

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – June 8, 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, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, Senior Accountant Rob Fredrickson, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Engineer Jason Souden, 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.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Larsen moved to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Lusk.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

A moment of silence for former Mayor William Ahrens and his family. Mayor Ahrens passed away this last weekend.

Vehicle stickers and pet licenses are on sale. Remember, since last year, you are able to purchase vehicle stickers from the City's webpage (under the Finance section). The stickers must be displayed by June 30th.

On Monday, Staff and I had the opportunity to host a Chinese delegation. This delegation of six members was from the People's Government of Bayannaer Municipality, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. They were interested in the City's urban and regional planning, government, businesses, and overall dealings with the residents.

2010 Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, June 11th at Harper College. Events start at 6:00 pm Friday and go until 6:00 am on Saturday. This is the eleventh year for this annual event.

First American Bank located at 1430 Golf Road encourages all friends and families to come out for their Kids Day Celebration on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments and popcorn as well as free giveaways. Additional partners for this Kids Day Celebration are Walmart, Steak 'n Shake, and Buona Restaurants.

A friendly reminder that the City's 4th of July Parade is scheduled for Sunday, July 4th, starting at 1:30 pm. The Cancer Awareness walk will follow the parade with the fireworks later that evening.

July 17th is the third Annual Duck Race (4:00 pm at Kimball Hill Park) sponsored by the City's Environmental Committee, Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation, and Rolling Meadows Rotary International. Tickets (\$5 per duck) and additional information can be found at City Hall, the Community Center, and Nelson Sports Complex.

The Garden Club's 2010 Garden Walk will be on Sunday, June 27th from noon to 4:00 pm. Tickets are on sale at the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive) or online at www.rollingmeadowsgardenclub.com. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. For additional information, please contact Carol at 847-818-3200, x230.

Fire Station informational meetings will be conducted in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 9th starting at 7:00 pm and Saturday, June 19th starting at 10:00 am. The Wednesday, June 9th meeting will be televised.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferrro:

Two weeks ago he had received some complaints about the long grass along Algonquin. He thanked Public Works and Community Development for taking care of the problem.

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Veteran's thanked the City for the Memorial Day parade. They suggested posting signs along the route prior to the day of the parade to encourage residents to attend.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

Received a call from a resident on East Frontage. The crew putting in new curbs woke him up very early in the morning requesting that he move his car from the driveway to the street. He works nights so he was not very happy about being woken up.

Mr. Vogt: Notices generally go out prior to the work and the General Contractor will also notify residents no earlier than 7:00 am the day of the work.

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

None

Ward 6 – Alderman D'Astice:

Over the last couple of weeks several residents have contacted him about homes with unkempt lawns. He asked Mrs. Dehner to explain the process.

Ms. Dehner: Our code says that a yard is in violation when it exceeds 10". We encourage residents to call or email in their complaint. We will then go out and look at the property and then give the resident time to fix the complaint and if it is not taken care of we will take care of the lawn and put a lien on the property.

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

The threshold is 10” by ordinance. Can we change that ordinance? 10” seems to be more than generous. Can we lower that to 6 or 7”?

Mr. Macholl: Will take a look at it.

Alderman Buske: Would like a copy of the weed ordinance.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mr. John Glow, 4820 Deepwood Lane & Sue Walton, 3508 Millcreek Lane: Came forward to give more information about the Duck Race on July 17th.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance 10-17 / Approve Dissolution of SSA # 4 (Postponed at the May 25, 2010 Council Meeting) (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Ordinance Passed

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

B. Ordinance / Amend Traffic Code – Parking Restrictions

C. Ordinance / Adopt Prevailing Wage

Alderman Larsen requested both items be removed from the Consent Agenda.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item B from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Amend Traffic Code – Parking Restrictions

Alderman Pitzafarro made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Larsen: Has been contacted by a resident expressing his concerns about the parking limitations. Where did the 21 feet come from?

