

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – August 10, 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: Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent: Pitzferro

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Sr. Accountant Rob Fredrickson, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, 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 July 27, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzferro

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

No motion was made.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1) E-Waste Recycling Program expanded for 2010. Residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC member communities can utilize any of the following drop-off locations to dispose of e-waste products like computers (PC’s and laptops), MP3 players, monitors, VHS or DVD players, mice, keyboards, printers, fax machines, scanners, etc.: Hoffman Estates Village Hall (Monday and Wednesday’s from 10:00am to noon); Glenview Public Works Yard (Tuesdays 10:00am to noon); Morton Grove Public Works Yard (Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00pm and Friday’s 10:00am to noon). ID’s will be checked to verify residency.

Also, as a reminder, residents of Rolling Meadows can participate in SWANCC's "At Home Computer Program" that will come to your front door. This convenient recycling option for old electronics and computers only costs \$25 and you can recycle up to six items. Additional items are \$5 each with a maximum of 15 items. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, please contact SWANCC at 847-724-9205 or visit the website at www.swancc.org (click on the recycle section).

- 2) School District 15 will be officially opening for grades 1 to 8 on Wednesday, August 25th. Kindergarten and early childhood classes will start the next day. With school open, please obey the posted school zone signs and drive carefully. Please watch out for kids, busses and bicycles.
- 3) Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council will be conducting a fundraiser with Steak "n Shake, 1501 Algonquin Road, on Thursday, August 12th from 11:00am to 8:00pm. Pick up a voucher at City Hall or the Senior Center.
- 4) The 2010 Census is not over. Your help is still needed for a complete and accurate count. Please cooperate with Census workers that contact you via phone or in person. Workers should only be conducting follow-up interviews and field verifications.
- 5) On Wednesday, August 25th beginning at 1:00pm, enjoy an afternoon at the movies in the Senior Center Auditorium. The movie is "It's Complicated" starring Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin. The movie is free. Enjoy the show with popcorn and pop for only \$1.00. For more information or to let the office know you plan on attending, call 847-818-3205.
- 6) Introducing the new "Senior Minute to Win It!" on Friday, August 27th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Come to the Senior Center and enjoy an evening of easy, fun-to-watch, fun-to-play, simple games that must be completed in the allotted time. There is a \$1.00 fee for this event. Please register by August 20th at the Senior Center and utilize the code 11-8300-4-1-21. For more information on this event, please stop by the Senior Center located at 3705 Pheasant Drive or contact them at 847-818-3205.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferro:

No report.

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Announced that the City of Excellence finished its final event for the year at CornFest. It was a well received event.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

A resident on South Street complained about power outages. They have constantly been losing power.

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

No report.

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

No report.

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

No report.

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

No report.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Land Acquisition

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

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 7:40 pm

Alderman Lusk made a motion to return to Open Session; seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 8:18 pm

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance 10-23 / Accept Easement from Park District for Billboards (2nd Reading)

B. Ordinance 10-24 / Authorize Execution of a Lease with Lamar Advertising (2nd Reading)

Alderman Buske made a motion to postpone Items A & B for one week, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafarro

Motion Passed

C. Ordinance 10-25 / Amend Liquor Code – Add Liquor Classification “P” (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman Buske: This license allows dancing, are they planning on dancing?

Mayor Nelson: Not at this time.

Alderman D' Astice: Who is benefitting from this license?

Ms. Phillips: The Park District.

Alderman D' Astice: Is uncomfortable with this right now.

Mayor Nelson: This would be a reinstatement of a license they had for years.

Alderman D' Astice: They are asking us to do this so they can make money?

Mayor Nelson: They will make some money. It was a request from one of their clients.

Alderman D' Astice: Do we know how much they could make?

Mayor Nelson: No.

Alderman Lusk: She will not vote in favor.

Yeas: Buske, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: Lusk, Judd

Absent: Pitzafferro

Ordinance Passed

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

D. Ordinance / Amend Chapter 102, Taxation, Article V, Wheel Taxes and Article VII, Municipal Electric Use Tax – Sunset Clause

E. Ordinance / Amend Liquor Code – Create Class D1 Liquor License

Alderman Judd requested Item E be removed.

Alderman Buske requested Item D be removed.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item D from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Amend Chapter 102, Taxation, Article V, Wheel Taxes and Article VII, Municipal Electric Use Tax – Sunset Clause

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

Alderman Buske made a motion to make both Sunset Clauses extend to 2012, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman Larsen: Why are they separated by three years to begin with?

Ms. Phillips: The Wheel Tax always had a 5 year sunset clause.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

Roll on Ordinance as amended:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Approved on First Reading

Item E from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Amend Liquor Code – Create Class D1 Liquor License

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

Alderman Judd: Thought this would be “D2” license.

Ms. Phillips: We would have to have a “D” license because they deal with beer only.

Mayor Nelson: We had talked about it being a “B2” license.

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

Nays: Lusk

Absent: Pitzafferro

Approved on First Reading

F. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 8-10-2010

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

Alderman Buske: Page 20 - \$271 (travel and lodging) – for what event?

Ms. Phillips: That is 3 months worth of mileage that she submitted.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Warrant Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-89 / Approve Change Order # 1 for 2010 Street Program

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: It says there is poor soils that cause deterioration. Who is responsible for checking that soil?

Mr. Vogt: It is an area that has peat soils. There are a number of storm sewer inlets that have been put in. We felt that we got all of the bad soils out at that point.

Alderman D’Astice: Who is accountable?

Mr. Vogt: Going back 9 years, the City Engineer, Public Works and the contractor.

Alderman D'Astice: Finds it disturbing that someone said it was okay and 9 years later we have to redo a road that should have lasted 20 years.

Mr. Vogt: Appreciates the concern and we can take assessment of the known areas.

Alderman Judd: The original contract was \$820,000. Why was this not included at the time of the original bidding?

Mr. Vogt: Vermont has been identified over the last several years as a candidate in need and had been delayed. The contract documents were prepared in March and April. The street condition rating survey was performed in April and May and it was at that time, as well as a complaint from a resident that caused us to look at this section of Wilson and it was too late to add it to the street program.

Alderman Judd: Do we allow a percentage profit that companies can make?

Mr. Vogt: That is not our concern.

Ms. Phillips: We do not have the ability to specify the profit that they can make.

Alderman Judd: What is this \$12,000 getting us?

Mr. Vogt: There will be some full depth pavement excavation and replacement.

Alderman D'Astice: Did Burke Engineering point this out to us....were we aware of this?

Mr. Vogt: It is only 3 small sections of the road that are failing and we found out when the street survey was done.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-90 / Award Contract for GIS Services for Utility Mapping

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: What are they doing for \$10,000?

Mr. Vogt: Completing the few areas of the City that have not been mapped over the last 7 years.

Mayor Nelson: This has been an on-going project.

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

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-91 / Award Contract for GIS Services for Water Mapping

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 10-R-92 / Accept Grant for Laptop Computers

K. Resolution No. 10-R-93 / Approve Purchase of Laptop Computers

Mayor Nelson entertained a motion to combine Items J & K.

Alderman Larsen made that motion, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Mayor Ken Nelson read the backgrounds on these Resolutions.

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

Alderman Larsen: We are accepting a grant for one of the computers and using seizure funds for the others?

Chief Scanlan: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: Are these swapping out existing units?

Chief Scanlan: Yes.

Alderman D' Astice: The seizure funds – are those our share from the DEA guy?

Chief Scanlan: Yes.

Alderman D' Astice: Is there software on these computers.

Chief Scanlan: They come with an operating system and then we are going to use the software that we currently have.

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

Resolution Passed

L. Resolution No. 10-R-94 / Accept the State of Illinois Department of Transportation Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Agreement

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

M. Resolution No. 10-R-95 / Approve Placement of Temporary Signage in the Public Right-of-Way – St. Colette School

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman Buske: The 3rd item – Relocate security door. Did that come from the back of the building?

Ms. Phillips: It came from records.

Alderman Buske: Did you get pricing?

Chief Scanlan: This is just one step to get us a secure lobby in the front. Until we get the staffing to man the desk we need a secure place for them to go.

2) June 2010 Financial Report

Alderman Judd: In the last paragraph – He is assuming we would be borrowing against the line of credit?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

Alderman Judd: If we get the second installment in January why would we wait until March or April to pay?

Ms. Phillips: We will not get the payment from Cook County in January, but if we receive it in January we will pay it back in January.

Mr. Fredrickson: We are scheduled to receive the second installment in November or December. We will need that money to pay off the debt service.

Ms. Phillips: What happens is the majority of our debt service comes due in December.

Alderman Judd: We are running that far behind?

Ms. Phillips: Yes.

Alderman Judd: Have we pondered the thought that the state will not give us what we think they will?

Ms. Phillips: Legally, they have to give us the money. It is more a question of when.

3) Presentation of the August 17th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Ms. Phillips: Removed Brookwood discussion and Added discussion about senior snow plowing.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the August 17, 2010 Committee of the Whole Agenda as amended; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Buske: Commented on an article in the Rolling Meadows Journal, "How to spend \$1,000,000". It was mentioned that 4 Wards voted against the fire station and he clarified that he also voted against the fire station. Also, Bond for capital improvements...it has to be used for similar projects. That is wrong. The bond money we had to spend down...it was put against the Golf Road project. That money went into a special fund. It was General Fund money that was put into the fund for the fire station.

He also wanted to know why we are paying more money to the company that helps get us grants.

Chief Scanlan: It is a flat fee up to a certain amount and above that amount we pay them additional funds. They have done a really good job.

Alderman Buske: There is a bump on Kirchoff Road that he thought was being repaired. It turned out that it was not. What is going on?

Mr. Vogt: Knows that the work is scheduled.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel, seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays:

Absent: Pitzafarro

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 9:15 pm

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to return to Open Session; seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 9:21 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of August 10, 2010 adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

August 10, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on August 24, 2010

Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk