

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – May 10, 2011**

**Mayor Ken Nelson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Buske, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Absent: Pitzaferrero, D’Astice

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Valerie Dehner, Assistant Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Engineer Jason Souden

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 Larsen moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Buske.

Yeas: Buske, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzaferrero, D’Astice

**Minutes Approved**

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to deviate, seconded by Alderman Adams.

**Unanimous**

1) Rolling Meadows Emergency Operations Plan – Cook County Approval Presentation

Mr. Tom Hardin with Cook County Homeland Security and Emergency Management made a presentation.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

None

**WARD REPORTS:**

**Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferrro:**

No report.

**Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:**

No report.

**Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:**

Reminder of Ward meeting in council chambers on Saturday.

**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.

➤ **PENDING:**

**A. Ordinance No. 11-13 / Ordinance / Amend City Code – Deputy City Clerk (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Yeas: Buske, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro, D' Astice

**Ordinance Passed**

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

**B. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 5-10-2011**

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

Yeas: Buske, Judd, Adams, Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro, D' Astice

**Warrant Passed**

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to deviate, seconded by Alderman Buske.

**Unanimous**

- 1) Proclamation – John Pitzafarro
- 2) Proclamation – Glenn Adams
- 3) Proclamation – Lisa Hinman
- 4) Swear-In Newly Elected Mayor
- 5) Proclamation – Ken Nelson
- 6) Swear-In Newly Elected Council

➤ **RECESS FOR CAKE AND COFFEE:**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

➤ **RECONVENE MEETING:**

Mayor Rooney explained why he was using a different gavel for his first meeting. This gavel comes from the annual WINGS dance that they did to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. During the auction the fellow opened the gavel to bid and I made sure I got it and told Rebecca Darr and Rita Canning you just watch the replay of the council meeting the first night; there's a gavel to use, but in honor of the WINGS organization, the people there, and to all the brave women and children that go through those doors, we're using this gavel tonight.

Secondly, you'll notice a few differences tonight, Ken's a little shorter than me and I use different terminology. I promise those are the only changes you will see tonight. You heard me during the campaign talking about changes we can make, I promise I will not make a single substantive change until after I get a chance at a Committee of the Whole Meeting to thoroughly explain, here's the idea, here's where it comes from, often times here is where it already is in our rules, even though we don't do it, and give everybody a chance to provide feedback at a Committee of the Whole, say I like that idea, do we have to do that idea, and anything else. Only after we have had a chance to fully discuss the bigger changes, will I make any of those changes. I realize it will be a little uncomfortable getting used to someone else's speech pattern, but at least for tonight that will be the only changes that we'll make. If anyone would like to have any questions about phrasing that is a little more parliamentary like, please feel free at any time to stop me if there is anything a little confusing please let me know.

➤ **ROLL CALL:**

**Present: MIKE CANNON, LARRY BUSKE, BRAD JUDD, ROBERT BANGER, JR, JIM LARSEN**

**Absent: Alderman D'Astice**

➤ **CONSENT**

**C. Ordinance / Approve Jurisdictional Transfer for East/West Frontage Road Bridges (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to approve for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; it has been moved and seconded that this Ordinance goes for a first reading

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Ordinance

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D'Astice

Ordinance approved on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and moved for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on May 24, 2011

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**D. Resolution No. 11-R-49 / Award Contract for Backhoe Loader Replacement**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Judd: We've got two backhoes, correct, a 1988 and 2000 – approximately how many hours are on the 2000 unit

Fred Vogt: I don't currently have that information; I'll have to get that for you

Alderman Judd: I'm a proponent of used equipment, when necessary and when it's cheaper. I have to say that I kind of disagree with this stipulation you put in for the used unit which is less than 3 years old and less than 750 operating hours. This unit that we have is 23 years old and has 10,000 hours on it, so to basically say we have to buy something that is a demo, just seems a little out of character for what I was hoping for, which is that we would actually look for something that might be 5 years old with 1500 hours on it, that would be substantially cheaper. Basically you didn't receive any which tells me most people don't unload them that quickly and I think with the number of companies out of business, or going out of business, if we were to expand that, we could probably find some savings, so when I drop 110,000 or 100,000 buying something I'm not super interested until I look at, 90,000 actually, all avenues as to what we can actually do, so I will not support this the way it is. If there is any interest to go back and look at it for a 5 year old and 1500 hours, I think that is something we should do, but the way it is now I won't support it.

Fred Vogt: We did look at and pursued the online services and the like used equipment of any capacity. What is presented here is what we set up in terms of the advertising and the specifications for those limitations. Staff felt that if we looked beyond a 3 year old machine we would just be revisiting this matter at a quicker pace in terms of age of equipment and number of hours. We did make the effort to go far beyond this in terms of other alternatives for used equipment and were not successful in finding anything.

Alderman Judd: I'd make the argument that you got a 23 year old machine, now you're saying that you can't get one over 3 years old. When I have a car that is a 2003, I don't go out and say I can only buy a 2010. I say what can I get as a reasonable car at a reasonable price that takes care of what I need done and you look at the equipment, and you say yes, there can be a 2000 car that has 10,000 miles and it's absolute garbage, it's been beat to death, you can have a 2007 car that has 50,000 miles that is in much better shape. So just saying that because it is 3 years old and 750 hours that you make a condition that it would likely be over use and not likely in good condition, you obviously have taken good care of the piece of equipment that we have because it lasted 23 years, so I don't buy that argument and that's why I won't support it.

Alderman Buske: Alderman Larsen and I are on that Committee. I looked at the phases on what was being traded in, what the City needs from that point, these backhoes are what we're doing, basically with the backhoes, the majority of the work is doing the sewer work, broken watermains and things of this nature. The price on the unit seems fair, it sounds like a lot of money, but if you're in that business it's a fair price. Yes, it is possible to go out and find other units, used units, but when it comes down to it, you

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are looking for a certain machine with a side shift so it doesn't have to be constantly repositioned when you're digging and I believe you could not find any of those, you could find some other ones that were not what you were looking for. I'll support this. The backhoe that you're getting rid of, I am just amazed that you're getting that much money for it. This unit also comes with another, newer breaker - how old is the other breaker?

Fred Vogt: 1994

Alderman Buske: It's been repaired many, many times and you can't get parts for it anymore, but we will use that until it dies.

Fred Vogt: We will keep it as a backup

Alderman Buske: As a backup on one unit, so you can get two units out at the same time. I think with what they are trading in and getting rid of, the machine is 23 years old where it has to be used constantly is different than me having a 23 year old machine. I will support this. We went across and had quite a few discussions on this and I think this is the way to go, rather than a used one with more problems.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: Judd

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

**E. Resolution No. 11-R-50 / Award Contract for Construction Engineering for the 2011 Street Program**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Judd: You've got 7.8% of the Construction Cost, correct, roughly

Fred Vogt: For this project, correct

Alderman Judd: And then the next Resolution that we have, it will be about 6% of the Construction Cost estimate. Why would it vary from one project being 8% and one project being 6%?

Fred Vogt: My understanding would be the nature of the inspection work, the hours that are required for the Street Program, because it is in various locations, is such that there's more involved with it than New Wilke Road, which is the other pending Resolution that is in one location, the hours are calculated by the City Engineer based on their plan designs and if there is anything that Jason has to add to that, it really isn't where we're focusing on looking for a %, I'm just pointing it out the proposals as to what % is construction and are there for informational purposes

Jason Souden: Our proposals are based on the hours you need to spend, based on the amount of time it's going to take the contractor to get the project done. They're not really tied to the construction costs. That is kind of used as a benchmark to see where we're at. If you get a really low construction price on

one project, the construction engineering fee may end up being a slightly higher %, so in this case we're seeing prices at about at cost for the construction project which is good for the City and makes our % look a little higher in certain cases, so this could be a matter if you got a really good price for the Street Program, New Wilke is a little more expensive – it's concrete, so our % is a little lower, but our proposals are based on amount of time and hours we anticipate we have to spend out in the field, not really % of construction costs.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

**F. Resolution No. 11-R-51 / Award Contract for Construction Engineering for New Wilke**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Banger, Jr. made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Buske: This has been a long time coming. I would like to thank Fred Vogt and Staff for getting this split from Golf Road. We probably wouldn't have seen this for another couple of years. When are they supposed to start on this and what is the completion date?

Fred Vogt: We anticipate several weeks after the contract is awarded, if awarded tonight this would put this in late June and it has a very short schedule in terms of working days.

Jason Souden: We were very tight on the allowable working days on this one, we gave them 48 working days, which is Monday – Friday, when the weather is acceptable, so that's about a little over 2 months; 3 months from starting.

Alderman Buske: This is a concrete firm, is that road going into concrete?

Jason Souden: Yes

Alderman Buske: That's going to be great. Something that the residents should understand, this road is going to start out at Algonquin Road at Wilke, then go down just short of Portillo's and that part of the road was not that bad, compared to the rest of it being the worst. The very end part we can live with that until they do Golf Road, because there has to be turn lanes put in, that's why we can't become involved in that.

Jason Souden: Correct. There's right-of-way required for that piece that we don't have yet.

Alderman Buske: The entire road will be completely taken out because in the bottom of that there was coal ash holding that together. There wasn't stone for base.

Jason Souden: Yes

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Barry Krumstok: Would also like to thank Ken Nelson and Representatives Harris, Morrison, and Mussman for assisting in making the split happen.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D' Astice

Resolution Adopted

**G. Resolution No. 11-R-52 / Award Contract for Engineering Services for Commuter Drive**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D' Astice

Resolution Adopted

**H. Resolution No. 11-R-53 / Award Contract for 2011 Street Program**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Cannon: With the extra \$50,000 can we do anything else yet this year with any other roads? Is that enough money to do anything substantial?

Fred Vogt: If the contract, based on the construction performance, comes in at this cost, the difference, the \$25,000, is used for the Engineering Services with MFT money, so we've already really committed to that at this point unless quantities come in much lower when we actually do the construction

Alderman Larsen: You've lost me there. I thought it was just said that if it came in at \$50,000 under what you anticipated it to be, the other \$25,000 would go toward engineering, where was the engineering money going to come from otherwise

Fred Vogt: We would have had to look at deferring one of the streets or lessening the project because attempting to stay within the budget, the MFT budget for the Street program and engineering is \$500,000. It's not unusual that we may exceed, in terms of the estimate when we go out for bids, hoping that the prices come in advantageous. We really expected that this year, given the economy and the trending in the prices, so it's not so much a savings as it is the ability that we had to stay within the budget.

Alderman Larsen: And we managed to do that. That's kind of the sense that I got. There is no \$50,000 saved.

Fred Vogt: Yes, and as Jason is reminding me, Kingfisher Lane as we got into the project and looked at the drainage and the pavement condition we did find that contrary to our preliminary estimate and evaluation last Fall, there is more extensive work there, so as part of that that was one of the reasons that the actual estimate that the engineer put in was higher than the \$500,000 budgeted. Again, if we exceeded that we would have had to look at some alternative treatments or cutting one of the lesser streets.

Alderman Larsen: So if there were any other areas in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward or in the entrance to the Dawngate area, we probably don't have the funds to do that 25' that was brought to our attention last week

Fred Vogt: We wouldn't anticipate doing that with the Street Program, again unless we find that during performing the construction on these streets that we are able to save some money. Some of the areas that we do have such as Dawngate that will quite likely be done in-house by Public Works over the course of the year. We have had several areas that are similar to that location that we'll be doing in-house.

Alderman Larsen: So we have the capability of actually doing a light resurfacing?

Fred Vogt: We call it a full depth patching. A couple times a year we will either rent a grinder depending on the condition of the road to do more extensive larger areas with patching or in some cases if the base is deteriorated, we'll do a full depth patch and excavate and put that street back. Typically we do 20, 30, 40, 50 feet of area, sometimes longer, but again we have several of those typical locations like on Dawngate that we'll be looking to do...it's already in our schedule this year.

Alderman Larsen: But ultimately to be determined on how things go with this other stuff.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

## **I. Resolution No. 11-R-54 / Award Contract for 2011 Sidewalk Program**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Cannon: I would ask a similar question to the last one, if we come in so far under budget does that get us any opportunities to do any further work or is it just too late to do that.

Fred Vogt: Contractually we're allowed by the State MFT regulations to add to the contract up to 25%, but certainly we would come back to City Council if we found the need to do that. I would prefer to award the contract as it is recommended for the \$102,000 based on the quantities that we've identified in the work areas. We can come back to Council later if we have the opportunity to look at other areas or if we get inquiries or complaints in other areas. We do the Sidewalk programs on a four-year cycle so

we concentrate in one area then we will work outside that area if we've got residents or businesses that report hazards. We can certainly look at that later in the year once we do the initial work.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen  
Nays: none  
Absent: D' Astice

Resolution Adopted

**J. Resolution No. 11-R-55 / Award Contract for New Wilke Reconstruction**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen  
Nays: none  
Absent: D' Astice

Resolution Adopted

Mayor Rooney: This is being paid for by dollars other than ours. It is a pass through to our MFT fund from the State. There is also a deserved shout out to State Senator Matt Murphy who was instructive in that process and our three former State representatives as well, State Representative Bassi, State Representative Walker, and State Representative Froehlich. All of them are to be commended in finally getting this project underway.

**K. Resolution No. 11-R-56 / Approve Purchase of Asphalt for 2011**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the resolution

Alderman Buske: This is hot black top, correct, this isn't cold patch

Fred Vogt: Correct

Alderman Buske: So you guarantee that we'll buy 500 tons from them in order to maintain these prices

Fred Vogt: We will buy whatever we can process in terms of doing the cutout patching in areas that I referred to earlier, as well as general maintenance. These prices are good only through July 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, which is abnormal compared to other years when you could secure prices for the whole year. Whatever we utilize up to July 31<sup>st</sup> will be at these prices. We'll have it re-quoted and, if necessary, bring it back to Council for approval if it differs.

Alderman Buske: This is asphalt we pick up on our own trucks and bring right out to the job

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Fred Vogt: Yes

Alderman Larsen: Why the July 31<sup>st</sup> cutoff date?

Fred Vogt: I believe it's the volatility of the markets on oil products.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

**L. Resolution No. 11-R-57 / Approve Purchase of Fuel Island Control Panel – FS 16**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Banger, Jr. made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Buske: Did you ever find out when you switched to this unit at Public Works what the savings were. You quote in here that it used to have to be done manually with paperwork then transferred over. Did you ever figure out what the savings would be on this?

Fred Vogt: Staff did. I would be amiss if I tried to guess at what and remember what that number is, but we will certainly get that to you and put that in the Friday Report. There was a savings; I believe it was at least a couple of thousand. We'll get the numbers for you.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

**M. Resolution No. 11-R-58 / Award Contract for Engineering Services for Killarney Court Water Main Replacement**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Buske: Didn't we have two watermain breaks down at Killarney Court this year?

Fred Vogt: Yes

Alderman Buske: And that's because of the soil

Fred Vogt: That's what we have found for the numerous breaks and I'm sure we had probably over 10 in the last couple of years. It is all due to, or we find the pipe is pitted, and that's caused by the acidic soil in the area

Alderman Buske: Does that mean that the entire court has to have those pipes lifted again and redo soil and everything under them?

Fred Vogt: Not the court itself. The watermain is located in the parkway. The proposed engineering design will confirm that the best place to put the replacement watermain is under the pavement a few feet into the curb, so we'll be removing the pavement there and patching that when we're done. In order to save trees, we have to leave the existing main in service until we can put the new one in service and then take it out

Alderman Buske: Once it's done then the entire base will be put back the way it should be

Fred Vogt: Yes

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: none

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

**N. Resolution No. 11-R-59 / Authorize Placement of Temporary Signage on the Public Right-of-Way – American Youth Soccer Organization**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Buske made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Alderman Buske: Just a comment, we have had several of these come in during the year...they are doing it the right way. I thank them for coming in and doing this the right way and I will support this.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: Judd

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

**O. Resolution No. 11-R-60 / Authorize Placement of Temporary Signage on the Public Right-of-Way – Rolling Meadows Youth Football & Cheer**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the Resolution; it has been moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Banger, Jr., Larsen

Nays: Judd

Absent: D'Astice

Resolution Adopted

Mayor Rooney: Folks might notice that Mr. Judd voted against both resolutions. That is upholding the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward tradition. When I sat in that chair, I also voted against these types of Resolutions. Having been technically a coach in the Rolling Meadows Youth Football Organization, I, like Mr. Judd, have nothing against the organizations, but I think that, well it is certainly true that folks are doing this the right way in asking for permission, it has the unintended consequence of encouraging a whole lot more signs in the public right-of-way because people see them up all the time and don't realize they need permission. I don't think it is a coincidence that when we pass these resolutions, often for the schools, in all good nature it was the school board candidates that were the very worst offenders of abusing our public right-of-ways during the past election. I don't think that is a coincidence, I think it is an unintended consequence, so I just felt the need to point out that when I was the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman, I voted against these as well, and Mr. Judd is carrying on that tradition.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**None**

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

**5) National Public Works Week**

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

**1) Community Items of Interest**

- 1) Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 to 11:30 am. Just like last year, Chief Stewart and some members of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department will be doing the cooking for The Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council. The location for this event is at Park Central (3000 Central Road) and cost if purchasing advance tickets is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Walk-ins are welcome for this event but the price at the door will be \$6 for an adult and \$5 for children under 12 years of age.
- 2) The Garden Club's Hometown Plant & Craft Sale is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Public Works Building located at 3200 Central Road.
- 3) Also on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Historical Society will be hosting a Bake Sale that is scheduled to coincide with the Garden Club Plant and Craft Sale. The bake sale will take place at the Museum located at 3100 Central Road from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- 4) Reminder to all Rolling Meadows Veterans, please RSVP for the Memorial Day events. The Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Dinner still has some open spots – please contact City Hall at 847-394-8500. In addition, just as a reminder, the annual parade and ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 11 am.

- 5) As mentioned in the March/April “News and Views,” Public Works is now collecting household batteries for recycling. This program was recently launched by SWANCC and Skokie based Interstate Batteries. Drop off old batteries at the Public Works Department, 3900 Berdnick Street, weekdays between 9 am and 4 pm. Batteries accepted for recycling include alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer). For more information please contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit the Public Works section of the City web page. In this regards, special for the next few weeks, Public Works will be open from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday, May 11; Wednesday, May 18; Wednesday, May 25; and Wednesday June 1.
- 6) Reminder that the City refuse fee discount survey is due by May 27<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive one or you discarded the survey, extra copies can be found at City Hall, the Library and at the Senior Center. Also, you can download a copy from the City website [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).
- 7) Wellness Place will be conducting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Community Cancer Walk/Run” on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Harper College. Proceeds generated benefit Wellness Place cancer-related counseling, education and support programs provided at no charge to survivors, families and caregivers. Visit [WellnessPlaceWalkRun.Kintera.org](http://WellnessPlaceWalkRun.Kintera.org) or call 847-241-5972 for registration and additional information.
- 8) Lifesource sponsored “Blood Drive” will be conducted in the City on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 7 pm at City Hall. Please plan, if you can, on giving the gift of life.

Mayor Rooney: As mentioned before, we are not going to make any major adjustments to the way we do City Council meetings up here until after there has been a chance to explain these things, but before we get to item 2, the Chair would point out that in the City’s staff reports part of the meeting, it’s really just supposed to be the Staff coming forward and saying this is what we’re planning. There will be plenty of time at least over the next two weeks if members feel that they have questions, there is plenty of time to be able to get back to City Staff. The questions during the report section are supposed to be by rule limited to just informational questions, like can you clarify what that means. Any questions of why, any questions of what’s the purpose, that’s intended to be done when this becomes a resolution. The general idea is so that we don’t get hit with this on a Friday and have three days to think about it. We get it during the report section with just informational questions and then there is plenty more time for the Council members to think about it, ask residents for input, and to ask the Staff for clarification. Again, that’s not a change, that’s already written in our rules, but since this is the first kind of step out of something that we know would probably generate a lot of questions, I would just remind the Council that in this portion of the meeting, its really just what does that mean, I can’t read this box, and anything else, there will be plenty of time before this becomes a Resolution. On that note, Mr. Krumstok, Item 2

## **2) PD Staffing**

Barry Krumstok presented Council with the updated Police Department Staffing Plan. This is Phase II of the Police Department’s staffing re-organization. We have recent retirements and new ones happening this year. This Plan will maintain the City’s agreement with the Police Union with concessions, keeps

commitment to community for police services, and I reiterate it will not diminish services. There is a cost savings this year and future years with this Plan. This will give the Police Chief a Deputy Police Chief and allows for career development. In 2010 we had one Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 3 Commanders, 9 Sergeants, and 38 Officers; as of 8/1/11 there will be one Chief, 1 Deputy Chief, 2 Commanders, 7 Sergeants, and 38 Officers.

### **3) Staff Traffic Advisory Report**

Fred Vogt updated Council on the items discussed at the last Traffic Committee meeting. April 16, 2011 had a very light agenda. The Committee deferred the posting of weight limits on certain streets due to issues with the state and legislation, and will bring this item back at the May meeting.

Gave clarification on Owl Drive speed display boards. The costs are higher than what was previously reported and Staff will be looking for ways to seek grants or find other ways to fund those display boards that are part of the recommendation of the Traffic Review Committee that will likely be discussed at a future COW meeting.

There was an item brought to our attention by one of the businesses on Apollo Drive with regards to stop control at the entry/exit to the Meadows Club, it is a private driveway. Staff concurred with the request to post a stop sign and that work has been done.

### **4) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

No discussion

### **5) Presentation of the May 17<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda**

The Chair would point out that Item 2 – Consent Agenda and Item 3 – Committee of the Whole Meetings; those are the first two steps for proposing some of the changes as to way Council meetings are run. We had a chance to put both those in to action tonight and chose not to because I want to be able to fully explain what we're doing before we do it and give a chance for feedback before those changes take place. I can assure you those items themselves are fairly short, they don't take a whole lot of discussion. Mr. Krumstok is right; it doesn't look quite as long as you might think, although everything depends on how long we talk about it.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Rooney: As a special note of interest to the people of the 2nd Ward that noticed that their chair over there is still empty; two weeks from tonight the Chair will have the pleasure at the City Council meeting to nominate Mr. Vince Farina to fill that vacancy. Background information on Mr. Farina will be in the May 24, 2011 packet. Mr. Farina and I will be available in the next two weeks to answer any questions you might have and I will ask for the Council's vote to confirm Mr. Farina as the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman two weeks from tonight.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**1) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to go into Closed Session; it has been moved and seconded to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel issues.

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., Larsen  
Nays: 0  
Absent: D'Astice

Council will enter closed session. The public & press are advised we do not anticipate taking any action after coming out of Closed Session.

Entered into Closed Session at 9:40pm

Returned to Open Session at 10:34pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Alderman Buske moved to adjourn; motion seconded

**UNANIMOUS**

City Council meeting of May 10, 2011, adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

May 10, 2011 Minutes Approved by Council on May 24, 2011

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