

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – April 6, 2010**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Buske called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Mayor Pro-Tem Buske led the pledge

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent:

**Staff Members Present:** Manager Sarah Phillips, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Senior Accountant Rob Fredrickson, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok

Mayor Pro-Tem 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 March 23, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

**Minutes Approved**

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Krumstok presented the Mayor's Report:

State Representative Mark Walker will be conducting a Town Hall meeting tomorrow, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Library at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please reserve your seat. For more information please contact Representative Walker's constituent's service office at 847-640-8645.

The Rolling Meadows Park District "Kid's Night Out" is scheduled for Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Teri Toenjes at 847-818-3200, ext 222 for more information.

Congratulations to the Holiday Inn Express Rolling Meadows. There are currently over 1,800 Holiday Inn Expresses. They were recently notified that they ranked #10 in overall guest satisfaction. The Holiday Inn Express is located behind the Holiday Inn on Algonquin Road.

**WARD REPORTS:**

**Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzferro:**

None

**Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:**

Cancer Banners are in and should be up by the end of this week.

Several years ago Urban Affairs looked into a program for used needles. We are now working with SWANNC and the City has come up with a program for the used needles and unused medications.

Mr. Vogt: We are in receipt of the containers and are setting up a secured location. We expect to be ready to go by May 1<sup>st</sup>. A drop off center will be in the Public Works offices on Berdnick Street during office hours.

**Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:**

None

**Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:**

None

**Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:**

None

**Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:**

None

**Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:**

None

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:**

Mrs. Sue Walton: Later on the agenda a proclamation will be read for Child Abuse Prevention Month. She presented ribbons to Council members to be worn during the month of April. She also presented a blue bow to be displayed at City Hall. April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be an Environmental Cleanup Day.

Mr. Jim Peters, State Oil Company (owner of Marathon on Algonquin Road): Will be available for questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

**A. Ordinance No. 10-07 / Amend “Emergency Services” Alarms of the Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines, and Penalties ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Ordinance.

Mr. Macholl: An amendment needs to be made. It was indicated to him by Chief Stewart that on the first page of the draft of the ordinance in the first box where it says 1 and 2, it should read 1, and directly beneath that where it says 3, it should read 2 and 3.

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to amend the table on page 1 to read “1” in the first box and “2, 3” in the box directly beneath, seconded by Alderman Pitzaferro.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

**Motion Approved**

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to accept the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

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

**Ordinance Passed**

**B. Ordinance No. 10-08 / Approve Volume Cap ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

**Ordinance Passed**

**C. Ordinance No. 10-09 / Approve Vehicle/Equipment Disposal ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Ordinance.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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

**Ordinance Passed**

**D. Ordinance No. 10-10 / Amend Liquor Code to Increase Class B-1 Licenses by One (1) ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman Lusk: She greatly appreciates Mr. Peter's comments last week regarding the safeguards, although she does not agree with increasing the liquor licenses. She will not support.

Alderman Pitzafarro: He does not think that having a gas station in Rolling Meadows sell liquor will increase DUI's. He will support.

Alderman Judd: Concerned with it being a Class B-1 license and would like them to only be allowed to sell beer and wine. Unfortunately, we do not have any other license. He would like for Staff to create another license for beer and wine only.

Mr. Macholl: We can amend the current ordinance.

Alderman Buske: Does not have a problem with selling the beer and wine. He will not support the selling of hard liquor in a gas station.

Yeas: Pitzaferro, Judd, Adams, D'Astice, Larsen  
Nays: Lusk, Buske  
Absent:

**Ordinance Passed**

**E. Ordinance No. 10-11 / Amend City Code – Family Assistance Program ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

**Ordinance Passed**

**F. Ordinance No. 10-12 / Amend Adjudication Code – Notices ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

**Ordinance Passed**

➤ **CONSENT: ORDINANCES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> READING:**

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**G. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 4-6-2010**

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

**Warrant Passed**

**H. Resolution No. 10-R-43 / Approve Release of Closed Session Minutes**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Lusk 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**

**I. Resolution No. 10-R-44/ Accept AFG Grant for Fire Sprinklers**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D'Astice: We have to pay \$5,000. He would like further explanation.

Chief Stewart: An outstanding project we have is to bring this building up to code. Knowing this was a large expenditure we applied for a grant and have received it. We felt this was important for code compliance and this station contains about 50% of our rolling stock.

Alderman D'Astice: Where is the \$5,000 coming from?

Chief Stewart: The Building and Land Fund. There is \$10,000 in there.

Yeas: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: D'Astice

Absent:

**Resolution Passed**

**J. Resolution No. 10-R-45 / Appoint ADA Coordinator and Adopt Grievance Procedure**

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Buske read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Pitzafarro: There is no cost?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

**Resolution Passed**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1) Fire Station 17**

Ms. Phillips: An e-mail was sent to Council regarding a conversation she had with the Department of Homeland Security. Upon the vote last week to not go forward with the environmental study, Homeland Security would like to know if we will be going forward with this project.

Alderman Buske: The study would be \$27,000?

Chief Stewart: Correct.

Alderman Buske: If we do this study we would still have the ability to keep the grant money?

Chief Stewart: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: They would be covering up to \$20,000 of the study?

Chief Stewart: Correct. They have indicated that if it did go above that they would consider covering more.

Alderman Larsen: If we were to say no to this we would be walking away from the \$20-29,000 for the study as well as the \$1.5 million? If we say yes to this now we could still make the decision to not proceed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> station.

Ms. Phillips: Yes.

Alderman Lusk: She will support going ahead and completing the environmental study.

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Alderman Larsen: Will also support going ahead with the study. He understands the misgivings about building this station, but he is not prepared to decide on not building the station.

Alderman Pitzafarro: He will not support the study. The majority of the people he has spoken with are not in favor of building the 3<sup>rd</sup> station.

Alderman Adams: Personally, he has mixed emotions. On one hand we need it, but he also has concerns about staffing the station. He distributed a flyer to 70 residents in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward which included facts about the station and the City's financial situation. He pointed out that we have been told that it would be staffed by existing personnel and equipment. The majority of the residents that responded felt that we should hold off on this project. Based on this information he will not support this study at this point.

Alderman Larsen: Would this be appropriate for a referendum?

Mr. Macholl: Yes, but the next referendum would not be until November.

Ms. Phillips: Keep in mind that this is strictly discussion tonight. What could happen is that you could approve the study and have a referendum on the ballot in November.

Alderman Larsen: He is just not comfortable with the feedback that we have received or not received on this issue. He has not really received any feedback from his Ward.

Alderman D'Astice: Will Staff be giving us a presentation?

Chief Stewart: He is prepared to give one if needed.

Alderman D'Astice: Thinks he should go ahead as he has some questions. He is on the fence with this subject.

Chief Stewart: Believes he can answer his questions one by one.

Alderman D'Astice: How are we staffing this station?

Chief Stewart: Currently the plan is to redeploy current staff. He can also say that the current plan is minimum staffing of 11 per day.

Alderman D'Astice: The plan is to take the 11 firefighters and spread them out appropriately among the three stations?

Chief Stewart: Correct.

Alderman D'Astice: Can he discuss equipment and vehicles? His concern is that the vehicles in reserve will be moved up to front line.

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Chief Stewart: That will not happen. He added that it is being looked at to reduce the overall fleet in the northwest suburban area.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like as much detail as possible about the station.

Chief Stewart: It is roughly 7,000 sq. ft. with 3 dorm rooms, 1 dorm/office, 3 bays, kitchen/day room area, conference room, workout room, office area, report room, 2 washrooms, laundry area, 1 ADA compliant washroom at the front entrance.

Alderman D'Astice: What about the "green" aspect of the building? Are we going back to basics?

Chief Stewart: We are trying to do a little bit of both. We are trying to be reasonable with "green" alternatives.

Alderman D'Astice: At this point, do we have a "green" roof, glass doors?

Chief Stewart: The last proposal had glass doors. The "green" roof is listed on the proposal as an option.

Alderman D'Astice: Are we putting this new station where it needs to be and, once there, would we still need the other station in town? Do we look at what we should do with the old station?

Chief Stewart: Clarified where the 3<sup>rd</sup> station scenario came from. He believes that the 3<sup>rd</sup> station is in the appropriate place should we go back to 2 stations in the future.

Alderman D'Astice: Would building this station now mean we could make a determination whether we need Station 15?

Chief Stewart: Correct.

Alderman D'Astice: At this point, there is no intention of increasing staffing?

Chief Stewart: There are no present plans to increase staffing.

Alderman D'Astice: Is our population around 50,000 during the day?

Chief Stewart: Believes it is about that much.

Alderman D'Astice: Of the 80 ambulance calls during last week, did most come from residents or businesses?

Chief Stewart: Believes that the majority come from residential addresses.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like more information about the National Fire Protection Association.

Chief Stewart: They are a nationwide regulatory agency that develops fire standards across the US. Clarified what Standard 1710 is about with regards to staffing and response times.

Alderman D'Astice: Please explain the agreements with Arlington Heights and Palatine.

Chief Stewart: Explained the Mutual Aid Agreements and noted that they are factored into our response times.

Alderman D'Astice: Do you know if their response time to our part of the City exceeds the 6 minute response time?

Chief Stewart: We have found that with Northwest Central Dispatch the response times have improved from Arlington Heights.

Alderman D'Astice: If we build the 3<sup>rd</sup> station would the agreements be modified?

Chief Stewart: It would depend on how the 3<sup>rd</sup> station is staffed and equipped.

Alderman D'Astice: If we build the 3<sup>rd</sup> station how long would it take to accumulate data?

Chief Stewart: Probably in one year, as a bare minimum.

Alderman D'Astice: Can we hold off putting money into Station 15 for up to 3 years?

Chief Stewart: Yes and no. We are in the process of compiling data to determine where the building needs to be.

Alderman D'Astice: His opinion is that if the intention would be to go back down to 2 stations, he would be able to go along with the new station.

Mayor Nelson arrived at 8:14pm.

Alderman Buske: When do we have to start building this station?

Chief Stewart: We would have to get updated bids. The impression he got from the federal government is that we need to move this project along.

Ms. Phillips: We anticipate 6 months to complete the environmental study. We would not be able to do anything else until that is completed.

Alderman Buske: With regards to the 6 minute response time, is that all the way down to Golf? What does that give us on average?

Chief Stewart: That is hard to determine based on location, speed limits, traffic, etc. He presented some further information.

Alderman Buske: We have to get the information out to the residents. We have to keep in mind that we do not want to shortchange the south side of town. Also, he would never vote to get rid of Station 15. He will support the environmental study.

Chief Stewart: He would be more than happy to have a Town Hall meeting and present the information to the residents.

Alderman Buske: What would the cost of upkeep be for the 3<sup>rd</sup> station?

Chief Stewart: He would have to get back to him with the data.

Alderman Judd: Does not disagree with the information that was sent out. The issue is that roughly 40% of the response area is not Rolling Meadows. Building the 3<sup>rd</sup> station at the old Public Works building on Central would put him on board with this station, but not where it is now on Algonquin. Another issue he has is the ongoing cost of maintaining this station.

Mayor Nelson: We really do need to educate the public. He believes it is unfair to say that approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> station automatically means an increase in staffing. We are trying to provide a better response to our citizens.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Clarified that yes we do have the money saved right now, but we are going to be in a very dire financial situation in 2011. Thinks it may be prudent to keep that money in reserve. He agrees with Alderman Larsen about putting this issue on a referendum. He does not believe that in the long term we would not need to hire more staff to man 3 fire stations. He does not believe that we should be spending this money right now.

Alderman Larsen: He understands the misgivings about spending money we don't have. As a Council we have the responsibility and control of the staffing. To Alderman Judd's point about the Public Works building, he believes it is not an option, but does not remember why.

Chief Stewart: It was looked at, but there was a general consensus that it would mean the closure of Station 15 and that was not an option.

Alderman Larsen: We do not have all the answers and he does not want to close the door on this station.

Alderman Buske: Doing the environmental study would keep the door open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> station.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Clarified that he believes our Staff is world class. The challenge is that we have 7 different aldermen with 7 different backgrounds. Staff presents these great things to us, but we have to weigh that with, "can we afford it?"

Mayor Nelson: The question is whether to bring back the Resolution for the Environmental Study and we seem to be split. He recommends bringing back the Resolution and taking another vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

- 1) Senior Celebration Day – May 13, 2010
- 2) Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2010
- 3) Autism Awareness Month – April 2010
- 4) National Safe Digging Month – April 2010

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

- 1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00
- 2) Presentation of the April 20<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to accept the April 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole Agenda, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

**UNANIMOUS**

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Alderman Buske: He has never heard of 811 digging.

Mayor Nelson: It is the same as JULIE.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

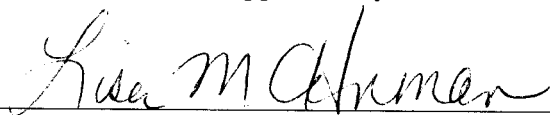
There being no further business, Alderman D' Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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City Council meeting of April 6, 2010 adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

April 6, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on April 27, 2010



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Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk