

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – September 8, 2009**

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, Finance Director Jim Egeberg, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Police Chief Steve Williams, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote, 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 August 25, 2009 Council Meeting and the minutes of the August 18, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting; seconded by Alderman Adams.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The City of Rolling Meadows recognizes September 2009 as the sixth annual National Preparedness Month and encourages all to review the preparedness information found at www.ready.gov. This nationwide effort encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

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The Kelly Miller Circus will be coming back to Rolling Meadows on Friday, September 18th (shows at 4:30pm and 7:30pm) and Saturday, September 19th (shows at 2:00pm and 5:30pm). The proceeds from this charity event are split evenly between the Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation and the Palatine Township Elementary District 15 Educational Foundation. Seats cost \$12.00 each and all the fun will take place at the Rolling Meadows Park District Community Center grounds, 3705 Pheasant Drive. To purchase tickets, stop by the Community Center.

Lifesource and the City of Rolling Meadows will again be conducting a blood drive at Fire Station #16 located at 2455 Plum Grove Road. The hours for this event will be 8:00am – 2:00pm.

On Saturday, October 10th, Fire Station #16 will be holding an open house from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Please stop by for lunch 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Also on Saturday, October 10th, State Representative Walker will be doing a child seat inspection at Fire Station #16. Hours will be released soon.

On Saturday, October 17th, the City of Rolling Meadows and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will be conducting a document destruction event at Public Works (3900 Berdnick) from 9:00am – 11:00am. There is no cost to participate. Paper clips do not need to be removed, but please remove binders. Also, please have your ID ready, as SWANCC staff will be checking each vehicle (only residents of SWANCC member communities may participate). Workers will help take paper out of vehicles and place in totes. The documents will then be loaded into a shredding truck on site. The paper will be cross-shredded, baled, and recycled. No business or institutional waste will be accepted.

The Rolling Meadows Golden Years Silver Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. Please register by Monday, October 12th at the Senior Center office (3705 Pheasant Drive) or contact them at 847-818-3205.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

City of Excellence will be having a paper event this month. Information will be available at City Hall and the Library. Also, next month will be Breast Cancer Awareness month.

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:

Received a call from a resident in Fairfax Village about being charged for garbage collection despite being gone 6 months out of the year. This issue has been discussed in the past. This resident does not feel it is fair.

Received a call from a resident in Jody Court regarding stimulus money for sound walls along Frontage Road. The resident said he will contact elected representatives for other funding.

Received another call from Fairfax Village regarding paving. In 25+ years, they have not had resurfacing done. Asked Mr. Vogt if they have a report on what streets will be done.

Mr. Vogt: Nothing finished yet. They are about ½ done with analysis.

Received an inquiry about mosquito spraying and wondered who does that?

Mr. Vogt: The Mosquito Abatement District.

Could residents get notification ahead of time?

Mr. Vogt: They will give generalities.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mr. Mike Sparks, 14 East Euclid, Arlington Heights: Owner of 12 Oaks: The pending lawsuit against the City does not seem to be abating. His properties have always been a point of pride. The property was bought to convert to condos. He worked with the City and developers to develop the property. He would like to negotiate a settlement. He would like Council to think about the tremendous shock he felt when the police barricaded the property. He was told it was due to the crime wave. He has developed a hatred for the City of Rolling Meadows.

Mayor Nelson: Cannot make a comment due to the pending litigation.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

PENDING:

None

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

A. Ordinance - Amend Fire Alarm Ordinance for Wireless Monitoring of Fire Alarms

Alderman Lusk made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.
Unanimous

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

B. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 9-8-09

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

Alderman Judd questioned the following:

Page 11 – Healy Asphalt: They all say 82.6 tons. Why the varying prices?

Mr. Vogt: 82.6 tons is the contract amount. Varying prices may be due to the asphalt we buy on a daily basis.

Page 34 – Union Leasing: Is this to lease the police vehicles?

Chief Williams: The detectives' vehicles.

Alderman Judd: Invoice total for \$151 for registration. Is that per car?

Chief Williams: He would have to look at the invoice.

Alderman Judd made a motion to pull this item from the Warrant, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

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

Motion Passed

Alderman Buske questioned the following:

Page 19: NW Central Dispatch – Is this from when we moved there to begin with.

Mr. Egeberg: This is the invoice after we went live at NWCD. This is what they did to get us up and running.

Alderman Pitzafarro questioned the following:

Page 1: Altera Phone System – Is this all part of the agreed upon price or for maintenance.

Mr. Egeberg: This is the annual maintenance.

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

Warrant Passed

C. Resolution No. 09-R-85 / Authorize Availability of Budget for Public Inspection and Intent to Levy a Property Tax

Mayor Ken Nelson 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

D. Resolution No. 09-R-86 / Approve Tax Rate Objection Settlement

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman D'Astice 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

E. Resolution No. 09-R-87 / Accept Tobacco Grant

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

F. Resolution No. 09-R-88 / Approve Emergency Storm Sewer Repair - Grouse Lane

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) 2010 Budget

Ms. Phillips: Proposed Budget passed out to Council for review with intent to discuss at September 19th Budget meeting. Budget will be online tomorrow.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation: **1) Live United Week - September 21, 2009**

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

SR1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

SR2) Recommend Cancelling the September 15, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting due to the September 19, 2009 Budget Workshop

Alderman Pitzafarro made a motion to cancel the September 15, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting; seconded by Alderman Buske.

UNANIMOUS

SR3) Presentation of the 2010 Budget Calendar for Approval

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve the 2010 Budget Calendar; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Judd: Made an error two weeks ago regarding police salaries. Also, during the last Committee of the Whole meeting, there was a miscommunication between him and Ms. Phillips when it came to budget deficit. The deficit will not be as large as originally thought.

Mayor Nelson: We had a bank taken over by the FDIC last Friday. If anyone has questions, please visit the FDIC website or go to the bank.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Personnel

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:10 pm

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 8:42 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

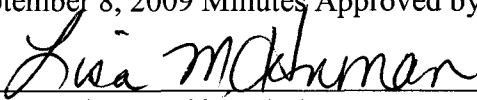
There being no further business, Alderman D'Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

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City Council meeting of September 8, 2009 adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

September 8, 2009 Minutes Approved by Council on September 22, 2009



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk