

**CITY OF ITHACA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2024
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 Rob Endter, Clark Hubbard, Alison Jerome, Rick Koppleberger and Kristyn Roethlisberger. Staff present was City Manager Jamey Conn and City Clerk Cathy Cameron.

Absent was Councilperson James Andrew.

Audience in attendance was Shannon McKnight, George Bailey, Karter Araju, Megan Menky, Roman Hurosky and Jack Owens.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Koppleberger, second by Jerome to excuse Councilperson James Andrew. Motion carried.

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

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

- **City Manager’s written report, which included updates and information on Firehall Lease, Treasurer/Finance Director, Scraper Truck, Radar Speed Sign, MDOT and BIL Signage.**
- **Financial Reports for August 2024.**
- **Claims submitted to the Ways and Means Committee by City Treasurer Fandell and recommended for payment: Accounts Payable Checks #50173-50214, 1032(A), and Payroll Checks #17007-17012, DD #3058-3070, EFT #1897-1905 as listed in the Check Register Book.**
- **Correspondence received was G.A.S Minutes and Library Minutes.**

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: (6) Roethlisberger, Endter, Hubbard, Jerome, Koppleberger, Baublitz

Nos: (0) None

Absent: (1) Andrew

Committee/Department Reports

There was none.

City Manager Comments

Manager Conn reported that he was contacted by the school crossing guard, who covers the North Pine River crossing at North Elementary, regarding the safety of the students and himself versus the traffic. There are many

vehicles that are speeding through the crosswalk. He suggested that a posted radar sign would be helpful. Discussion was held. Council directed that Manager Conn contact Lt. Leonard to request that the Ithaca Unit be on site during the morning and afternoon crossing times. Manager Conn will look into grant opportunities.

Unfinished Business

There was none.

New Business

Manager Conn presented the GESA Firehall Lease Renewal with terms being November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. This renewal will now include maintenance costs.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Kopplesberger to approve the GESA Firehall Lease Renewal with terms being November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the Charter Franchise Agreement Renewal for a period of 10 years from the date it is issued.

Moved by Hubbard, second by Jerome to approve the Charter Franchise Agreement Renewal for a term of 10 years beginning November 5, 2024. Motion carried.

Manager Conn presented the snowplow safety accessory quote. DPW Superintendent Smith recommended this laser guided accessory be installed on the new wing plow truck. The quote is from Shults Equipment in the amount of \$3,280 and includes installation.

Moved by Jerome, second by Hubbard to approve the quote from Shults Equipment for purchase and installation of a laser guide in the amount of \$3,280. Motion carried.

Manager Conn requested the council set a salary range for the Treasurer/Finance Director open position. Discussion was held. Consensus of the council was to set the salary range of \$65,000 to \$75,000 based on experience. Interviews will be scheduled for the beginning of December.

Public Comment

Mayor Baublitz asked for public comments. George Bailey reported on the County Commissioners agenda items and updates.

Announcements

There was none.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Approved 11-19-2024

Cathy Cameron

Cathy Cameron, City Clerk