

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – May 11, 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: Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent: Pitzafarro, Lusk

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 Frederickson, 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 D’Astice moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Buske.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafarro, Lusk

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

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

Unanimous

1) Representative Mark Walker Presentation

Representative Mark Walker presented certificates from the state to 5 department personnel for their work during a \$150,000+ drug bust that they participated in, along with 5 other departments

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Some good news regarding the Frontage Road Improvements: West Frontage Road is now opened to 2-way traffic. The City is now in “detour mode” for East Frontage Road, working out the kinks and additional signage where needed to clarify driving restrictions. In addition, as of today, East Frontage Road is closed to southbound traffic.

E-Waste Recycling Program expanded for 2010. Residents of Rolling Meadows and other SWANCC member communities can utilize any of the following drop-off locations to dispose e-waste products like computers (PC's and laptops), MP3 players, monitors, VHS or DVD players, mice, keyboards, printers, fax machines, scanners, etc. Hoffman Estates Village Hall (Monday and Wednesday's from 10 am to noon); Glenview Public Works Yard (Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm and Thursdays 10 am to noon); Morton Grove Public Works Yard (Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm and Fridays 10 am to noon). (ID's will be checked to verify residency.)

Also, as a reminder, residents of Rolling Meadows can participate in SWANCC's *At Home Computer Program* that will come to your front door. This convenient recycling option for old electronics and computers costs only \$25 and you can recycle up to six items. Additional items are \$5 each with a maximum of 15 items. For more information or to schedule a pickup please contact SWANCC at 847-724-9205 or visit the website at www.swancc.org (click on the recycle section).

The City's annual brush pickup and chipper service began on Monday, May 10th. Public Works will conduct pickups in Sections 1 and 2 in May. Sections 3 and 4 will be served in June. A map showing the chipper sections is available on the City website, www.cityrm.org or consult the newest “News and Views” page 4. For more information, please contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.

Reminder, Rolling Meadows Community Appreciation Day is Saturday, May 22nd at Arlington Park. All residents received a special flyer, in your utility bill, pertaining to this event and how to reserve two tickets online. If you need another flyer please stop by City Hall or visit www.arlingtonpark.com, click tickets, then click May 22nd date, then utilize the “Promo Code: RM2010” and select the Arlington Upgrade Package or select your two FREE tickets.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Ronald Stewart and Deputy Chief Brian Dempsey on their recent honors from the Northwest Suburban Education to Careers Partnership. They were recognized for their significant contributions in the field of Career Exploration and Technology Education from William Rainey Harper College. Due to the Fire Department's internship program that they established, enhanced, and nurtured the last few years, they were honored with the “Outstanding Business Partner for 2010” Honors.

As mentioned in the recent “News & Views”, the City of Rolling Meadows has a new program to offer savings on prescription drugs to residents WHO ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, A TRADITIONAL BENEFITS PLAN, OR HAVE PRESCRIPTIONS THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE. The Prescription Discount Card is made available to residents by the City of Rolling Meadows in collaboration with the National League of Cities (NLC) and is made possible through Rolling Meadows membership in NLC. The card is free to all Rolling Meadows residents, regardless of

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age, income or existing health insurance. By using this card you may save an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. Residents may receive their prescription discount cards at City Hall, Public Works on Berdnick Street, the Library, Park Central, and the Community Center. You may also request a card by calling 888-620-1749 or visiting www.caremark.com/nlc.

Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 15th – 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 the cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Walk-ins are welcome for this event.

The Garden Club's Hometown Plant & Craft Sale is Saturday, May 15th – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Public Works Building located at 3200 Central Road.

Also on May 15th, 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 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzferro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

None

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

He received a call from a resident regarding the Environmental Study. He gave him a webpage to look at and read the comments. Nothing he read seemed to be true. He explained further about the Environmental Study. Some of the comments were vicious about Burke Engineering. He advised people to look at the City's website before making comments without having all the information.

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 10-13 / Approve Disposal of Vehicles (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman D’Astice: Noticed that the changes in Sections 5 and 6 have been made. Do we need to change the Auction Value?

Mr. Macholl: No, we do not.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzaferro, Lusk

Ordinance Passed

B. Ordinance 10-14 / Approve Disposal of Ambulance (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman Buske: We should thank Chief Stewart for holding back on this, because they wanted to only give us \$7,800, and now we are asking \$14,000 for it.

Alderman D' Astice: Do we have a minimum set for this?

Chief Stewart: He is not sure.

Mr. Macholl: There is no minimum price.

Alderman D' Astice: It will be sold at auction?

Mayor Nelson: No, through a broker.

Mr. Macholl: It is more of an online sale.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to establish a minimum selling pricing of \$14,000, seconded by Alderman Buske

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro, Lusk

Motion Passed

Roll on Ordinance as Amended:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro, Lusk

Ordinance Passed

C. Ordinance 10-15 / Approve 6b Application Fee (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Yeas: Buske, Judd, D' Astice, Larsen

Nays: Adams

Absent: Pitzafarro, Lusk

Ordinance Passed

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

- D. Ordinance / Amend Liquor Code to Increase Class A-1 Liquor License by One (1)**
- E. Ordinance / Approve Dissolution of SSA # 4**
- F. Ordinance / Establish Commanders Exempt Rank**

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

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

G. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 5-11-2010

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

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

Warrant Passed

H. Resolution No. 10-R-53 / Award Contract for Floor Sealing at Public Works Garage

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D' Astice: We budgeted \$40,000 but our portion of the bill will be \$29,000. Is that correct?

Mr. Vogt: Yes.

Alderman D' Astice: Did we go out to bid?

Mr. Vogt: Yes, we received 4 bids. This was the best responsible bid. The lowest bidder provided for a product that did not meet specifications.

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

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

**2) Presentation of the May 18th Committee of the Whole
Agenda**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to accept the May 18th Committee of the Whole Agenda; seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman D'Astice: Over recent weeks and months we have had some fun with the Motion to Call the Question. He did some research and found some inconsistencies. Asked Mr. Macholl to clarify the correct procedures and how we should proceed so that we are consistent with making a Motion to Call the Question.

Mr. Macholl: First, there is a matter of custom and usage, which is acceptable. The Chair can always Call the Question and there is also the ability of Council to vote on further debate. He would be happy to provide the information to Council.

Alderman D'Astice: His understanding is that it is actually a motion that would have to be seconded. Is that correct?

Mr. Macholl: If we develop a custom and usage, then that becomes the correct way. You can always deviate from Robert's Rules. He would be happy to put a pen to paper and provide the information to the Council.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like to have a set way of doing it that we all know and accept.

Alderman Larsen: The whole idea of Calling the Question is to cut to the chase and stop the rambling.

Mr. Macholl: It should be noted that it seems to be more the Aldermen that are Calling the Question than the Chair.

Mayor Nelson: That is correct and he has the right to ignore the Call.

Alderman Buske: In the Police Weekly Notes, the DUI's seem to be down and "No Licenses" are up. Is he seeing a trend?

Chief Scanlan: No, DUI's are down and when they are down then officers are out checking licenses.

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Alderman Judd: He is hoping to have a discussion with regards to vacations, sick days, and holiday schedule at the June Committee of the Whole.

Ms. Phillips: We can do that.

Alderman Judd: Can we get further explanation about a trip to Boston and Public Works?

Ms. Phillips: Will send out a memo.

Alderman Judd: With regards to contracts with New World & APS: Can we get an update on the elimination of these contracts?

Mr. Macholl: He is currently working on the New World contract and expects a resolution in the next 30 - 45 days. APS has been pretty quiet.

Alderman Buske: How thorough is the presentation of the refuse discussion going to be?

Ms. Phillips: It will be approached the same way as the discussion about the privatizing of ambulance services.

Alderman Buske: He would like to know what it would actually cost us.

Ms. Phillips: That information will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of May 11, 2010 adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

May 11, 2010 Minutes Approved by Council on May 25, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk