

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 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: None

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Andrew to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on April 19, 2022. Motion carried.

Mayor Schafer asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Conn requested to add Point Broadband First Amendment to the agenda under New Business. Mayor Schafer placed it as item 9c.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Baublitz to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 9c. Point Broadband First Amendment), including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. There was none.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on LSLR Pre-Bid Meeting, Water Main, DPW Crew, Chamber New Business Awards, Elm Street and Gratiot County Library Board.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48229-48252, Grant Checks #1223 and Payroll Checks #16496-16504, DD #2179-2189, EFT #1428-1434 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: County Library Memo, Library Minutes and Chamber Awards.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

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

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that the Lead Service Line Replacement pre-bid meeting was held with interested contractors and Sean with Rowe PSC. There was a water main break on Whispering Pines. Manager Conn reported that two DPW crew members have submitted their resignation to go work with the County Road Commission. The Gratiot County Chamber held their annual ceremony to honor new and newly remodeled businesses. The DPW will be repairing pot holes on South Elm Street. A memo of correspondence from the City of Alma was sent to the County Library Board requesting a larger portion of the millage money collected.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Manager Conn reported that the current bids for next fiscal year street projects are nearing their end date. In order to avoid any increases, staff recommendation is to approve those projects tonight, securing the bid amounts. Discussion was held.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the 2022/2023 Street Projects as bid. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the two proposals received for the renovations of City Hall and the Community Center. The lowest proposal was submitted by Freed Construction of Alma with City Hall at \$185,758 and the Community Center at \$65,719. Staff recommendation was for Freed Construction of Alma. Manager Conn stated that the funds will be coming from private donations made to the City in previous years. Discussion was held.

Moved by Baublitz, second by Hubbard to accept the proposal from Freed Construction for renovations of City Hall in the amount of \$185,758 and the Community Center in the amount of \$65,719. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the Point Broadband First Amendment. Manager Conn reported that he has been in negotiations with the General Manager and Attorney for Point Broadband regarding the tower contract and fiber build out. Discussion was held.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Andrew to approve the Point Broadband First Amendment and authorize the City Manager to sign.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

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

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) Hubbard and Andrew

Public Comment

Mayor Schafer asked for public comments. None was given.

Mayor Schafer asked for any additional business to come before the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Approved 5-17-2022

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk