as item 9b.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Lombardi to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 9b. Budget Amendments) including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comment. There was none.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to approve the consent agenda items as listed:

- **City Manager's written report included updates and information on ACO Draft Response, DPW Opening, Pine River Street, Audit Consulting Agreement, Old US-27 Car Show and IPC Golf Outing.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Klifman and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #50799-50832, #1036(A) and Payroll Checks #17107-17111, DD #3364-3377, EFT #2032-2040 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received was none.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (7) Endter, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Lombardi, Roethlisberger, Andrew, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Committee/Department Reports

There was none.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn provided a status update on EGLE's ACO agreement. We were given an extension for the response draft, now due on August 22nd. The draft will be provided at the next meeting. Several applications were received for the DPW opening, with interviews beginning next week.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Baublitz requested to go into closed session to discuss the Law Enforcement Services Contract.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Roethlisberger to enter closed session. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 5:35pm.

Moved by Andrew, second by Lombardi to return to open session. Motion carried.

Return to open session at 6:02pm.

Moved by Clark, second by Endter to direct Manager Conn to enter negotiations with the Gratiot County Sheriffs Department to provide 24/7 police services for the City of Ithaca.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (4) Hubbard, Lombardi, Andrew, Endter

Nos: (3) Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Baublitz

Absent: (0) None

Manger Conn presented the Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as submitted by Treasurer Klifman. The Pine River Street Engineering cost of \$30,700 was budgeted for in FY2024-25, however plans were not received until FY2025-26 budget period. The same project had an estimated amount of \$66,800 for storm and sewer work. DPW Superintendent Smith provided an informational update on the progress of the project. The entire project will be funded through major streets. The budget amendment request is to move \$97,500 into FY2025-2026 major streets fund.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Lombardi to approve the budget amendment of \$97,500 to be moved into the FY2025-2026 budget Major Streets Funds. Motion carried.

New Business

Manager Conn presented the Audit Consulting Agreement with Barbara Bailey; for temporary (20-40 hours) consulting services to assist Treasurer Klifman with FY2024-2025 audit preparation. Compensation rate is \$85 per hour in addition to mileage reimbursement.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to approve the Audit Consulting Agreement. Motion carried.

Clerk Cameron presented the names received from the nominating committee to be placed on the Senior Activity Building Board election ballot. Those individuals were Joyce Raycraft, Ron Peters, Maureen Murphy, Val Melow and Cheryl Hull.

Moved by Endter, second by Koppleberger to approve the nominating committee's names as submitted, to be placed on the ballot for the Senior Activity Building Board. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. Meghan Downham inquired on items in the Master Plan.

Announcements

There was none.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Approved 8-19-2025

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk

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