

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – September 22, 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, Senior Accountant Rob Fredrickson, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Police Chief Steve Williams, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, 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 Pitzafarro moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Alderman Pitzafarro made a motion to deviate, seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Unanimous

1) Award Police Commendations

Chief Williams presented the Exceptional Duty Award to 7 police personnel for their work during the apprehension on August 11th of a bank robber from the robbery at MB Financial Bank.

Mayor Nelson presented Rita Wiley with Northwest Alliance on Domestic Violence with a Proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Congratulations to Public Works who has been selected to discuss and demonstrate the City's Public Works Citizen Academy at the IML Conference this Friday. It is one of ten selected as the IML Best of the Best Programs.

On October 10th, Lifesource and the City will again be conducting a blood drive and this time it will be conducted at Fire Station #16 located at 2455 Plum Grove Road. The hours for this Saturday event will be 8:00am – 2:00pm.

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

State Representative Walker will be holding a child seat inspection at Fire Station #16 on Saturday, October 10th. 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:

In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, please note that on Friday, October 9th many City officials and Staff will don pink t-shirts. In addition, the American Cancer Society has partnered with the North Suburban Women's Cancer Coalition and area hospitals to promote breast cancer awareness through its "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign, Wednesday, October 14th. The campaign encourages men to remind women of the importance of annual mammograms. Registered participants will receive a pink ribbon and breast cancer awareness information for distribution to the women in their lives. To learn more, contact the American Cancer Society's Maggie Osborne at 847-368-1116.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

Received complaints about a Spanish band that was playing music very loud. They were asked to turn down the music and they complied. Did they require a permit?

Ms. Dehner: Typically, they would require a permit.

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 on Dawngate Court who had received a letter that the street may be a candidate for “No Parking”.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

PENDING:

**A. Ordinance No. 09-30 - Amend Fire Alarm Ordinance for Wireless Monitoring of Fire Alarms
(2nd Reading)**

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Ordinance Passed

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

- B. Ordinance / Approve Amendment to the Creekside Planned Development - 4 Woodbine Road**
- C. Ordinance / Approve Sign Appeal - 3200 Squibb Avenue - J C Restoration**
- D. Ordinance / Approve an Amendment to a Special Use - 3321 Algonquin Road - Marathon Gas Station**

Alderman Buske requested Item B be removed.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

Unanimous

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item B from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Approve Amendment to the Creekside Planned Development - 4 Woodbine Road

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

Alderman Buske: Was the management agency informed?

Ms. Dehner: The management company did not need to be contacted, but they were as a courtesy.

Alderman Larsen: Which management company?

Ms. Dehner: Fairfax Village.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Approved on First Reading

E. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 9-22-09

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

Alderman Judd questioned the following:

Page 25: What is the payment to Standard & Associates for?

Ms. Phillips: Fire Department candidates.

Page 29: Union Leasing – An email was sent to Ms. Phillips and she replied. He feels that this amount is excessive to title a car.

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

Warrant Passed

F. Resolution No. 09-R-89 / Accept IMAGE Grant

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

Ms. Phillips: Asked State Representative Walker to put in a kind word for Rolling Meadows for this grant and he gladly did.

G. Resolution No. 09-R-90 / Award Contract to Purchase Ambulance Chassis

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske made a motion to amend text to stipulate that the money will come out of the Vehicle Replacement Fund and pay cash, seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Alderman Buske: The finance charges would be over \$24,000 which is almost the price of another cruiser.

Alderman Lusk: Did not receive information that Ms. Phillips sent out.

Ms. Phillips: The information notes other vehicles that we leased to purchase and what we had paid for them and how we had leased them in the past. If we pay cash we will have to tap the line of credit.

Alderman Larsen: Do we have the ability to estimate the cost of tapping the line of credit?

Mr. Fredrickson: It is based on the LIBOR which changes month to month. It is hard to estimate at this point.

Ms. Phillips: It also depends on how fast we pay back that line of credit.

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Alderman Larsen: If the argument that paying cash is the way to go, then we can safely assume that it would be the way to go with the other vehicle purchases that we are looking at.

Ms. Phillips: We tapped the line of credit in January and we paid it back in March. It cost us \$4,200 for \$1.5M.

Alderman Larsen: Based on those numbers he does not see tapping the line of credit as a benefit.

Ms. Phillips: What it continues to do is create more and more of a negative cash flow for us.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Thinks we will end up in a much worse situation if we keep using money meant to purchase vehicles and start using it to pay bills.

Alderman D'Astice: Remembers on Saturday the question, do we have cash? The answer was yes. Should we even purchase the vehicle if we don't have the cash?

Alderman Larsen: Does not know if it is a case that we cannot manage our budget or that anyone is being fiscally irresponsible. Does not believe that we have to tap the line of credit, but Staff would like to exercise that option. Correct?

Ms. Phillips: We do not have an account with \$2M in it. We have to tap the line of credit to pay bills and salaries at times.

Alderman Larsen: We are talking about tapping or leasing. In the long run there will be a finance charge.

Alderman Buske: He was told that the money was in the fund and the vehicles could be paid for in cash. He feels he was lied to. They want to take \$1M out of that fund for working capital. He says no.

Alderman Larsen: Recalls that discussion but believes that the answer was yes, but through the line of credit.

Ms. Phillips: Assumed that he understood that we would need to tap the line of credit.

Alderman Larsen: Still has an issue with the overall interest of all the vehicles. Could it be over \$100,000?

Ms. Phillips: It could be.

Alderman Larsen: Is the cash flow worth \$100,000?

Ms. Phillips: That is the reason that past vehicles were bought on a lease to purchase program, because we didn't have the cash flow.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Was not aware that we would have to tap the line to write this check. We are looking at 3.7% on the lease and about 1.8% on the line of credit. It is unfortunate that this huge expense has come up during budget discussions.

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Mayor Nelson: Clarified why we have decided to purchase this vehicle at this time.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Believes that Alderman Buske would like to wait until after budget discussions to decide on this, yes?

Alderman Buske: Correct.

Ms. Phillips: Unfortunately we only have until the end of September to purchase this vehicle at this price.

Chief Stewart: The September deadline would get us the 2009 engine that would be exempt from the 2010 standards. We could estimate that if we wait a month we could incur another \$10,000 to the cost.

Mr. Macholl: Clarified that the amendment could be phrased that Council would like to exercise the prepayment option.

Alderman Judd: Does that trade in have to be taken into consideration now?

Chief Stewart: The trade in will be used to offset the cost of the purchase, but that money will be used for lettering and various other items.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: Lusk Larsen

Absent:

Motion Passed

Alderman Pitzafarro: Would anyone want to discuss holding off on this purchase?

Mayor Nelson: Thinks that the risk we may take is the increase costs because of the 2010 rates.

Chief Stewart: Cautioned that this bid was through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative and they are hesitant to move from that pricing because if they do it for one entity then they are forced to do it for all.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 09-R-91 / Authorize Placement of Signs on Public Right-of-Way - Rolling Meadows High School Booster Club

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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Mayor Nelson: We have done this just about every year he has been on the Council. He has no problem with it.

Alderman Buske: Agrees. He thanks the group for coming and asking before putting up the signs.

Alderman Judd: Will follow the lead of his predecessor and will have to vote against.

Alderman Adams: Thanked the Booster Club for asking for permission and fully supports.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Agrees with Alderman Adams. In response to Alderman Judd, he would be okay if another organization came forward and asked.

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

Nays: Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 09-R-92 / Authorize Placement of Signs on Public Right-of-Way - Park District

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, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 09-R-93 / Accept JAG Grant

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: On 3rd page of the Council Action Summary it states that this came out of the General Fund. Are those still the plans?

Chief Williams: This purchase was budgeted in the General Fund for approximately \$13,000. The total cost anticipated is \$9,000, 75% of which the Federal Government will reimburse the City.

Alderman Buske: These are for cameras for the squad cars. Wouldn't this come out of the police budget or small equipment?

Ms. Phillips: The Police Department is in the General Fund.

Alderman D' Astice: How much has been budgeted for this purchase?

Chief Williams: Thinks it is \$13,000.

Alderman D'Astice: We will only have to use \$3,000 and save \$10,000.

Chief Williams: The Federal Government will cover \$7,500, leaving us to match \$3,064

Alderman Buske: How many cameras? Is this putting a newer type of camera in the squad?

Chief Williams: These are both upgrades.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Staff Traffic Advisory Report

- 1) LED traffic signal upgrades required by IDOT
- 2) Slow Children at Play on Amanda Court, a dead end street. It was monitored a couple of times and Committee feels that it is not needed.
- 3) Jay Lane/Fulle Street traffic – monitoring conditions and will have report in October.
- 4) No Left Turn sign posted on west bound Plum Grove Drive at Magnolia. Recommend removal of the sign and monitor traffic.
- 5) Plum Creek Court – parking restrictions on one side of street. This is a request from a resident. IDOT recommends that any street less than 34 feet is justifiable for parking restrictions. Suggestion would be to survey residents.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Item 5 – he polled his neighbors and the majority thought everything was fine with the way traffic flows.

Mayor Nelson: This would really be more for emergency vehicles.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation: **1) International Ataxia Awareness Day - September 25, 2009**
 2) Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2009
 3) Fire Prevention Week - October 4-10, 2009

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports: **SR1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Judd: Clarification from Saturday regarding Administrative Services in the General Fund. Those are for items used that are not designated for one department.

Ms. Phillips: A lot are for items that everyone uses. Some salaries are also in there.

Alderman Judd: Those funds are derived from an administrative fee that comes from the other departments.

Ms. Phillips: There is a 10% fee that we charge.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like to add something to the Closed Session agenda.

Mr. Macholl: He can make a request.

Alderman D'Astice: Made a request to add Personnel to the Closed Session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Lusk made a motion the enter into Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

- 1) Review of Closed Session Minutes
- 2) Pending Litigation
- 3) Personnel

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

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:51pm

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 9:49 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

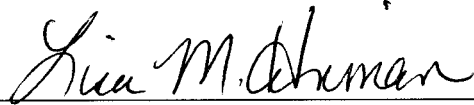
There being no further business, Alderman D' Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Buske.

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of September 22, 2009 adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

September 22, 2009 Minutes Approved by Council on October 13, 2009



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk