

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 1, 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. Mayor Schafer 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.

Audience in attendance was Kasey Zehner, Jim Wheeler and Jake Hirschman.

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on February 15, 2022. Motion carried.**

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

**Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the Agenda, including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. There was none.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on Westwind Estates city owned lots, Lead Service Line Repair, Sewer Truck, Well Head Protection Plan and Unified Network Consulting.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48083-48103, Grant Check #1217 and Payroll Checks #16458-16466, DD #2124-2134, EFT #1404-1410 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: None**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (0) None**

**City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn reported that Westwind Estates lots 27 & 28 have been surveyed to reflect our easement on the storm drain that was moved. The city owned lots will be listed for sale by Marci Browne with Americas Choice Realty. We had our kick off meeting with Sean and Aaron from Rowe regarding the lead service line repair bid specifications. The DPW Superintendents went to tour the manufacturing facility for sewer truck information and specifications. Manager Conn reported that he attended a virtual quarterly meeting on the well head protection plan. Unified Network Consulting will be in this week to install the in-house server and train staff on the new software.

**Unfinished Business**

There was none.

**New Business**

Mayor Schafer stated that it was time for the public hearing on the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Trident Manufacturing.

**Moved by Baublitz, second by Hubbard to enter into a public hearing to take comments on the IFE application submitted by Trident Manufacturing. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Schafer opened the public hearing at 7:06pm.**

Manager Conn turned the public hearing over to Jim Wheeler and Kasey Zehner with Greater Gratiot Development. Ms. Zehner presented the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption application submitted by Trident Manufacturing. Trident is the fourth largest private employer in Ithaca. This is Trident's second expansion within the last two years. This current expansion is an increase of 4800 square feet. While this expansion is being used as storage space, it has freed up storage space within the manufacturing facility which has created more production space. This allows for the creation of six new jobs. The IFE is being requested in the amount of \$88,000. Discussion was held.

Mayor Schafer asked for additional comments. None were offered.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Baublitz to close the public hearing. Motion carried.**

**Mayor Schafer closed the public hearing at 7:18pm.**

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppberger to adopt Resolution 2022-01 approving the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Trident Manufacturing and authorize the Mayor to sign. Motion carried.**

Mayor Schafer presented the Proclamation for Women's History Month. The week of March 7, 2022 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's History Week as proclaimed by President Reagan.

**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 reported that the Gratiot County Commissioners awarded a grant in the amount of \$80,000 for pickle ball courts to be installed at the Ithaca Senior Activity Building.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

*Approved 3-15-2022*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk