

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – January 26, 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: Pitzafarro

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 Lusk moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Council Meeting; and the January 19, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafarro

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

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

1) Public Hearing - Call for CDBG Projects

The Cook County Bureau of Administration requires the City of Rolling Meadows to hold a Public Hearing regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Funds. This Hearing is to solicit input from the Community regarding future funding and program needs.

Let the record show this Public Hearing opened at 7:32 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

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The Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds a variety of needs some of which include Single Family Rehabilitation, Fair Housing Activities, Housing Counseling, Affordable Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure Improvements, Commercial Rehabilitation, Capital Improvements and Public Service Activities.

The City of Rolling Meadows encourages any interested parties or organizations to present any current or future request or ideas regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak regarding the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program?

Mr. Brian McKenna with the Rolling Meadows Park District: They are asking for support of ADA upgrades for restrooms and doorways at the Community Center, 3705 Pheasant Drive.

Let the record show this hearing closed at 7:34 p.m., January 26, 2010.

2) “City of Excellence” Presentation

Alderman Lusk: Presented certificates of appreciation to committee members.

Ms. Maggie Osbourne with the American Cancer Society presented Mayor Nelson with the “Community of Excellence” award for 2008/2009.

- 3) Swear-in Firefighter Mike Neubauer**
- 4) Swear-in Lieutenant Dave Poore**
- 5) Swear-in Lieutenant Jim Marvin**
- 6) Swear-in Battalion Chief Mike Ahlman**
- 7) Swear-in Battalion Chief Marty Kerrins**
- 8) Swear-in Battalion Chief Pete Till**

Mayor Nelson swore in the above Firefighter, Lieutenants and Battalion Chiefs.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Census Bureau has jobs available. To learn more or to apply for these temporary, part-time jobs, mainly as census takers, please call 1-866-861-2010 or visit the web site at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

As mentioned in the January/February "News & Views" residents and businesses can sign up to receive emergency and community alerts. To do so, please visit the City's web site at www.cityrm.org and click on the "Citizen Alert – Notification Sign Up" icon. Everbridge – Citizen Alert System is administered by the Northwest Central Dispatch System. Once you have registered, this system will be able to communicate critical information to residents and businesses before, during and after emergency situations, such as natural disasters, missing persons, or other crises that impact the City.

Thank you to all residents and businesses who participated in the City's holiday light, extension cord, and wire recycling program. In a future "News & Views" there will be a summary. The plan is to make this an annual event.

Reminder: Please exercise your right to vote. The Primary Election is on Tuesday, February 2nd. Currently, early voting is going on and will conclude this Thursday (January 28th) – the nearest locations to "early vote" would be the Rolling Meadows Courthouse or the Palatine Village Hall. Just remember to bring a government-issued photo ID such as a passport, driver's license, or military ID. All early voting is conducted on touch screens and voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot make it to the polls Election Day.

Statistics show that cancer will affect one out of every three people in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society's 37th annual "Daffodil Days" is just one way that they fundraise so all individuals can take an active role in conquering cancer. The City of Rolling Meadows has some order forms if you would like to participate or you can contact American Cancer Society Staff Partner Sara Hammock at 847-368-1166. If you want additional order forms, or if you would like to coordinate a "Daffodil Days" at your office, please stop by the American Cancer Society's Arlington Heights office located at 1114 North Arlington Heights Road (2nd floor). Deadline for orders will be Friday, February 19th. Deliveries will be the week of March 15th.

Saturday, February 6th at Loving Care Animal Clinic (2633 Kirchoff Road) is Microchip Your Pet Day! Cost for this event is \$25.00. Chipping will only be completed by appointment, so if you are interested, please contact Loving Care Animal Clinic at 847-670-8488.

A special thank you to the Rolling Meadows Needle Craft Group for the wonderful Lap Robes that were donated to the veterans at the North Chicago VA Medical Center. As North Chicago VA, VS Representative Evelyn C. Ekk stated, "On behalf of our veterans at the North Chicago VA Medical Center, please accept my warmest thanks for the many donations of Lap Robes that you have given to the hospital. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the veteran patients we proudly serve. Our veterans are happy knowing that the sacrifices they have made for our country are not forgotten. Again, thank you for your kindness and support of our veterans."

The Golden Years Club is in need of volunteers. Some of the areas are woodshop supervisor, gift shop sales people, office help, special events, and Golden Nuggets. Additionally, the Golden Years Club Spring 2010 Program Guide is out. If you have not received one or would like to volunteer, please contact the Senior Center at 847-818-3205 or stop by the office located at 3705 Pheasant Drive.

Thursday, February 18th is the Golden Years luncheon. For additional information, like cost and entertainment, please contact the Senior Center office at 847-818-3205. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 11th.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzferro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

None

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

He advised residents that a new restaurant opened in the Jewel shopping center called Giuseppe's. He encouraged residents to visit.

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

None

Ward 6 – Alderman D'Astice:

None

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

PENDING:

A. Ordinance No. 10-01 / Approve Amendment to Special Use for Additional Telecommunications Equipment at 3201 Central Road - City Water Tank # 2 - The Everest Group for Clearwire, Petitioner (2nd Reading)

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Ordinance Passed

B. Ordinance No. 10-02 / Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to the SprintCom Lease Agreement - Clearwire as Subsidiary of SprintCom (2nd Reading)

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Ordinance Passed

C. Ordinance No. 10-03 / Amend Salary Ordinance - Police Sergeants (2nd Reading)

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Yeas: Buske, Adams, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: Judd

Absent: Pitzafferro

Abstain: Lusk

Ordinance Passed

Ordinance No. 10-04 / Amend Salary Ordinance - Seasonal Employees (2nd Reading)

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman D'Astice: A motion was made last week to eliminate PT-1 from the Ordinance and it is still in the Ordinance. Do we need to amend again?

Mr. Macholl: It would require further amendment.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to eliminate PT-1 and only keep the PT-2 recommendation, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Lusk: Last week she was in disagreement with this elimination and will be voting against this amendment.

Alderman Buske: Finds it an insult to have to bring this up again. He will vote to eliminate.

Alderman Larsen: Agrees that the minutes clearly state the PT-1 was voted on to eliminate. He would like Mr. Vogt to expand on the impact this could have.

Mr. Vogt: Believes he may have misunderstood two weeks ago. It was his understanding to keep the current PT-1 salaries and not to increase them. We had one person last year under PT-1 and that was probably the only time using PT-1 in the last 7-10 years. The impact would be minimal.

Alderman Larsen: Could we address this issue if we need to bring this person in, at that time?

Mayor Nelson: Yes.

Alderman Lusk: Understands the premise of getting rid of the PT-1, but does not agree. They have only used this classification once in the last few years.

Roll on Motion

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

Nays: Lusk

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

Roll on Ordinance as Amended

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Ordinance Passed

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

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

E. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 1-26-2010

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

Alderman Buske: Engineering costs on Commuter Drive and a Bike Path - Shouldn’t they have been done together?

Mr. Vogt: There are two separate contracts for the roadway and the bike path. We are doing the projects concurrently, but are keeping the books separately.

Alderman Buske: What engineering is done?

Mr. Souden: This project is not Burke Engineering and is not sure of the exact scope.

Alderman Buske: Did we get a grant?

Mr. Vogt: Yes, both for the bike path and the roadway. Also, this project is far more complex in that it involves a number of property owners.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Warrant Passed

F. Resolution No. 10-R-03 / Award Contract for Purchase of Sign Plotter (Postponed at January 12, 2010 Meeting)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Lusk: Appreciates the additional information from Mr. Vogt and Staff. In Paragraph 4 – will the elimination of the “on-site roller applicator check and service” affect them?

Mr. Vogt: If we find we need this we will pay for it out of the operating budget at that time.

Alderman Lusk: Assumes that the one employee that will be trained will train at least one other person.

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: He also appreciates the follow-up. We will be getting the same plotter for \$1800 less?

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-07 / Award Contract for FY2010 Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Supply/Purchases

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Has there been any discussion with Palatine Oil on where they get their prices? The Nymex futures that they are supplying do not look correct.

Mr. Vogt: Does not know how Palatine Oil calculates their prices?

Mr. Hartnett: Does not have that information.

Mr. Vogt: We can ask them tomorrow if Alderman Judd supplies them with the information that he has.

Mr. Hartnett: Informed Council that Palatine Oil will be locking in their prices on January 29th.

Alderman Judd: Is not comfortable with this purchase due to the fact that the prices that have been provided don't match what is on the CME website.

Mr. Vogt: If we are not comfortable with buying in bulk, we can go back to the way we did things prior to 2009.

Alderman Judd: Purchasing this way is an intelligent way to purchase fuel, but we are being provided prices that just don't make sense.

Mr. Vogt: Council could set a "not to exceed".

Alderman Judd made a motion to purchase 50% of fuel and make the average price for the 12 months not to exceed \$.10 of the high of the day on Friday, January 29, 2010, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Alderman D'Astice: He is not an expert in this area as Alderman Judd is and does not know if Staff is either. He understands the amendment, but will not vote for the amendment. Alderman Judd should discuss with Staff where this information is before they go back to Palatine Oil.

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Alderman Buske: Are the prices supplied in the information the actual rate that we will be paying?

Mr. Hartnett: Correct.

Alderman Buske: Will support the 75%, same as last year.

Alderman Larsen: Also is not conversant in gasoline futures. Alderman Judd does have a valid concern. Buying at the 75% rate is still applicable. It is valid to ask Palatine Oil how they are arriving at their numbers.

Mr. Vogt: There may be other times during 2010 when we could purchase fuel futures.

Mr. Hartnett: Suggested possibly eliminating Part 2 from the Ordinance and discuss with Palatine Oil and come back to Council with the prices.

Alderman Larsen: We could purchase at any time of the year, but if the price goes up, the price goes up.

Mr. Hartnett: Understands that this time of year is when the prices are at their lowest.

Alderman Larsen: Is there a way to go back to Palatine Oil and get a better deal and still execute a contract in the next couple of days?

Alderman D'Astice: We need to call the question.

Roll on Motion

Yeas: Judd, Adams

Nays: Lusk, Buske, D'Astice Larsen

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Failed

Alderman D'Astice: In favor of the 75%. We could empower Ms. Phillips with a buy price. He is okay with the \$.10 margin of the monthly high.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to give the City Manager the authority to execute a contract provided prices do not exceed \$.10 over the high of the day on January 29, 2010 for each month, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Larsen: After further review he noticed that the February rate is only \$.04 higher and November has a bigger spread and it may be a wash overall. This may be much ado about nothing.

Ms. Phillips: Did find it unusual that from July to January there are no changes, but looking at the RBOB there are changes every month.

Alderman Judd: Can we stop the contract at September?

Mr. Vogt: We can present that to them.

Alderman D'Astice: Retracts motion,

Alderman Lusk: Retracts her second.

Alderman D'Astice: Give Ms. Phillips authority to buy the 9 months, but have the ability to buy the rest of the months.

Mayor Nelson: We could probably do that by giving Ms. Phillips the authority to negotiate a shorter year.

Alderman Buske: What did we pay last year on the 75% futures and the 25%?

Mr. Hartnett: We do have a standing agreement with Palatine Oil to provide tanks at no charge as long as we buy the other 25% of fuel from them.

Ms. Phillips: The City saved just over \$16,000 for the 75% that was bought.

Alderman Buske: What is Mr. Vogt's opinion? Does he feel that we are getting "slammed"?

Mr. Vogt: We paid based on what the market was at the time. We would not use them if we felt we were getting "slammed".

Alderman Buske: Does not think we should go back to Palatine Oil and ask for more. They have treated us well.

Alderman Larsen: Thinks that this is much ado about nothing.

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

Nays: Judd

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-08 / Award a Contract for Engineering Services for City-Wide Pavement Condition Assessment

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Who does the vast bulk of the engineering?

Mr. Vogt: That is up to City Council to approve a contract. Historically, we have used Christopher Burke Engineering.

Alderman Judd: Did this bid go to anyone else?

Mr. Vogt: No, it did not. We are comfortable with Burke and it is appropriate to do so as what they have proposed to do is to update the study that they performed in 2003 and using that data to provide updates.

Alderman Judd: His concern is that this is like the fox watching the henhouse. They are telling us the roads that need to get replaced and then they are going to get the contract afterwards.

Mr. Vogt: Public Works Department Staff also assists with the assessments. It is a joint effort.

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

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-09 / Authorize Placement of Signs on Public Right-of-Way - St. Colette

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Voted against these whenever they come up. Not opposed to the organizations themselves.

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

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) 2010 Budget

Ms. Phillips: The closing of Sam's Club – Staff has looked at available options either through expenditure reductions or revenue enhancements. Several of the expenditure reductions involve personnel issues that need to be discussed in Closed Session. She recommends going into Closed Session now and coming back to Open Session to discuss further budget options.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) Personnel**
- 2) Pending Litigation**

Alderman Lusk made a motion to go into Closed Session; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Approved

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 9:28 pm

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

Unanimous

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 10:53 pm

Mayor Nelson: With regards to the closing of Sam's Club, we have given Staff direction on particular items and they will come back to Council with the necessary paperwork to adjust the budget to reflect savings about \$600,000.

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

2) December 2009 Financial Report

Alderman D'Astice: When will final numbers be in?

Mr. Fredrickson: Middle of March.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

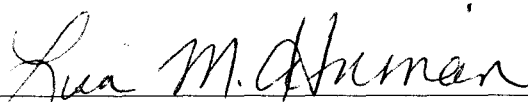
There being no further business, Alderman D'Astice moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of January 26, 2010 adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

January 26, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on February 9, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa M. Hinman", written over a horizontal line.

Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk