

CITY COUNCIL

November 16, 2009

The November 16, 2009 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Gary Veith, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Scot Swinehart, Gary Veith, Paul Wagner, Evie Hall-Case, Mike Kuenzli, Bud Miller, and Chad Smith.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Mark Ellis, Law Director; Tom Martin; Kyle McColly; Don Spiegel; Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 2, 2009 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 3, 2009 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 5, 2009 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 9, 2009 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 10, 2009 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 12, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

At this time Mr. Tom Martin addressed City Council and expressed his concerns about the water and sewer rate increases and the use of the funds generated from these increases.

City Council members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Randy Moore, Parks Manager, and the Park Department employees for voluntarily reducing their work week hours to 32 (thirty-two) due to the Park Department's current low budget and in effort to keep all of the existing staff employed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuenzli, seconded by Mr. Swinehart, to place Ordinance No. 6-12 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 195-11, ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 6-12 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Veith, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 6-12. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 6-12 was duly adopted.

Mayor Washburn reported that he recently met with a board he was appointed to by Congressman Bob Latta that selects appointees for the military academies.

Mayor Washburn also noted that Congressman Latta was in town recently and toured the Ithaca Gun facility located at 420 North Warpole Street.

Mayor Washburn stated that Mr. Mark Kimmel, Kimmel Cleaners, recently contacted Mr. Dave Westbrook, Water Plant Supervisor, and indicated that the water meter at the dry cleaning business was stuck and needed to be addressed. Mayor Washburn and the members of City Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Kimmel for his honesty.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Gary Veith, President