

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2022
7:00 PM**

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

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

Additional staff present was Lt. Roy McCollum.

Absent was Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Audience in attendance was Rob Endter, Kristyn Roethlisberger, John Harrison and Tom MacDonald.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on August 2, 2022. Motion carried.

Mayor Baublitz asked for approval of the agenda and for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Conn requested to add PK Contracting to the agenda under New Business. Mayor Baublitz placed it as item 10b. Councilperson Gruesbeck requested to add Senior Activity Building Board Nominations to the agenda under New Business. Mayor Baublitz placed it as item 10c.

Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the Agenda (as amended by adding item 10b. PK Contracting and item 10c. Senior Activity Building Board Nominations), including the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. Tom MacDonald addressed the Council regarding the issue of irresponsible dog owners (renters from downtown apartments in particular) that walk behind his business office and do not pick up after their dogs.

Consent Agenda

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information on Sidewalk Replacement, GESA Millage, Josh Gracin, Planning Commission, Nelson Street and Quarterly Water Samples.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48430-48467, Grant Check #1237 and Payroll Checks #16574-16588, DD #2278-2288, EFT #1478-1481 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: none**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Andrew, Gruesbeck, Hubbard, Jerome, Koppleberger and Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Department Reports

Lt. McCollum reported on the quarterly activity of the Ithaca Unit covering April-June 2022. The monthly activity report for July was reviewed.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to receive the Ithaca Unit July 2022 written report and the 2nd Quarter 2022 verbal report. Motion carried.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn informed Council that the sidewalk replacement project will begin on September 6th. The GESA millage proposal passed with about a 76% yes vote district wide.

He further informed Council that the G.A.S. President, Greg Jolliff reached out to him about the possibility of hosting a concert at next year's fair featuring Josh Gracin. Mayor Baublitz inquired on the funding aspect of such an event. Manager Conn stated that Mr. Jolliff is aware that G.A.S. would be fully responsible for all costs incurred for the concert. Council authorized Manager Conn to support Mr. Jolliff in pursuit of such concert, with full knowledge that 100% financial obligation would be that of the Gratiot Agricultural Society.

Manager Conn reported on the Planning Commission's approval of two site plans at their last meeting. The Nelson Street water main project was approved by EGLE, along with LCR repairs to be conducted in the next few weeks, in preparation for paving in September. He further reported that the quarterly water samples came back negative, which is good.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Baublitz reported that Clerk Cameron had received three letters of interest for the vacant council seat. He requested each of them, John Harrison, Robert Endter and Kristyn Roethlisberger to address the Council on their interests in serving the community. Afterwards, Clerk Cameron instructed Council on the ballot voting process. Ballots were distributed to each Councilperson and the Mayor. Clerk Cameron collected the six ballots and read aloud the name written on each, with Mayor Baublitz observing the written name on the ballot. Ballot results were as follows; Robert Endter with 3 votes, John Harrison with 2 votes and Kristyn Roethlisberger with 1 vote. Mayor Baublitz announced that Robert Endter won the vote to serve as Councilperson for the remaining term ending November 2023. Robert Endter accepted the appointed position and congratulations from the Council. Clerk Cameron stated the oath of office would occur at the beginning of the next council meeting.

Mayor Baublitz thanked John Harrison and Kristyn Roethlisberger for their interest and encouraged them to seek the opportunity to serve as a Councilperson at the next city election being November 2023.

New Business

Mayor Baublitz inquired if anyone was interested in serving on the Library Board. With the meetings occurring at 10:30 am, he is unable to attend. Newly elected Councilperson, Rob Endter stated that he would be willing to serve on that board. Mayor Baublitz inquired of the council, how they would like to proceed with the Committee of the Whole meetings in addition to sub-committee assignments.

Manager Conn reported that due to the recent repaving of South St. Johns Street (between Center and Fillmore Rd) the lines need to be repainted. He inquired if the Council wanted lines on Barber Street also. PK Contracting submitted a quote of \$3,161.40 for South St. Johns and \$747.60 for Barber Street. Council decided to only proceed with South St. Johns Street re-stripping.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to authorize the re-stripping of South St. Johns Street not to exceed \$3,909 and amend the budget accordingly. Motion carried.

Councilperson Gruesbeck presented names received from the nominating committee to be placed on the Senior Activity Building Board election ballot. Those individuals were Mary Sullivan, Marita Harkness and Cleo Flegel.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to approve the nominating committee's names of Mary Sullivan, Marita Harkness and Cleo Flegel to be placed on the ballot for the Senior Activity Building Board. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. None were given

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Approved 9-6-2022

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk