

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – June 22, 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 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 Lusk moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Council Meeting; and the June 15, 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:

1) Reminder: Vehicle stickers and pet licenses are still on sale. The stickers must be displayed by June 30th.

2) Due to the Friday, June 18th wind storm, there is enough tree damage that warrants a special collection to be made. Residents should place their damaged tree limbs, from parkways or from yards, at the curb this week, June 21 – 27. Public Works crews will begin collection on Monday, June 28th starting in Section 4 (where the regularly scheduled brush collection will take place) and then progressing into the other sections of the City until completion.

This week we will be working on parkway tree damage, and storm damage collection as needed in various areas, but will go through all streets next week to pick up the materials set out by residents.

Questions – call Public Works at 847-963-0500.

3) City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th of July Holiday.

4) There will be no refuse pickup on Monday, July 5th, due to the Independence Holiday. Regular Monday collection routes will be picked up on Tuesday, July 6th. This also means that each day will be delayed.

5) The City's 4th of July Parade will kick off at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 4th. The parade route starts from the Rolling Meadows High School parking lot on Central Road, heads north on Jay Lane, then west up Grouse Lane, then north up Meadow Drive to Kirchoff Road.

6) Family walk/bike starts around 3:00 pm. Registration is at the back of the Community Center – 3705 Pheasant Drive. Remember to register so you and your family are entered into a drawing for front row seating at the City's fireworks display.

7) The City's 4th of July fireworks will be conducted on July 4th at Salk Park starting around 9:30 pm (dusk), please be early.

8) July 17th – 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.

9) The Garden Club's 2010 Garden Walk will be on Sunday June 27th from noon – 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.

10) Thank you to Fire Chief Ron Stewart for conducting two information meetings regarding the Fire Station project. A copy of the PowerPoint is on the City's website.

11) Terry Moran Day is Saturday, July 17th, please contact the Park District for additional information.

12) City Wide Blood Drive – Wednesday, July 28th, from 1:00 – 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

13) Finally, I would like to say goodbye to Deputy Fire Chief Brian Dempsey who retired on June 17th. He started working for the Fire Department on July 25, 1979. We wish him the best!!

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzferro:

Received a call from a resident concerned about the new overnight parking situation.

Chief Scanlan: Believes he spoke with her.

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

1/3 of her Ward was affected by the electrical outage. There are some very upset residents. We will be looking for the reliability studies.

Unfortunately, we had a very destructive fire at the WINGS resale shop in Palatine.. Their hope is to open in a new location. She is asking people to start collecting things to be donated to their new shop.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

None

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

Received calls from residents regarding the overnight parking situation. They called during business hours and were not connected to the Police Department. She was told that nobody was available to take the call. She was then told that she would not be allowed to park overnight in the street. Suggestion, could we do something over the internet through the website?

Chief Scanlan: The ordinance simply says that there is NO overnight parking. We do allow exceptions. As far as the call, she can call his office and we will try to resolve the problem.

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

None

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

Received calls from residents with power issues. One resident’s power was restored this morning. The frustration is with the uncertainty of what is going on.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mr. Len Prejna, Adams Street, Rolling Meadows: Thanked Public Works for the work during/after the storm. He came forward to speak about saving the Rolling Meadows Police motorcycle unit. He asks that Council openly listen to what he has to say. The units that we have get 32 – 36 mpg (squads 12-15 mpg). Selling both cycles would not be enough to buy one squad. Keeping them would save the wear and tear on the squad and hopefully delay the purchase of a new squad. The budget allocated \$17500 for uniforms (no longer needed). Cycles respond quicker. Cycles are paid for, employees are fully trained, and costs are 1/3 less to operate. Asking Council to reinstate the cycle unit and start saving money. Let’s have them ready for the parade.

Mr. Tom Litzler, here on behalf of Chase Bank: They have invested over \$500,000 in this shopping center. The proposal tonight is to relocate Chase Bank to a more visible location. We are here for Q&A.

Mr. Ted Loesch, 2906 Cardinal Drive, Rolling Meadows: here to echo the comments of Mr. Prejna. No officer has approached him to come before the Council...he is doing this on his own. He feels strongly that the availability of a cycle to lead a band of cycles to welcome a veteran home is important.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance 10-19 / Amend Traffic Code – Parking on One Side of Street (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Ordinance Passed

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

- B. Ordinance / Approve an Amendment to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center Planned Development and a Special Use for a Drive-Thru Bank – Chase Bank**
- C. Ordinance / Approve a Zoning Text Amendment to Create the “Illinois Route 53 Expressway Sign Overlay District”**
- D. Ordinance / Amend Traffic Code – Parking on Arbor Drive**

Alderman Buske requested Item B be removed.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Unanimous

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item B from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Approve an Amendment to the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center Planned Development and a Special Use for a Drive-Thru Bank – Chase Bank

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

Alderman Buske: Feels that this is not a good use for that property. We have 5 banks clustered together. This is not a revenue generating business for the community. He asked Ms. Phillips to comment.

Ms. Phillips: The Economic Development committee looked for more service industries for the downtown. Banks have been pursuing valuable corner lots. The committee looked at it and was leery on creating a true moratorium on banks. They recommended a fee in lieu of sales tax based on square footage (\$1.77/sq. ft.) We would want Chase to consider paying this fee (approx. \$6,700 per year). It has been discussed with Chase and they have indicated that they are open to discussion.

Mayor Nelson: Chase exists in the downtown now?

Ms. Dehner: Correct.

Alderman D’Astice: Made a motion to add a \$7,000 fee per year in lieu of sales tax.

Mayor Nelson: Is this appropriate?

Mr. Macholl: We could do it as proposed and it would be based upon agreement by both parties.

Alderman Buske: Second to Alderman D’Astice’s motion.

Alderman Judd: Is also interested in increasing the fee 3% per year or the rate of inflation.

Mayor Nelson: His concern is that if we are going to initiate an “in lieu” fee we should do that by ordinance that would apply to any business. He is not opposed to adding it to this ordinance.

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Alderman Judd: Made a motion to increase fee by 2.5% or CPI (whichever is greater) per year, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Roll on Motion by Alderman Judd:

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Motion Passed

Alderman Pitzaferro: Where did we come up with this number?

Ms. Phillips: The marketing study has shown us that the sales tax generating businesses currently contribute \$1.77/sq ft.

Roll on Motion by Alderman D'Astice:

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Motion Passed

Alderman Lusk: Made a motion to open the floor for discussion, seconded by Alderman Pitzaferro.

Yeas: Pitzaferro, Lusk, Adams

Nays: Buske, Judd, D'Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Motion Failed

Alderman Larsen: Is Alderman Buske's objection to the location?

Alderman Buske: We should not put anything in the downtown area that is not tax generating. He would consider a yes vote on this ordinance as amended.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Approved on First Reading

E. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 6-22-2010

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve Warrant, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Warrant Passed

F. Resolution No. 10-R-71 / Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Palatine for Interconnect

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: Didn't we put a connection together with Palatine already?

Mr. Vogt: This is the one connection. This resolution is to memorialize the maintenance agreement and the cost sharing.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-72 / Award Contract for Replacement of City Hall Parking Lot Lighting

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Larsen: Where is this money coming from?

Ms. Phillips: Building and Grounds. It was on the Capital Improvement list for next year; however, it does appear that we need to replace them now. It is important that we maintain the lighting that we have.

Mr. Vogt: There has been some savings with the projects already in the budget. There is adequate funding in that account.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-73 / Authorize Solicitation of Bids for Construction of Fire Station # 17

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Ms. Phillips: We held two public hearings and based on that and some other information, she asked Chief Stewart to make a presentation about the site that we chose and why we feel it is the best site.

Chief Stewart: This is not new data but validation of data that we already had on response times.

Ms. Phillips: FEMA needs an answer with regards to our intention.

Alderman Larsen: It seems to him that as much as there is a concern about spending money, in terms of Economic Development, we would be in a better position to bring more businesses in with the third station. This would be an investment in the future of the City. This is a perfect opportunity for us. He will vote yes and encourages the rest of Council to do the same.

Alderman Lusk: Echoes Alderman Larsen's comments. We cannot afford to give up \$1.157 million. She will support this.

Mayor Nelson: Echoes the above comments as well. He would oppose any additional personnel. It would be a tremendous mistake to not approve this.

Yeas: Lusk, Larsen

Nays: Pitzaferro, Buske, Judd, Adams, D'Astice

Absent:

Resolution Failed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-74 / Authorize Settlement Agreement for SSA # 4

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 10-R-75 / Adopt Policy for Protection of Social Security Numbers of People doing Business with the City.

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Larsen: What is in place currently? Does this require more effort to Staff?

Ms. Phillips: We have a pretty good system in place. This is really accepting what the state has passed.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Temporary Signage

Mr. Macholl: Currently we greatly restrict signs in the public right-of-way. His opinion states that if we allow any signs, we need to allow all signs regardless of content.

Mayor Nelson: We could do it administratively, requiring them to get a permit for a period of time. There is still the question of political signs which we would also have to allow as long as they get a permit.

Alderman Buske: Enjoys the different groups coming before Council. He does not want to open this up to anyone. He would be in favor of no signs at all. Could the signs be put on private property?

Mr. Macholl: Yes.

Mayor Nelson: There are still regulations on that as well.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Was under the impression that a contractor could put a sign up on private property.

Mr. Macholl: If it is on private property, they should be allowed to put the sign up.

Ms. Dehner: We do not allow off-premise advertising for businesses.

Mayor Nelson: How would we define businesses (contractor / non-profit group)?

Mr. Macholl: Amend the ordinance to allow temporary signs on private property.

Mayor Nelson: What are our thoughts?

Alderman Pitzafarro: We can't keep it the same?

Mayor Nelson: I guess we can until someone sues us.

Mr. Macholl: Correct.

Mayor Nelson: We can require a permit for a sign on public property.

Alderman Larsen: Any reason we can't control this like we do political signs?

Mr. Macholl: They are not allowed in the public right-of-way.

Mayor Nelson: Political signs are different from other signs.

Alderman Larsen: What is the difference? Why can't we treat them all the same?

Mr. Macholl: You can't allow something to the exclusion of something else.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Can see our neighborhoods filling up with these signs. We need to take a step back and evaluate this.

Alderman D'Astice: Don't do anything with the law....leave it as it is. He does not recall, since 1993, that an organization has come before Council with a controversial sign.

Alderman Judd: If we were to allow these signs on private property we would need to change the ordinance we have in place? On public property we could institute a permit program?

Mr. Macholl: Yes.

Alderman Judd: What provisions could we put in place to fine organizations that do not follow the law?

Mr. Macholl: Alderman Judd raises a good point. He could draft an ordinance if Council wishes.

Alderman Judd: Would like to see it go to Community Development.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Would like it to come before Council. Agrees with Alderman D'Astice about continuing to do what we are doing until a situation arises where we need to readdress the issue.

Alderman Buske: Is on the same page with Aldermen D'Astice and Pitzafarro.

Mayor Nelson: Direction to Staff is to leave it as it is.

2) Liquor Licenses for Gas Stations

Mayor Nelson: We currently have a classification for convenience stores where gas is also being sold. We limit the licenses but allow someone to request an additional license. Some communities also limit the types of sales (no hard liquor).

Alderman Buske: Is against liquor at a gas station. He would like to see in gas stations that we allow the sale of beer and wine only. He is open to beer and wine at gas stations or convenience stores.

Alderman Pitzafarro: He believes it could depend on the location of the gas station/convenience store. He would be okay with beer and wine (no hard liquor) at a gas station. Also, because of the location, you have people walking. Would the current licensees be grandfathered in?

Mr. Macholl: Yes, but should they sell, the new licensee would have to apply and would no longer be grandfathered in.

Mayor Nelson: This is another opportunity for sales for these stores. He personally does not see the difference between going into a convenience store or into a package store.

Alderman Judd: If you are going to create a new category for gas stations he would be inclined to create one for convenience stores, like "7-11".

Mayor Nelson: At what point does a convenience store differ from a "Jewel" store?

Alderman Judd: It could be based on square footage.

Mayor Nelson: Our problems tend to be with full liquor stores and restaurants.

Chief Scanlan: We run compliance checks 4 times a year and the violators are mixed.

Alderman Buske: The convenience stores are like a grocery store. He would like to see gas stations sell beer and wine only.

Mayor Nelson: Is there a consensus to draft an ordinance to limit sales at those businesses that also sell gas?

Ms. Phillips: We would also like discussion on limiting the hours of sale.

Chief Scanlan: Suggests stopping sales at midnight or 1:00am.

Mayor Nelson: There would not be a problem with that. He would like to see it consistent across the board.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Feels that we need more discussion.

Mayor Nelson: Directed Staff to draft legislation.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman Judd: How much roofing are we talking about?

Mr. Vogt: It is smaller than a residential home, but with more complexities. He could provide more detail.

Alderman Judd: Emmers Painting – This cost seems exorbitant.

Mr. Macholl: These are both Public Works projects and are affected by the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Ms. Phillips: We did receive a bid for \$2500, but it was not prevailing wage.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Lusk: The motorcycle issue – valid points were brought up. Is there any interest on pulling back on the sale?

Alderman Larsen: Functionality of bike versus squad is not the same.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of June 22, 2010 adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

June 22, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on July 13, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk