



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 23, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 7:04 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville

ABSENT:

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

II ROLL CALL

III INVOCATION

IV PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a) I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

V AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Wilcoxon to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

VI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Sixteen members of the public spoke

VII ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance No. 1399 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal rates.
1. Resolution No. 2022-188, determination.
 2. Open Public Hearing - **Two Members of the Public Spoke**
 3. Resolution No. 2022-189, close the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-189

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to adjust sewage disposal rates be officially closed.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-188

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to adjust sewage disposal rates approved on First Reading.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Steven Wilcoxon and Lois Richardson |

- b) Ordinance No. 1400 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates.
1. Resolution No. 2022-190, determination.
 2. Open Public Hearing - **None**
 3. Resolution No. 2022-191, close the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-191

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilantibe officially closed.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-190

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilantibe approved on First Reading.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
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| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Steven Wilcoxen and Lois Richardson |

- c) Ordinance No. 1401 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to prohibit the installation or use of electronic license plate scanning devices in the City of Ypsilanti."
1. Resolution No. 2022-192, determination.
 2. Open Public Hearing - **None**
 3. Resolution No. 2022-193, close the public hearing

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2022-193

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

That the public hearing for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the installation or use of electronic license plate scanning devices in the City of Ypsilanti" be officially closed.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-192

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The certain ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the installation or use of electronic license plate scanning devices in the City of Ypsilanti" be adopted on first reading.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| SECONDER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2022-194, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-194

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2022-195, approving the minutes of August 9, 2022.**

2. **Resolution No. 2022-196, correcting Resolution No. 2022-182 for MDOT Contract Number 22-5296 Rehabilitation of Structure #11090 - Forest St. Bridge.**
3. **Resolution No. 2022-197, approving the purchase of a previously budget salt truck for the use of the Department of Public Services.**

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- b) Resolution No. 2022-195, approving the minutes of August 9, 2022.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of August 9, 2022 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2022-196, correcting Resolution No. 2022-182 for MDOT Contract Number 22-5296 Rehabilitation of Structure #11090 - Forest St. Bridge.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the rehabilitation of the Forest Avenue Bridge is programmed for construction year 2023 in the current 3-year TIP; and

Whereas, it is necessary to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the implementation of this project; and,

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 22-5296; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT the Mayor Lois Allen-Richardson and City Clerk Andrew Hellenga are authorized to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.

- d) Resolution No. 2022-197, approving the purchase of a previously budget salt truck for the use of the Department of Public Services.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, snow removal and winter street maintenance of City owned right of way is ongoing and vital to safety in the City of Ypsilanti; and,

Whereas, a dump truck is required to perform snow removal and winter street maintenance within the City right of way; and,

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti has allocated funds in the FY 2021-2022 budget for this purchase.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the purchases from Wolverine Freightliner and Shults Equipment, LLC in the amount totaling \$195,356.00 with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2022-198, approving the use of Pyrotechnics during EMU Home Football Games.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-198

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Andrew Espenshade of ACE Pyro, LLC, on behalf of the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Department has applied for a fireworks permit to allow a fireworks display at Eastern Michigan University’s Rynerson Stadium. The fireworks are scheduled on September 2nd, September 24th, October 1st, October 15th, October 29th, and November 25th, 2022; and

Whereas, ACE Pyro, LLC will operate the display and has obtained public liability insurance in the amount of \$10,000,000 and has added the City of Ypsilanti as an additional insured.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves a Fireworks Display Permit for days; September 2nd, September 24th, October 1st, October 15th, October 29th, and November 25th, 2022, subject to the inspection and approval of the Ypsilanti Fire Department.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- b) Resolution No. 2022-199, approving an Memorandum of Understanding with the Huron Watershed Authority for completion of the scope of work described in the MDNR FHGP Grant.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2022-199

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti has identified the removal of Peninsular Dam as a strategic priority; and

Whereas, the Huron River Watershed Council has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of design removal and has selected a qualified engineering firm to provide these services; and

Whereas, the MOU provided is necessary to define the working relationship between the City of Ypsilanti and the Huron River Watershed Council.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the MOU as provided and shall reimburse the HRWC for an amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00) toward completion of the approved scope of work in the MDNR FHGP grant described herein.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- c) Resolution No. 2022-200, approving ordinance 1395, an ordinance entitled "PILOT for 845 Clark Rd." **(Second Reading)**

**Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-200
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

That an ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – 845 W. Clark." be approved on Second and Final Reading.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Evan Sweet |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Nicole Brown, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, and Lois Richardson |

- d) Resolution No. 2022-201, approving ordinance 1396, an ordinance entitled "PILOT for 945 Clark Rd." **(Second Reading)**

**Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-201
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

That an ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – 945 W. Clark." be approved on Second and Final Reading.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Evan Sweet |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Nicole Brown, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, and Lois Richardson |

- e) Resolution No. 2022-202, approving an easement with Clark Road Family Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership and Clark Road Senior Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership.

**Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-202
Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti owns the property on Clark Rd (11-11-05-100-003) and has been working with Lincoln Avenue Capital to develop 306 units of affordable housing; and**

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti has a vested interest in connecting Green Road to Clark Rd based on the city's master plan and zoning ordinance; and

Whereas, the development of the properties at 845 and 945 Clark Road will allow for Lincoln Avenue Capital to construct and maintain the extension to Green Road.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves an easement with Clark Road Family Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership and Clark Road Senior Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Evan Sweet |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- f) Resolution No. 2022-139, appointing Valory Brown to the Downtown Development Authority.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-139

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following residents be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BOARD</u> | <u>EXPIRATION</u> |
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| Valory Brown (New Appointment) 453 Ainsworth Circle Ypsilanti, MI 48197 | DDA | 7/1/2025 |

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- g) Resolution No. 2022-203, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-203

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following residents be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BOARD</u> | <u>EXPIRATION</u> |
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| Kira Mather Crowner 710 Hemphill Ypsilanti, MI 48198 | Human Relations Commission | 7/1/2025 |

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |
| SECONDER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- h) Resolution No. 2022-204, approving the purchase of a Ford-150 Lightning for the use of the Department of Public Services. (added)

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2022-204
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

Whereas, the electrification of the city fleet is consistent with the 2021 Master Plan which identifies, "Decreasing government wide operation emission in support of attaining citywide net zero by 2030" as a goal of the Sustainability Plan; and

Whereas, funds have been allocated for the replacement of aging vehicles in the city fleet in the 2021-22 budget; and,

Whereas, a proposal to purchase an F-150 Lightning has been provided for this purpose.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the purchase of an F-150 Lightning from Gorno Ford in the amount totaling \$65,132.00 with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville |

- i) Resolution No. 2022-205, approving a budget amendment to support the Bicentennial Committee efforts (added)

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 205
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti has created a Bicentennial Committee for the purposes of planning the 2023 Bicentennial celebrations; and

Whereas, the Bicentennial Committee has identified several fundraising events that require a budget amendment to receive funds and expend funds; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the budget amendment as provided to support the Bicentennial Committee efforts.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |

AYES: Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

X BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

a) Zoning Board of Appeals - (Wilcoxen & Somerville)

Mike Auerbach
503 Charles St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Mike Auerbach's appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals

RESULT: CARRIED.
MOVER: Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER: Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES: Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville

XI BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. - **None**
2. Human Relations Commission. - **None**
3. Arts Commission. - **Council Member Somerville stated the commission is currently working on a process for a call to art.**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. - **Council Member Sweet stated the commission is working on the Fall River Day Event.**
5. Sustainability Commission. - **None**
6. Historic District Commission.- **None**
7. Planning Commission. - **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals - **None**

XII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study- **None**
3. Urban County - **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - **Mayor Richardson stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority provided a report on the ongoing construction in the downtown.**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - **Council Member Wilcoxen stated that the pool had a very successful Kids Triathlon for the first year following the pandemic.**

XIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) Sweet
None

b) Symanns
None

c) Brown
None

d) Somerville

1. Thanked the City Manager and the Department of Public Services for the quick action in filling the potholes on Cornell.
2. Informed City Council about upcoming events being planned by the Bicentennial Committee.

e) Wilcoxon

None

f) Jones-Chance

None

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Stated Summerfest will be held this Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 11am until 8pm.
2. Stated that plans for the Second Annual Love is the Answer Day in Ypsilanti are underway.
3. Stated the Citizen Violence Intervention Team is looking for a place in the City or the Township for a mural. She informed Council that she will be bring a resolution forward for a monetary contribution from the city.

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a) Update of newly permitted Social Equity Marijuana Facilities

XVI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) City Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting - September 27, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
- b) 2022 Michigan Municipal League Convention Information **(added)**
- c) Proposed City Council and Police Advisory Commission Joint Meeting Date September 22, 2022 **(added)**

XVII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

XVIII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIX ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2022-206, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

- b) Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.