Mr. Vogt: The Traffic Review Committee, as well as meeting with the City engineer on each of these proposed streets.

Mr. Souden: It was based on having 9 feet for emergency vehicles to be able to get through.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Approved on First Reading

Item C from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Adopt Prevailing Wage

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Alderman Larsen: We visit this each year. If we adopt, this is how much we would be paying contractors?

Mayor Nelson: This has to do with what contractors pay their employees. In the past we have rejected this Prevailing Wage.

Mr. Macholl: By default, we would, in effect, adopt the County’s prevailing wage.

Alderman Larsen: Essentially, a no vote would be in spirit only, but no functional difference.

Alderman Lusk: Saying no to this would make a big difference to Staff, especially with regards to Freedom of Information requests.

Mayor Nelson: Alderman Lusk makes a good point.

Alderman Adams: Would venture to guess that the FOIA requests would be made regardless of what we vote.

Mayor Nelson: That is quite possible. He would not argue that point.

Alderman Judd: To adopt this does not make any sense to him.

Alderman Larsen: Can the City Manager quantify Staff time on these requests.

Ms. Phillips: No, but agrees with Alderman Adams that we will receive these FOIA requests regardless.

Alderman Buske: Feels the cities get “ripped off” with this prevailing wage.

Yeas: Lusk

Nays: Pitzafarro, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Failed on First Reading

D. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 6-8-2010

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

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 (Postponed at the May 25, 2010 Council Meeting)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

F. Resolution No. 10-R-59 / Amend Budget – Utilities Fund (Postponed at the May 25, 2010 Council Meeting)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D’Astice: Clarified that a “yes” vote eliminates the creation of a new position and allows the individual to get the 10% increase per policy and eliminates a new Maintenance C position at \$45,000/year.

Alderman Lusk: Agrees with Mr. Vogt's staffing plan and will be voting No.

Alderman Judd: Finds it interesting that we will start someone at \$45,000. There are plenty of people out of work and will take this job for much less. He does not agree with the 10% increase in pay. He will support this.

Alderman Adams: Would probably support the Supervisory position, but does not support the creation of the new position. The \$45,000 starting salary is atrocious.

Alderman Lusk: Does not have a problem looking at the starting salary when figures come in.

Mayor Nelson: We chose the City Manager form of government. A yes vote on this directly undermines the role of the City Manager and Staff.

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

Nays: Lusk

Absent:

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-61 / Award Contract for Pavement Crack Sealing

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Lusk: Commented that her street was redone about 2 or 3 years ago. They crack sealed the next year and there have been no cracks since then.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-62 / Award Contract # 1 for Pavement Rejuvenator PRA

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Does not understand why we are waiving the bidding process.

Mr. Vogt: The difficulty with this is that there are no IDOT standard specifications. To bid this would really limit us. We have found this product to be very good.

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

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-63 / Award Contract # 2 for Pavement Rejuvenator GSB-88

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D' Astice: This one is double the price. Will this last twice as long.

Mr. Vogt: We used this application a couple of years ago and wanted to try it again.

Alderman D' Astice: So this is a test?

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

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

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 10-R-64 / Award Contract for Street Program

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

K. Resolution No. 10-R-65 / Approve Agreement with IDOT for Carriageway Bridge

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D'Astice: Is the City liable for repairs or is the Condominium group liable.

Mr. Vogt: Carriageway Drive is a public street from Algonquin Road to just over the bridge.

Alderman Judd: Is this an additional \$40,000?

Mr. Vogt: No.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

L. Resolution No. 10-R-66 / Approve Revised Letter of Intent for East/West Frontage Road Bridges

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: Why do we want to take over the bridge after they fix it? Is it worth us accepting this?

Mr. Vogt: The good news is that typically there are federal funds available for maintenance down the road.

Alderman Buske: What is an estimate of the maintenance?

Mr. Vogt: Every couple of years.

Mr. Souden: Once these are repaired, he does not expect any major maintenance repair for 20-25 years.

Mr. Vogt: Pointed out that the bridges are going on 50 years.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

M. Resolution No. 10-R-67 / Approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for East/West Frontage Road Bridges

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

N. Resolution No. 10-R-68 / Approve Construction Engineering Agreement for East/West Frontage Road Bridges

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

O. Resolution No. 10-R-69 / Authorize Application for RTA Planning Grant

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D'Astice: Would like more explanation.

Mayor Nelson: We have been looking at construction in the Golden Triangle. This is a limited time grant.

Ms. Phillips: They will look at the entire area. It appears that in the future more people will be using public transportation.

Alderman D'Astice: Was this part of our budget?

Ms. Phillips: No. This is something new. We have just become aware that this grant is available.

Alderman D'Astice: The money is coming from the STAR fund?

Mayor Nelson: Correct. It is not part of the General Fund Budget.

Alderman Pitzafarro: It seems like an awful lot of money for a study on public transportation.

Mayor Nelson: All this is doing today is allowing Staff to apply for the grant.

Alderman Pitzafarro: If we are not awarded the grant we would not lose anything?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

Alderman D'Astice: He will support this now, but believes this should have been a discussion item.

Mayor Nelson: Clarified that RTA just announced the grant and allowed for only 30 days to apply.

Alderman D'Astice: We could have had a small discussion item before presentation of the Resolution.

Alderman Buske: Will also vote in favor as long as it doesn't cost us anything at this time.

Alderman Judd: Is not interested in spending \$24,000 for someone to tell us where to put a bus stop.

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

Nays: Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

P. Resolution No. 10-R-70 / Approve FY2009 Supplemental Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation for Public Works Street Maintenance Operations

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Did we have to do this? How much did it cost to move \$330?

Mr. Vogt: This is a Staff function. It is a state requirement based on the auditing procedures for the Motor Fuel Tax.

Alderman Judd: Thinks that at some point we need to look at the cost of doing this and what we are trying to save.

Alderman Larsen: His impression is that the numbers were already identified and this is just a matter of typing up a couple of paragraphs. He can certainly appreciate Alderman Judd's concerns.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) 2009 Audit

Ms. Phillips: Staff is here to answer any questions.

Alderman Lusk: Their recommendation is to work on fund balances?

Ms. Phillips: Absolutely.

Alderman Adams: The General Fund as of 12/31/09, we are in the hole by over \$700,000. Is this a cumulative figure over a few years?

Ms. Phillips: That is correct.

Alderman Lusk: So we have made fairly good headway?

Ms. Phillips: Yes.

Alderman Judd: Would like further explanation on the deficit cash balances.

Mr. Fredrickson: Would need to sit down with him and go over the numbers.

2) Refuse Survey

Mr. Vogt: Staff was directed to prepare a list of potential questions for a refuse survey. These are being presented to Council.

Mayor Nelson: In his opinion, this would make him comfortable that we would be discussing “apples to apples” on this.

Mr. Vogt: That is the effort that we sought to make.

Alderman Buske: Would like to see a question about “strike protection”.

Mr. Vogt: We can add a question about that.

Alderman Judd: Is there anything in there to find out what actual increase they received when a contract came up, not just what they projected.

Ms. Phillips: There is a question about price escalators that are included in their current contract.

Further discussion took place regarding survey questions.

3) **Billboards (Postponed at the May 25, 2010 Council Meeting)**

Ms. Phillips: Updated Council.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

**2) Presentation of the June 15th Committee of the Whole
Agenda**

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve the June 15th Committee of the Whole Agenda; seconded by Alderman Pitzaferrero.

UNANIMOUS

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

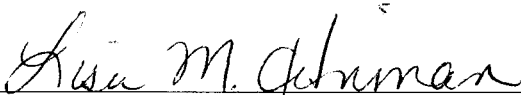
There being no further business, Alderman D'Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Pitzaferrero.

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of June 8, 2010 adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

June 8, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on June 22, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk