

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – May 25, 2010**

Mayor Ken Nelson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Nelson led the pledge

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent:

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

Mayor Ken Nelson 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.

Chair removed Items B & E and Discussion Item 2 from the Agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Larsen moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2010 Council Meeting; May 18, 2010 Special Council meeting; and the May 18, 2010 Committee of the Whole 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:

Vehicle stickers go on sale June 1st. Please note that vehicle sticker/dog license applications will be in the mail by June 1st. Remember, since last year, you are able to purchase vehicle stickers from the City web page (under the Finance section). This feature will be activated, again, on June 1st.

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Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 29th at 11:00 am.

Just a friendly reminder that on Monday, May 31st, City Hall and Public Works will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Refuse collection will be delayed one day.

Please note that on Saturday, May 15th, the sprinkling ban began. To conserve water throughout the City, lawn sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6:00 pm daily.

ComEd is in the process of conducting a residential customer survey. ComEd has contracted with Opinion Dynamics, an independent evaluator, to randomly survey residential customers about the types of lighting they select for their homes. This Residential Lighting General Population survey will seek to determine what types of light bulbs and lighting fixtures customers select and why. The survey will continue until Monday, May 31st. The targeted residential customers will receive calls Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, on Saturday from noon to 5:00 pm, and on Sunday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Happy Retirement to Public Works Underground Utilities Superintendent Bob Nixon. Bob is a 38 year Public Works veteran and retires on May 28th. The City and Staff wish him the best.

As mentioned in the recent "News & Views", the City of Rolling Meadows has a new program to offer savings on prescription drugs to residents *WHO ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, A TRADITIONAL BENEFITS PLAN, OR HAVE PRESCRIPTIONS THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE*. The Prescription Discount Card is made available to residents by the City of Rolling Meadows in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through Rolling Meadows membership in the NLC. The card is free to all Rolling Meadows residents, regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you may save an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. Residents may receive their prescription discount cards at City Hall, Public Works on Berdnick Street, the Library, Park Central, and the Community Center. You may also request a card by calling 888-620-1749 or visiting www.caremark.com/nlc.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferrro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Receiving calls from residents regarding refuse privatization. Some residents are requesting the use of trash bins like we use for recycling.

Mayor Nelson: Has received the same request.

The *Stay Active Challenge* has wrapped up.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

None

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

None

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

Has been contacted about trash cans. Animals are getting to the bags when put out the night before.

Received numerous calls from residents that formerly lived on Carriageway in the building that was burned. They want to know why they are not being allowed back in the building after a year. They believe it is the inspectors that are not doing their job. It is his understanding that it is not the inspectors but that the construction is not up to code. He encouraged residents to contact Joan Anderson or our Community Development Department. He feels we need to look into this situation.

Mayor Nelson: Has also received some phone calls. He believes the issue is between the Condo Association and the contractor. He understands that our inspectors are doing their job.

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mr. Ken Lorenz, 4424 Dawngate Court, Rolling Meadows: He is wondering why the City does not charge a minimal fee for the purchase of the refuse bags. He believes that people would rather pay the City than a store like Lowes.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance 10-16 / Amend Liquor Code to Increase Class A-1 Liquor Licenses by One (1) (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

Alderman Buske made a motion to accept the Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Ordinance Passed

B. Ordinance 10-17 / Approve Dissolution of SSA # 4 (2nd Reading)

Ordinance removed from Agenda by Chair.

C. Ordinance 10-18 / Establish Commanders Exempt Rank (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

Alderman Pitzafarro made a motion to accept the Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Pitzafarro: This is what we discussed at the last meeting?

Mayor Nelson: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: How was this put back on the agenda since it had been defeated?

Mayor Nelson: It was defeated and two weeks ago was approved on the Consent Agenda and is now back for second reading tonight.

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

Nays: Lusk

Absent:

Ordinance Passed

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

D. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 5-25-2010

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

E. Resolution No. 10-R-57 / Approve Settlement Agreement with Woodfield Gardens

Resolution removed from Agenda by Chair.

F. Resolution No. 10-R-58 / Authorize Temporary Signage in the Public Right-of-Way – American Youth Soccer Organization of Rolling Meadows

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to open the floor, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Unanimous

Rob Temple, Commissioner with Rolling Meadows AYSO: Thanked Council for the approval of the posting of these same signs last year. Many of the parents of first time players noted that they heard about the registration by the signs posted at the schools. He believes that the add campaign with the signs boosted the number of registrations last year. He asked Council to vote in favor.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Unanimous

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

Nays: Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-59 / Amend Budget – Utilities Fund

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D’Astice: Would like to know why Staff is recommending not adopting this.

Ms. Phillips: The resolution is written as to his request.

Alderman Lusk: Had discussions with Ms. Phillips and Mr. Vogt. The staffing plan seems very stable and will not vote in favor.

Alderman Adams: First, when he looked at what was being proposed he did not have a problem with it. His perspective has to do with pay. He has been an advocate with comparing similar jobs in both the public and private sectors. We were told that type of survey would cost \$20,000. We may need to put a little bit of time looking into this. What does this position pay compared to similar municipalities? We need to have a salary review for this position and any positions that become open in the future.

Alderman Larsen: He is inclined to agree with Alderman Adams. Do we have pay rates readily available?

Ms. Phillips: For this position that was asked to be created? Because that is not part of this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen: It is not a direct part of it, but it may impact his thinking.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Unanimous

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:07 pm

Alderman Lusk made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Unanimous

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 8:42 pm

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to postpone until the first meeting in June, seconded by Alderman Adams.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Motion Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-60 / Award Contract for Thermoplastic Pavement Striping

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D' Astice: Is there any other striping that needs to be done?

Mr. Vogt: We typically do thermoplastic and paint striping in equal amounts.

Alderman Larsen: When is this used as opposed to paint?

Mr. Vogt: On higher volume roads.

Alderman Buske: How long do we expect this to last?

Mr. Vogt: Around three years.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Staff Traffic Advisory Report

1. Update on LED traffic signal upgrades at IDOT intersections with Red Speed enforcement cameras – Nothing to report.
2. Update for parking on-street restrictions proposed for 23 cul-de-sac streets – Letters will be sent the week of May 24 to all residents on the affected streets. The 1st Reading of proposed ordinance will be June 8.
3. Overnight parking – Police Department reported that new procedures are being looked into for inquiries by residents who request permission to allow for on-street overnight parking.
4. Burr Oak Court traffic control request from resident – A new 20 MPH speed limit sign is to be installed, along with a No Outlet sign at the entry to Burr Oak Court from Meacham Road. As no signage previously was in place, a Slow – Children at Play sign is not being considered at this time.
5. Traffic planning for the Friday, May 14th special event at Arlington Park was discussed briefly.

Alderman D'Astice: Regarding the overnight parking – he has had a few 21-25 y/o tell him that we do not allow overnight parking anymore.

Chief Scanlan: Since we have moved to NWCD we do not have anyone here to answer those calls. Over the past 6 months people have been leaving their information on voice mail and there have been problems with that. In reviewing the ordinance and our capabilities we have changed our ways in processing that request.

2) Billboards (Removed from Agenda)

3) Utility e-Billing

Ms. Phillips: This issue was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting and there was a request for additional information and that has been provided. An upgrade on Monday went very smoothly.

Alderman Buske: How are we saving the cost of the printing of the bill?

Ms. Phillips: With e-Billing, you would be able to go online and view your bill as well as the newsletter.

Alderman Judd: As he stated before, this is very long overdue. Alderman Pitzafarro's concern was the interchange fees. Does this answer his concerns?

Alderman Pitzafarro: Believes that many municipalities charge a convenience fee and believes that we should as well. If residents paid from their checking account they would not have that fee. Instead of costing us money, it would make us money.

Alderman Judd: How about we go the other route. If you want your bill mailed to you, you pay a fee for that.

Ms. Phillips: Understands what he is saying. The reality is that we have an older population who does not want to work online.

Mayor Nelson: Maybe have a discount for paying online rather than a fee?

Alderman Buske: What does Alderman Pitzafarro think we should charge?

Alderman Pitzafarro: \$3.00 seems to be the norm.

Alderman Buske: Suggests we keep it the same, but we probably will be readdressing this.

Alderman Judd: Before we talk about convenience fees we need to look at the City accepting EFT's.

Ms. Phillips: We would need to speak to our vendor and the bank.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman Buske: Utilities Fund – What does ESRI stand for?

Ms. Phillips: That is our license for our GIS, our mapping program. ESRI is the name of the company.

2) April 2010 Financial Report

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of May 25, 2010 adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

May 25, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on June 8, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk