

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – January 12, 2010**

Mayor Protem Larry Buske called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Protem Buske led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Finance Director Jim Egeberg, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Engineer Jason Souden, Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the following statement:

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ARE REMINDED THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING VIDEO TAPED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADCAST OVER THE CITY’S CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman D’Astice moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2009 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to deviate for Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

Unanimous

1) Public Hearing - Call for CDBG Projects

The Cook County Bureau of Administration requires the City of Rolling Meadows to hold a Public Hearing regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Funds. This Hearing is to solicit input from the Community regarding future funding and program needs.

Let the record show this Public Hearing opened at 7:32 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

The Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds a variety of needs some of which include Single Family Rehabilitation, Fair Housing Activities, Housing Counseling, Affordable Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure Improvements, Commercial Rehabilitation, Capital Improvements and Public Service Activities.

The City of Rolling Meadows encourages any interested parties or organizations to present any current or future request or ideas regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak regarding the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program?

No one came forward.

Let the record show this hearing closed at 7:34 p.m., January 12, 2010.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Thanked Public Works for the snow plowing. Reminded everyone that the Stay Active Challenge started today and is up and running. Cancer Awareness Banners are available for sale on the website.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

None

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

Thanked Public Works – a resident informed him that a streetlight was out at Linden and Oak. Light was fixed and working today. Also, thanked IT department. Laptops have been slow working and they worked on them over the holiday break and they are working great.

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

None

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward.

Mayor Protem Larry Buske closed the floor.

PENDING:

None

➤ **CONSENT: ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING:**

- A. Ordinance - Approve Amendment to Special Use for Additional Telecommunications Equipment at 3201 Central Road - City Water Tank # 2 - The Everest Group for Clearwire, Petitioner**
- B. Ordinance - Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to the SprintCom Lease Agreement - Clearwire as Subsidiary of SprintCom**
- C. Ordinance - Amend Salary Ordinance - Seasonal Employees**
- D. Ordinance - Amend Salary Ordinance - Police Sergeants**

Alderman D’Astice requested Item A be removed.
Alderman Larsen requested Item C be removed.
Alderman Judd requested Item D be removed.

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Unanimous

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item A from Consent Agenda: Ordinance - Approve Amendment to Special Use for Additional Telecommunications Equipment at 3201 Central Road - City Water Tank # 2 - The Everest Group for Clearwire, Petitioner

Alderman D'Astice: A resident that lives adjacent to this property has some concerns: 1) they would like assurance that the fence would be installed on a timely basis, 2) the fence be installed from the furthest point north to the furthest point south along the City's property line, 3) it doesn't say that it is a privacy fence, and 4) believes the existing enclosure was higher than 6 foot.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to add wording that a fence with height equal to existing enclosure is installed on property line from the furthest southern point to the furthest northern point allowed and \$10,000 be put in escrow for the installing of said fence, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Larsen: Is the \$10,000 an estimated cost of the fence?

Alderman D'Astice: There is no estimate. It is to ensure that they come back to install the fence in the spring.

Alderman Judd: Thinks there should be a time frame on the installation of the fence.

Ms. Dehner: We can put a date on it. She suggests June 1st.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like to add to the motion that escrow be deposited at issuance of permit and they have until June 1st to install fence, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Roll on Motion:

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent:

Motion Passed

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent:

Approved on First Reading

Item C from Consent Agenda: Ordinance - Amend Salary Ordinance - Seasonal Employees

Alderman Larsen: What is the rationale for increasing the rates?

Mr. Vogt: The SEA-PT-1 is rarely used for technical or clerical positions, SEA-PT-2 is decreasing and this will be for new hires, SEA-PT-3 is to compensate the seasonal workers that return from last year.

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Alderman Larsen: The way this is written does not make much sense. They are seasonal part-time workers. Why do we have a 5-step program?

Mr. Vogt: The SEA-PT-3 is temporary for the 5 seasonal employees that could return.

Alderman Larsen: It doesn't make sense that they should get an increase. They should be brought back at what they were making last year. For the SEA-PT-1 he feels that these salaries are too high. He cannot support that.

Alderman D'Astice: Says to throw the whole thing out. He does not like steps at all. He would consider all these rolled into one under SEA-PT-2.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Suggests we leave PT-1 alone and accept the PT-2 recommendation.

Ms. Phillips: Maybe it would be best for Staff to take another look and come back to Council.

Alderman Judd made a motion to not accept PT-1 recommendation, accept recommendation of PT-2 and eliminate Steps 1-3 on PT-3. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to eliminate PT-1, accept PT-2 recommendation, eliminate PT-3, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Alderman Lusk: Thinks Staff should take this back now that they know what we are looking for.

Alderman Larsen: Does not see a downside to that.

Alderman D'Astice: Appreciates what Aldermen Lusk and Larsen have said. Noted that we did lower the crossing guard salaries and we should lower these as well.

Roll on Motion:

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice

Nays: Lusk, Larsen

Absent:

Motion Approved

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Alderman Pitzafarro: If we were to pass this now, Staff could still look at it further.

Roll on Ordinance as Amended:

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice

Nays: Lusk, Larsen

Absent:

Approved on First Reading

Item D from Consent Agenda: Ordinance - Amend Salary Ordinance - Police Sergeants

Alderman Judd: Will not support and is not sure what the agreed concessions are.

Ms. Phillips: The concessions were presented at the December 15th Closed Session meeting.

Alderman Larsen: Is it not appropriate to list the concessions?

Ms. Phillips: They are individuals and not a recognized bargaining unit.

Alderman Larsen: Would feel more comfortable if he had at least received a memo before the meeting clarifying the concessions.

Ms. Phillips: That can be done.

Alderman Larsen: Can we table this?

Ms. Phillips: Clarified that this is first reading only.

Alderman Lusk: This vote does not finalize anything.

Mayor Protem Buske: Agrees with Alderman Larsen.

Alderman D'Astice: Also agrees. Will each individual sign? If yes, he would like them signed before the next Council meeting.

Ms. Phillips: Can make sure that happens.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Yeas: Lusk, Buske, Adams, D'Astice Larsen

Nays: Pitzafarro, Judd

Absent:

Approved on First Reading

E. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 1-12-10

Alderman Adams made a motion to approve Warrant, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Warrant Passed

F. Resolution No. 10-R-01 / Award Contract for 2010 Street Program Engineering Services

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-02 / Award Phase I Engineering Contract for Carriageway Bridge

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman D' Astice: Is the reimbursement for the cost of the engineering or project?

Mr. Souden: 80% of the Phase I engineering costs.

Alderman D' Astice: Where is this money coming from?

Mr. Vogt: From the Street Fund. We pay up front and get reimbursed. It is in the budget.

Alderman D' Astice: Did we budget \$40,000 or \$8,000?

Ms. Phillips: \$40,000.

Alderman D' Astice: The Local Roads Fund is \$50,000 short. Can we use that \$32,000 to get all the streets done?

Mr. Vogt: We will determine based on the engineering services done and report back.

Ms. Phillips: It will also be determined by bid prices.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-03 / Award Contract for Purchase of Sign Plotter

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Adams made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Larsen: Have we explored having these signs made by a third party?

Mr. Vogt: There are plenty of vendors, but historically we have found that it would cost us more than to do it in-house.

Alderman Judd: It looks like TAPCO is offering the same product at less cost and the graphic tech plotter is 30% less. Why are we going with the more expensive bid?

Mr. Vogt: Clarified why the TraffTech bid was chosen.

Alderman Judd: Cannot support spending 17% more.

Alderman Pitzaferro: Do we absolutely need to replace this machine this year?

Mr. Vogt: We have deferred this purchase for at least 2 budget years. It wastes more sign material than it uses at this time.

Mayor Protem Buske: Recalled spending several thousand dollars in materials. This material is compatible with this machine?

Mr. Vogt: Yes. It is more a matter of compatibility with the software.

Alderman D'Astice: Why is this coming out of Local Roads and not Capital?

Mr. Egeberg: It is less than \$25,000.

Alderman D'Astice: Was it budgeted in the Local Road Fund and what was the amount?

Ms. Phillips: Yes, \$15,000.

Alderman D'Astice: Should we leave the savings in Local Roads or put in the General Fund? This is possibly a discussion for the future.

Alderman Judd: Is not against getting the machine, but is against spending 17% more with TraffTech over TAPCO.

Alderman Larsen: Is inclined to agree that the TraffTech model is more robust.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to postpone until the January 26th meeting for further information, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Postponed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-04 / Accept JAG Grant

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 10-R-05 / Accept Equipment Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

Alderman D'Astice: Is there a string attached?

Chief Scanlan: They are giving us equipment with no strings attached.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

K. Resolution No. 10-R-06 / Approve One (1) Year Professional Services Agreement with Grant Writing Consultants, LLC (G.W.C.)

Mayor Protem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Lusk.
Alderman D'Astice: Is this in the budget?

Ms. Phillips: Yes

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen
Nays: none
Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:
Mayor's Proclamation:
City Clerk's Report:
City Staff Reports: **SR1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

Alderman Judd: IRMA contributions – without the surplus we will have a \$174,000 problem in 2011?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

Mayor Protem Buske: Do employees have life insurance attached to their health insurance policy?

Mr. Krumstok: We do have life insurance, but it is not part of the health insurance.

SR2) Presentation of the January 19th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the January 19, 2010 Committee of the Whole Agenda;
seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Unanimous

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Ms. Phillips: Sam's Club will be closing January 22nd. It came as a shock to Staff. There is nothing that we can do to preempt the closure. We have offered our assistance to them. We looked at the effect it will have on our budget. Approximately \$595,000 in sales taxes will not be received in 2010. It is our intent to come back to Council with recommendations at the January 26th meeting.

Alderman Judd: As long as that building stays vacant it will be \$595,000 for the foreseeable future. We are going to have to seriously consider eliminating jobs.

Alderman D'Astice: It truly is an unfortunate set of circumstances. We need to focus on how we can turn "lemons into lemonade". It is one of the biggest traffic corners in the City. We need to look at this as an opportunity to move ahead.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Alderman D'Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of January 12, 2010 adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

January 12, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on January 26, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk