

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
March 24, 2022  
6:00 PM**

The special meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Schafer at 6:00 p.m. 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, and Rick Koppkeberger. Staff present were City Manager Jamey Conn, Deputy Clerk Shelly Moffit, City Treasurer Barbara Fandell and DPW Superintendent Brandon Smith.

Absent was Attorney Jefferson Arnold and Councilperson Alison Jerome.

Audience in attendance was none.

Mayor Schafer asked for approval of the agenda.

**Moved by Koppkeberger, second by Hubbard to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None were offered.

**New Business**

Manager Conn gave a synopsis of DPW Superintendent Brandon Smith and Water/Sewer Superintendent Jarred Waldron's meeting with Jack Doheny to look at, get information and request an estimate for a new Sewer Vector truck. The cost of the truck previously discussed and the quote submitted was inconsistent and was increased by approximately \$1000.

They also reached out to Fredrickson Supply for the same information. Fredrickson brought a Vector truck for a demonstration and both Superintendent's favored and approved of the truck. Fredrickson currently has a new Vector truck on their lot for sale. The price (\$448,500) was quoted below the quote from Doheny's (\$458,174). A 3% discount offered through Sourcewell, a national cooperative purchasing program for governmental entities, was figured into both of the quotes.

Superintendent Smith explained the issues and concerns with the current sewer truck and the necessity for prompt replacement. The truck has exceeded its 15-year life span and the truck was scheduled to be replaced two years ago.

Treasurer Fandell advised the council of the funding options for the purchase of the Sewer Vector truck. Due to the economic impact of the pandemic, the price increase of the truck has left a shortfall in the water/sewer reserves of \$110,000. Fandell requested permission to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that have been approved for the LCR (Lead Copper Replacement) Project to fund the reserve shortage in view of the fact that the truck is vital part of the LCR Project.

**Moved by Baublitz, second by Hubbard to approve the Sourcewell Agreement and to authorize Manager Conn to sign. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Baublitz, second by Hubbard to approve the purchase of Sewer Vector truck from Fredrickson Supply in the amount of \$448,500. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Kopplesberger, second by Hubbard to approve to utilize \$110,000 in ARPA funds from the LCR Project for the purchase of the Sewer Vactor truck, the remainder balance funded from the water/sewer reserves and to amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.**

Manager Conn updated the council on the circumstances regarding the dump/scrapper truck. A new truck is on schedule for the 2024-2025 budget year, however, cannot be ordered until late 2022 or early 2023. Schults Equipment had agreed to purchase the components needed for the truck and hold them until we have the truck and is ready for assembly. Shults contacted Superintendent Smith and informed him that the supplier's price previously quoted for the components have increased by approximately \$4000 in two weeks. The updated quote for the equipment and the wing plow option is valid for 7days. Schults would like a commitment from the city to order the components which would lock in the price until the new truck can be ordered.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to approve Schults Equipment to order the components, including the wing plow option, for installation on the new dump/scrapper truck in the amount of \$132,074. Motion carried.**

Manager Conn presented new city logo designs for the board's review and approval.

**Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the new city logo design that was presented. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None were offered.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

*Approved 4-5-2022*

*Shelly Moffitt*

Shelly Moffitt, Deputy Clerk