

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2021
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Schafer at 7:00pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Schafer gave the invocation.

Present were Mayor Alice Schafer and Councilpersons James Andrew, Brett Baublitz, Scott Gray, James Gruesbeck, Clark Hubbard and Rick Koppleberger. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Attorney Jefferson Arnold.

Audience in attendance was Rob & Lexi Endter.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Gray to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on September 21, 2021. Motion carried.

Mayor Schafer asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to approve the agenda, including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was given.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information on Ellen's Equipment, Union Street Water Main, Library Roof, Lead/Copper Presentation, On-line Auction, Sidewalk Zone 6, Senior Activity Center, Cemetery Shed, Avenue A and the Alma City Manager.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #47669-47699 and Payroll Checks #16341-16354, DD #1996-2014, EFT #1340-1346 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: None**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (7) Gruesbeck, Hubbard, Koppleberger, Andrew, Baublitz, Gray and Schafer

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Committee Reports

There was none.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported to Council that Attorney Arnold has filed the required paperwork with the court system in order to obtain the deed to sell the Dilts Road property to Ellen's Equipment.

Manager Conn reported that the library roof has a leak. There was over \$2,000 valuation of books that were damaged. The roofing contractor inspected the leak and determined that it is was caused by their own

negligence. They are making repairs to the roof. The contractor (or their liability insurance company) will be held responsible for the damages to the interior of the building and replacement of the books.

Manager Conn reported that the lead/copper presentation went well at the county meeting held earlier this evening. The on-line auction made over \$7,000 in profit. Sidewalk zone 6 has started. The senior activity center is looking into developing a pickle ball court on their property. A new metal roof has been installed on the cemetery shed.

Manager Conn reported that the owners of Trinity Trailer have agreed to cover the expense of fixing the radius at the corner of Avenue A and Industrial Parkway.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Manager Conn reported to Council that he met with both DPW Superintendent Smith and Water/Sewer Superintendent Waldron for their six-month performance review. Manager Conn stated that they both are doing a great job and have been very responsive with him working on issues as they arise. The creation and collaboration of these two working superintendent positions is working out well. Manager Conn recommended an increase of at least \$2,500 to \$5,000 annually for each one. Discussion was held.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Baublitz to approve a salary increase of \$5,000 effective November 8th, for each Superintendent. Motion carried.

Manager Conn stated that the profits from the on-line auction are going towards new equipment. The DPW has requested authorization to purchase a new loader bucket, traffic cones, and a utility trailer. Purchasing all three would be over the profit of the \$7,000 collected at the auction. Manager Conn requested the approval for all three items to be purchased at this time.

Moved by Gray, second by Hubbard to approve the purchase of a new loader bucket, traffic cones, and a utility trailer with total cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motioned carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was given.

Mayor Schafer asked for any additional business to come before the Council. Manager Conn informed Council that he would be meeting with Sheriff Morris and Lt. McCollum at 11:00am. on Thursday, if any of the Council would like to join them for contract negotiation talks. Clerk Cameron stated that it would soon be time for the City Managers annual performance review. As Chair of the Personnel Committee, Councilperson Koppleberger acknowledged and requested the evaluation forms be distributed by the City Clerk. Clerk Cameron had prepared them ahead of the meeting and distributed them around the table. Councilperson Koppleberger asked the councilmembers to fill them out and return to him by Monday, October 11, 2021.

Mayor Schafer scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting for 6:00pm. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 to review the City Managers performance evaluations.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Approved 10-19-2021

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk

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