

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – March 9, 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: Pitzafferro

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Senior Accountant Rob Fredrickson, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote, 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 February 23, 2010 Council Meeting and the February 16, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafferro

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Upcoming Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library Spring Book Sale: The sale dates will be from March 19th – 21st with a pre-sale on March 18th. Find bargains galore on books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and more. Please contact the Library at 847-259-6050 for hours or visit www.rmlib.org.

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14th. Remember to spring forward one hour and it is also a smart idea to change the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors.

Census 2010 information is being mailed out. All residents should receive a U.S. Census Form during the week of March 15th. Fill out the form and mail it back. The 2010 Census is a count of each person living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information provided. Census data is used to apportion Congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services and infrastructure to provide (i.e. public works projects, emergency services, and schools).

A Rolling Meadows Senior Center Bakers Square fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, March 29th from 5 to 8 pm. There are no coupons to redeem. Just be sure to inform the staff that you are from the Rolling Meadows Senior Center. The Bakers Square is located at 270 E. Northwest Hwy, Palatine (across from the Palatine Plaza). 10% of all sales will be donated to the Rolling Meadows Senior Center. Please contact the Senior Center office at 847-818-3205 if you have questions.

Construction on East and West Frontage Roads has begun. Work has started on West Frontage Road. Traffic is restricted on one way Southbound for approximately two months. Northbound traffic has been detoured to utilize East Frontage Road during this time. During construction, southbound traffic will remain open to provide access to those residing on West Frontage Road, to access side streets, and for emergency vehicle access. Upon completion of West Frontage Road improvements, construction will begin on East Frontage Road. Estimated time for the completion of this section of road repair is also approximately two months. This project is funded by an ARRA federal stimulus infrastructure grant in excess of \$2,600,000 provided to the City of Rolling Meadows. Information on this project will be provided and updated on the City's website and can be found under the Public Works page, and by future mailings to those along the route, and to those on adjacent streets directly affected by the roadway improvements.

The Rolling Meadows Public Works Department will be hosting its third annual Public Works Citizens Training Academy in April. The class size will be limited to thirty (30) members this year. The Training Academy consists of six class sessions. The Public Works Department hopes that through these informative presentations and tours of the City facilities, participants will become more familiar with the City's infrastructure and functions of the Department. For more information about the 2010 Public Works Citizens Training Academy please contact Bob Hartnett at 847-963-0500 or by email at hartnett@cityrm.org, or you can check the City's website at www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks for registration information.

State Representative Mark Walker will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00pm at the Rolling Meadows Library, 3110 Martin Lane. To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact Rep. Walker's constituent service office at 847-640-8645 or repmarkwalker@gmail.com.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Pleased to announce that we have sold 51 cancer banners. A check will be presented to ACS in the amount of \$1225.00.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

What happens with garbage pick up when we change the time?

Mr. Vogt: It will be moved to 6:00pm the last week in March.

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. 10-05 / Amend the City's Pay Plan

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman D'Astice: Would like more information on Section 3.

Chief Scanlan: Those are certifications that require initial and on-going training.

Alderman D'Astice: How does that person attain that certification?

Chief Scanlan: The person we are hoping to bring in will already have those certifications.

Alderman D'Astice: Can anyone get those certifications?

Chief Scanlan: No.

Ms. Phillips: They deal with classified information.

Alderman D'Astice: How do you get certified?

Chief Scanlan: You become employed in a position that requires that certification.

Alderman Larsen: Discussions took place about outsourcing. What is happening with that?

Chief Scanlan: Some positions just cannot be outsourced.

Alderman Larsen: Assuming we approve this you would like to bring someone on at \$15.00/hr?

Chief Scanlan: Yes.

Alderman Larsen: And also continue to look at outsourcing other responsibilities?

Chief Scanlan: Yes.

Alderman Buske: Spoke with Chief Scanlan and he likes his ideas. Does not have a problem with the \$15/hr, but does not see that it is capped.

Ms. Phillips: Section 4 states that any proposed increase would have to be approved by Council.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro

Ordinance Passed

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

**B. Ordinance / Amend Personnel Rules & Regulations - Tuition Reimbursement Policy
(Postponed at the February 23, 2010 Council Meeting)**

Alderman Judd requested Item B be removed.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item B from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Amend Personnel Rules & Regulations - Tuition Reimbursement Policy (Postponed at the February 23, 2010 Council Meeting)

Alderman Buske made a motion to approve on First Reading, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Judd: Permanent part-time – Would like to either remove them or making them 50%.

Alderman Judd made a motion to eliminate permanent part-time from this program, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Alderman Lusk: Disagrees with removing them completely from this program. She does not have a problem with them in this program at a 50% rate.

Alderman Buske: Part-time people do not have any benefits.

Alderman Larsen: Is there a way to project how much this might cost us to have part-time people in this program over the next 24 months?

Ms. Phillips: We have one person in the Fire Department who is pursuing her degree. She is not aware of the dollar figure. She is going to Harper and their rate is about \$250/hr.

Alderman Larsen: He is conflicted on this issue. This is a benefit to employees and helps the organization to groom people's skills. For the time being he is going to support the idea of not including part-time people at this time, but would like us to keep our minds open.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: Lusk

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

Alderman D' Astice: Can an individual take a class that is indirectly job related and required for a degree and do Pass/Fail? That is not addressed here.

Ms. Phillips: Pass can be added.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to amend ordinance to read "A, or B, or Pass", seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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

C. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 3-9-2010

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Warrant Passed

D. Resolution No. 10-R-32 / Authorize the Ordering of Road Salt for Winter 2010-2011

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: When do we start taking this?

Mr. Vogt: We will not have to start taking deliveries until September or October.

Alderman Buske: There will be quite a bit left over at the end of this season?

Mr. Vogt: We hope.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

E. Resolution No. 10-R-33/ Authorize MFT Fund Expenditure for 2010 Street Program and 2010 Sidewalk Program

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Exhibit A states that salt is in there at 4000 tons at \$45 yet we just approved 3000 tons at \$60. Is it too much to ask to be consistent in the documents?

Mr. Vogt: Does not have a problem with changing it to be consistent.

Alderman Judd: Does not think that sidewalk replacement should be included in this.

Alderman Judd made a motion to eliminate sidewalk repairs, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Mayor Nelson: We are not spending anything on sidewalk replacement. This is a form that is authorized by IDOT to allow us to have the money and use it however we wish in the budget.

Mr. Vogt: This is what was appropriated in the 2010 budget.

Alderman Buske: Why are we up to \$120,000? He remembers Public Works only needing \$50,000 at one time.

Mr. Vogt: That must have been a long time ago. \$120,000 is certainly needed. The less we spend the greater number of hazards that are out there.

Alderman Buske: Do we rate the sidewalks like Burke rates the roads?

Mr. Vogt: We have a rotating system and go through area by area on a 5 year rotation.

Alderman Buske: The liquid salt treatment...we spray the salt?

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

Alderman Buske: He was also wondering why we put sidewalks in there. It was discussed and he now feels comfortable with it.

Alderman D'Astice: Some years ago he thought there was a sidewalk replacement fund. Did we merge that?

Mayor Nelson: That is different...that is for new developments for putting in new sidewalks.

Mr. Vogt: From time to time there are small escrow funds established. He recalls an attempt to breakout various funds (bikepath, sidewalk, etc). Those funds have now been merged. Historically we have funded our sidewalks repair/replacement from either the Local Road or Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Alderman D'Astice: He seconded the motion because he thought it warranted some discussion and believes that it warrants even further discussion.

Mayor Nelson: Encourages a no vote on this amendment. If sidewalks are not in here where will they go?

Alderman D'Astice: Exactly. He would like this on a future COW.

Roll on Motion:

Yeas: Judd

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

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Failed

Roll on Resolution:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

F. Resolution No. 10-R-34 / Approve Repairs to Refuse Truck #337

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: We did postpone buying the new garbage truck. When they are talking rails are these the types that need grease?

Mr. Vogt: There is to repair wear and tear on the vehicle.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 10-R-35 / Amend City's Cafeteria Plan

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-36 / Award Contract for Landscaping Services

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D' Astice: With the experiences that we have had getting out of contracts, is there an escape clause in this contract?

Mr. Vogt: No, because we have not had that experience with this vendor.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to add a 30 day cancellation clause, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Alderman Larsen: While an escape clause was appropriate for the software, he is certain it is warranted here. He cautions us having a blanket escape clause.

Alderman D' Astice: Disagrees.

Mr. Vogt: Clarified that if it is desirous a cancellation clause is typical for failure to perform.

Mayor Nelson: Believes that it would be based on performance.

Alderman Buske: This would be three years?

Mr. Vogt: We have the option for 3 years to lock in the 2010 rates.

Alderman Buske: Does not have a problem with the 3 years. He requests that they have their pesticide license.

Ms. Phillips: If the concern is locking in for 3 years when we don't know what might happen in two years, if the concern is getting out of it in the third year it does not have to be performance based.

Alderman D' Astice: His concern is to protect the interests of the City. We need to be able to get out of a contract.

Alderman Lusk: If this goes through would it change the bidding process.

Mr. Vogt: It will have to be brought to the contractor and if it is not acceptable Staff will come back to council.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: Buske

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

Alderman Buske: Do they want a 3 year contract or are they leaving this price the same and we have the option for years 2 and 3?

Mr. Vogt: The proposal is if we choose to lock them in to a 2nd and 3rd year we have the opportunity to do that given the same scope of services.

Alderman Judd: Deferred to Alderman Buske. Is this a fair price?

Alderman Buske: This sounds very reasonable.

Alderman Judd: The 2009 service - Is that with Lundstrum?

Mr. Vogt: Yes.

Alderman Judd: What was that cost?

Mr. Vogt: Somewhere around \$45,000.

Roll on Resolution as Amended:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 10-R-37 / Approve License Agreement with Kentucky Data Link to Install Overhead and Buried Equipment in the City's Right-of-Way

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Adams: Where exactly are they looking at doing the installation at?

Mr. Vogt: It is limited to the Wilke Road corridor starting at Central Road and working up to about Cindy Court and then into Arlington Heights for a bit and then back in Rolling Meadows north of Campbell. Does not have information on who they are providing services to.

Alderman Larsen: They have paid to expedite this. Is this standard?

Mr. Macholl: During the negotiations they indicated that they would appreciate the City turning this around quickly.

Alderman Larsen: How did we come up with a fee of \$2000?

Mr. Vogt: We are covering our costs.

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

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 10-R-38 / Support of Recommending the County of Cook Approval of a 6b Classification Tax Incentive – sortimat Technology L.P., 5655 Meadowbrook Drive

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to open the floor, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Unanimous

Mr. Kramer, President: We have 72 employees today and we are growing. Our customers are medical and pharmaceutical companies. Our 5-year plan is to get up to 100 employees. We are extremely excited to be in Rolling Meadows.

Alderman Buske: If they are looking to expand, why don't they buy the property behind them and include that in the 6b.

Mr. Kramer: The reason we are not buying it now is to be financially frugal, but we are looking to negotiate a purchase in the future.

Mayor Nelson: Welcomed Mr. Kramer to Rolling Meadows.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: **1) Appoint Melissa Gallagher to Fire Pension Board – Term to Expire 3/31/11 –**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept this appointment, seconded by Alderman Lusk.
Unanimous

Mayor's Proclamation: **2) Earth Hour 2010**

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports: **1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

2) Presentation of the March 16th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Ms. Phillips: Staff will not be prepared to discuss the Commuter Drive issue.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the March 16th Committee of the Whole Agenda; seconded by Alderman Judd.

Alderman Judd: Would like to add privatizing of refuse and privatizing ambulance service.

Ms. Phillips: Refuse is scheduled for the May Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Judd: Would like to move that up to March.

Ms. Phillips: A discussion could be had at a Council meeting and believes that we could be prepared by the first meeting in April.

Alderman Judd: We can wait until May for refuse, but would like the privatizing on ambulance service on the agenda next week.

Alderman D'Astice: Would also like a discussion added about the automatic triggering of the staffing plan review when a position becomes vacant.

UNAMIOUS

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

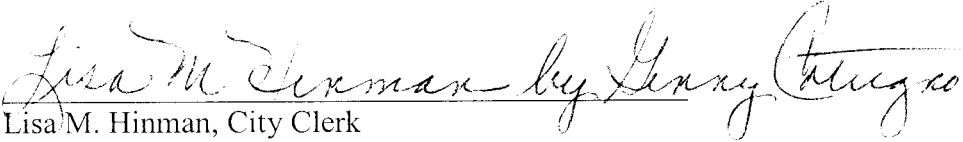
There being no further business, Alderman Lusk moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of March 9, 2010 adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

March 9, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on March 23, 2010


Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk
by Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk