

**CITY OF ITHACA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
May 6, 2025  
5:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Ithaca City Council was called to order by Mayor Brett Baublitz at 5:30pm. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Absent were Councilpersons James Andrew and Alison Lombardi.

Additional Staff Present were City Treasurer Luke Klifman, DPW Superintendent Brandon Smith and Water/Sewer Superintendent Jarred Waldron.

Audience in attendance was Shannon McKnight.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 15, 2025 and special meeting held April 29, 2025. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to excuse Councilpersons Andrew and Lombardi. 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 comment. There was none.

**Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Clark, second by Roethlisberger to approve the consent agenda items as listed:**

- **City Manager's written report included updates and information on McNabb Park, Speed Radar Signs Update, Trinity Meeting, Chamber Community Celebration, Administrative Consent Order, Dust-Off Car Show and Schedule Change.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Klifman and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #50613-50646; and Payroll Checks #17067-17080, DD #3254-3280, EFT #1979-1997 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received was none.**

**Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: (5) Hubbard, Koppleberger, Roethlisberger, Endter, Baublitz**

**Nos: (0) None**

**Absent: (2) Lombardi, Andrew**

**Committee/Department Reports**

There was none.

### **City Manager Comments**

Manager Conn provided an update on the speed radar signs. MDOT is reviewing the request further, as there has been differing determinations from their representatives. Along with Greater Gratiot Development, there was an onsite meeting at Trinity, Truck and Trailer regarding their blight situation of the property. A progress meeting is planned for next week.

The Gratiot County Chamber held a Community Celebration event last week. Congratulations to our own Councilperson Rob Endter for being awarded the Directors Award. Congratulations to Larry Ringle who was named Ithaca's Person of the Year. Well deserved recognition for them both.

Manager Conn provided an update on the draft Administrative Consent Order with EGLE. The city has until July 1<sup>st</sup> to respond. The document is being reviewed by our environmental attorney.

DPW Superintendent informed council that EGLE has communicated with him on their efforts to regulate compost based on rulings passed in 2023. This would directly affect the city brush pile, leaves, and yard waste.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mayor Baublitz stated that council would be going into closed session for discussion regarding the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Gratiot County Sheriff's Office and the City of Ithaca. (OMA.sec8.2)

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Roethlisberger to enter closed session. Motion carried.**  
**Closed session began at 5:46pm.**

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to re-enter regular session. Motion carried.**  
**Regular session opened at 6:50pm.**

### **New Business**

DPW Superintendent Smith presented a proposal from CMS&D Surveying/Engineering for the rehabilitation project on South Pine River between Newark and South Streets. The project includes sidewalks, curbing and roadways along the 700-foot-long strip.

**Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to approve CMS&D Surveying/Engineering to provide engineering services, up to \$30,700 for the project. Motion carried.**

Water/Sewer Superintendent Waldron presented a proposal from Peerless Midwest Inc. for well and pump maintenance services.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Roethlisberger to enter a contract with Peerless Midwest Inc. for a ten (10) year term, commencing July 1, 2025. Motion carried.**

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. There was none.

### **Announcements**

There was none.

**Moved by Hubbard, second by Koppleberger to adjourn. Motion carried.**  
The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

*Approved 5-20-2025*

*Cathy Cameron*

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk

