

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2022
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. Councilperson Koppleberger gave the invocation.

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

Absent was Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Staff Present was Lt. Roy McCollum.

Audience in attendance was Sean Beckman with Rowe PSC.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on January 4, 2022. Motion carried.

Mayor Schafer asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. City Manager Conn requested to add Lagoon Discharge Transfer to the agenda under New Business. Mayor Schafer placed it as item 10b.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Baublitz to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 10b. Lagoon Discharge Transfer), including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was given.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on Point Broadband, Rowe Engineering, West Center Street and the IPC.**
- **Ithaca Unit Report for December 2021.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #47979-48005, and Payroll Checks #16434-16441, DD #2093-2102, EFT #1388-1391 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: None.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

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

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Department Reports

Lt. Roy McCollum reported on the December activity of the Ithaca Unit and also presented the 2021 Annual report. The year in review showed a similar comparison to last year’s totals. Counts were as follows: Traffic stops = 1,030, Tickets = 435, Verbal warnings = 911, Arrests = 155, Property Inspections = 14,395 (includes both businesses and residences) and Complaints = 1,332. Lt. McCollum provided an update on the social media

threat made to the high school last month. The situation was resolved without incident and is being addressed through the court system.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to receive the 2021 Ithaca Unit Annual report. Motion carried.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that Point Broadband will be expanding their fiber throughout the city this year. A meeting will be held next month to review and discuss plans for the project. Manager Conn reported that pavement cores were collected on west center street for the pavement project this fall. He also reported that the Ithaca Promotional Committee approved to give the city \$1,000 towards the Christmas lighting budget for this year.

Unfinished Business

There was none to report.

New Business

Manager Conn presented the engineering proposals for the water service line replacement project as submitted by Rowe PSC. Manager Conn stated that ARPA funds will be used for this project. Mr. Sean Beckman provided an overview of the project. Currently, the downtown commercial district is served by four (4) 1-inch diameter service lines that will be replaced with eighteen (18) 2-inch diameter water services and new meters, providing one for each existing building. Mr. Beckman anticipates the replacement of up to seven hundred and eighty (780) residential lead water service lines. Mayor Schafer inquired if a contract in addition to this proposal was necessary. Mr. Beckman stated that Rowe PSC has a current general contract with the city, however will provide a short form project contract to attach to the proposal if the Council wished. Manager Conn confirmed that it was not technically necessary. Councilperson Baublitz commented that a contract would provide more clarification and offer additional tracking of the APRA funding source. Mr. Beckman stated that he will provide a contract to Manager Conn soon. It was the consensus of Council to hold the proposal until the contract is presented at the next meeting.

Manager Conn reported that after our most recent bi-annual discharge, Water/Sewer Superintendent Waldron requested an out of season discharge from EGLE. As we transferred the high level of pond one into pond two it reached the overflow line creating a low volume discharge. Superintendent Waldron is working with EGLE on his monthly miwaters reporting and at this time we will not need the additional discharge. Discussion was held.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was given.

Mayor Schafer asked for any additional business to come before the Council. Clerk Cameron reported that the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 5, 2022. Manager Conn reported that he attended a GESA meeting and Perrinton Fire Dept will be voting to proceed with a petition to join the authority at their meeting this Thursday. With the City recently transferring their assets, the GESA board extended an invitation to Councilperson Gruesbeck and Scott Gray to attend and share their knowledge of the process.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Approved 2-1-2022

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk