

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 21, 2023  
7:00 PM**

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

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

Absent was Councilpersons James Gruesbeck, Alison Jerome and Attorney Jeff Arnold.

Audience in attendance was David Hunter Jr and Zechariah O'Brien.

**Moved by Andrew, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2023. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to excuse Councilperson James Gruesbeck and Councilperson Alison Jerome due to a work commitment. Motion carried.**

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

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

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

**Consent Agenda**

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

- **City Manager's written report, which included updates and information on DPW Crew, Rowe Meeting, LCR Downtown, Airport Authority, Transportation Millage and Tracey Cordes Retirement.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #48825-48850 and Payroll Checks #16681-16686, DD #2442-2452, EFT #1573-1578 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received: None**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (5) Koppleberger, Andrew, Endter, Hubbard and Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (2) Gruesbeck and Jerome**

**Committee Reports**

There was none.

**City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn informed Council that one of our DPW crew has decided to take a position with a neighboring county road commission, so we have already begun the process of filling this opening. Manager Conn reported

that the Department Heads and himself had a successful meeting with Rowe regarding the Union Street project as well as various projects included in our CWSRF and DWSRF application. Water/Sewer Superintendent Waldron, DPW Superintendent Smith and himself met with Jeremy of Isabella Corporation to discuss our downtown LCR project. The meeting went well and Jeremy plans to bring back new numbers and their availability to us soon. He further reported that the City of Alma is recommending the transportation millage be lowered from .9604 to .80 mills. Since the agreement for SLIPR is to pay the same millage amount as the City of Alma, this would also reduce our resident's millage to the .80 mills.

**Unfinished Business**

There was none.

**New Business**

Manager Conn presented a DPW seasonal wage comparison of neighboring cities, which shows that we are on the lower end of the wage scale. Manager Conn requested that the seasonal wage increase to \$13.00. Discussion was held. Mayor Baublitz felt the wage should be higher for us to be competitive with the other cities. Councilperson Andrew agreed and suggested that the DPW seasonal wage be set at \$14 per hour.

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Andrew to set the DPW seasonal wage to \$14 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried.**

Clerk Cameron presented the Annual 2022 Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Report as required under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. The report was reviewed by the Planning Commission with authorization to send on to Council for approval.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Endter to receive the Annual 2022 PC & ZBA Report. Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

Mayor Baublitz asked for any additional business to come before the Council. There was none.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

*Approved 3-7-2023*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk