

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – May 24, 2011**

Mayor Tom Rooney called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Staff Members Present:

Mayor Tom Rooney read the following statement:

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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman D’Astice moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2011 Council Meeting; it has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes

Yeas: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., D’Astice, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Alderman Larsen made a motion to deviate; moved and seconded to deviate

- 1) TIPP Appreciation Awards

Dr. Goyal explained the TIPP program. Mayor Rooney presented the Awards to TIPP members. Mayor Rooney presented former Mayor Ken Nelson with the key to the City of Rolling Meadows.

- 2) Swear-In Ward 2 Alderman Vince Farina

MAYOR'S REPORT:

When we nominate people for boards, I think it is good to have faces and names go together. We have two members in the audience tonight who are going to be appointed later on under the Mayor Appointments, and if I could ask them to stand for one second; Todd Allen for the Police Pension Board and Dawn Brynelsen for the Urban Affairs Committee, I think often times we just see names on an agenda and I think any time we get a chance to actually meet people it’s a good thing.

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Careful observers might notice that we seem to have skipped an agenda item and it is my sad duty to report tonight that we are skipping an agenda item; Vince Farina will not be able to accept the nomination to the 2nd Ward Alderman. To make a rather complicated issue pretty clear, we checked out legally wise whether or not Vince could fulfill his expressed desire that he wanted to try to keep his commitment to the Palatine Township Board, as well as taking ours on, and from the city angle we did the legal research and discovered from the City angle there wasn't a reason why that it couldn't be allowed and we still don't think so. However, every entity does get to look at things with their own eyes, every entity gets to make their own rulings and we recently found out unfortunately that the ruling from the Palatine Township side of things says that he cannot, according to their ruling. I guess I will just say that the explanation they gave is a reasonable one, I'm noticeably stopping short of saying I agree, I've looked at the documents from both sides; everybody gets to make their own rules and for the City of Rolling Meadows rules it was perfectly fine for Vince to serve in both capacities, we we're ok, but on the Palatine side we respectfully acknowledge that everyone has a right to their own rules and according to their rules, he cannot serve, so Vince was stuck in the unfortunate position of having to choose between the two and as a man of honor Vince said I did make a commitment to this one, I would be making a commitment for the City of Rolling Meadows; as a person of honor he felt the needed to fulfill the commitment he had already made, and while I'm disappointed, I have to respectfully acknowledge his wishes and say we will be going back to the drawing board for the 2nd Ward seat.

I have another issue which isn't a real pleasant one, the issue of local government funding from the State of Illinois. The groups that we belong to, the NWMC, the League of Cities, have asked us to be as clear as we can with our own individual public in the cities that this fight it still going on, it's going well, but we don't want to rest on our laurels and we want people to know that this is really an important issue. I hadn't really gotten a chance to weigh in on this yet as Mayor and so the spin I will offer is that I have to say I wouldn't have a problem if the State says the municipalities were going to be cutting the funds that you get because we're going to give the taxpayers of Illinois a little tax relief and we're going to cut a tax that you get a share of so we're going to have to make due with less and you're going to have to make due with less as well. If something like that was going on, I wouldn't have a single issue, I don't mean to speak for the members of the Council, but I don't think they would either, that's not what has been proposed and may still be proposed by the State of Illinois. This is just the biggest kid in the sandbox shouting mine and gathering all the poker chips just saying we're taking the stuff we have shared with you along the way. We all have to take responsibility for our budgets. I don't mean to mess in the business of the State of Illinois we are, in a legal sense, subservient to them. In my first chance as Mayor I want to express very strongly that it puts cities in a bind that we don't belong in. If it were for a reason where we were all cutting back, that might make some sense, but to just say this is all ours and none of it is yours anymore, I don't feel it is appropriate and they have asked us to express that from our Council daises; they've asked us to continue to write letters and make phone calls, and they've asked us to continue to ask the public, ask regular folks who might not have their letter looked at as well this person is an alderman, we know where they stand; if they know regular folks think that this is unfair as well, we would like some of that pressure to be applied.

Folks have already noticed at the first meeting that I'm not going to be continuing the practice of making the mayor's report a community events calendar. I think a mayor's report has different purposes and I think we have lots of ways of advertising things that we do. Mr. Krumstok is taking that duty on at the end of the meetings. A special plug should be given every year for the Memorial Day festivities we have coming up this weekend. Mr. Krumstok will mention more of the particulars later, but the parade that goes a couple of blocks down Kirchoff and the ceremony at the Carillon is a very powerful ceremony. We hope as many people that can will make the time to show appreciation for people who have served the flag as we do at our festivities this weekend.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1:

No Report

Ward 3:

I received quite a few calls about grass being overgrown in the yards. Would Ms. Dehner explain what you're doing on that?

Ms. Dehner: Whenever we receive a complaint, an inspector goes to the property and makes sure the address is valid. We then contact the property owner, generally in writing, indicating there is a violation on the property and giving them a fair amount of time in which to correct the violation. We are required to give them an amount of time that we consider reasonable to correct the violation. In this case it is generally five days. We issued over 150 violation letters for long grass. We have inspected and heard back from about 50% that they have been corrected. If the grass is still not cut, we send a violation notice, sending them to adjudication, which at that time they are fined, or the City is held to cutting the grass if it is not cut. Unfortunately, the process is not immediate. If it is not done, the City does have a contractor with whom we work with to get it cut and we also send the people through adjudication.

Are we having more problems with foreclosures than regular residents?

Ms. Dehner: We are seeing an increase in bank held properties. I wouldn't say it's out of control. What we're finding is that there is a gap between a bank going into foreclosure process and finding the responsible party. We try to contact the previous property owner, and if they're no longer in the process, then it's trying to find that contact person at the bank who is being held responsible.

Ward 4:

No Report

Ward 5:

No report

Ward 6:

No report

Ward 7:

No report

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward

Mayor Tom Rooney closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

**A. Ordinance No. 11-14 / Approve Jurisdictional Transfer for East/West Frontage Road Bridges
(2nd Reading)**

Mayor Tom Rooney read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman Larsen: One comment, I want to thank Mr. Vogt for his efforts with working with IDOT to coordinate this transfer and to effectively get us new bridges at no cost, thanks Fred

Alderman Cannon: I understand that we're going to get control of these bridges, that's great, but going forward we take over different roads in town and now we're getting the bridges. Going forward where are we going to get the money to replace these things down the road. Do we have any funding mechanism that comes along with this gift?

Mayor Rooney: I think the answer to the question is in present tense have – probably not. That is the down side of these issues is that we are taking that responsibility on and the City staff is fairly comfortable that in future years we will be able to work these projects into our road maintenance budgets that we have. You're exactly right that every time we do this, it's a form of taking something off the State's plate or off the County's plate and putting it on ours. I believe that number one that's why we insist that when we get them, there's a good 5-6 years built in where we won't be needing to spend the funds and staff has stated comfortability that down the line we are able to work these into the maintenance budgets that we have. Is that a satisfactory answer?

Alderman Cannon: I still question where are we going to get the money from. I appreciate what you're telling me.

Alderman Buske: Before we take over these bridges, how long is that supposed to last before we have to be getting involved in repair work.

Mayor Rooney: When it comes to a bridge, I'm not sure.

Mr. Vogt: It does depend on the bridge in terms of the construction of it, the traffic on it. In case of the Frontage Road bridges we don't have any records that indicate when they were last rehabbed so it's at least 15-20 years or more. The Carriage Way bridge that we are currently doing engineering on was last rehabbed in 1996. The other bridge, Barker, was rehabbed a few years ago. We do have to inspect them biannually and it does go through the State for all bridges whether their City bridges or State bridges. To get back to Mr. Cannon's question, currently funds through the Federal Government that the

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State administers for bridge rehabilitation and maintenance, we don't know if that will last forever, and we don't know from year to year how much, or little, money would be available, but that is one funding source for bridges. To correctly answer the question hopefully 20 years or more on each bridge

Alderman Buske: One more point, on these bridges what has to come about in order to put an weight limit on these bridges. Is that up to us and if we feel we don't want to see 80 lbs. go across this bridge.

Mr. Vogt: It's a structural issue that the city engineer performing our bridge inspections historically in the past would be able to evaluate and again it's based on the construction of the bridge as well as the condition of them at the time. We recently put weight limits on Barker Avenue Bridge at the recommendation of the City Engineer and the recommendations of the state based on the inspection report. We evaluate each one separately.

Alderman Buske: So after this is done it will be reevaluated

Mr. Vogt: Correct

Alderman Larsen: I'm assuming that any bridge is designed for a particular weight limit. So is there any reason those weight limits wouldn't be posted at the outset, before there's some deterioration.

Mr. Vogt: We could consider doing that, in fact we have talked with the police department staff as well as the City Engineer and IDOT about doing just that. It was the evaluation of the City Engineer that we do Barker and the other ones are yet to be determined. We do inspect those bi-annually and can certainly ask that question of the City Engineer as they do future bridge inspections to evaluate if others should be signed or if we should sign all of them as policy

Alderman Larsen: I would think that would be prudent to sign them all as policy especially that you have a new bridge. Why wait until someone has overused it.

Mr. Vogt: We will find out for you what the weight limits are for the West Frontage Road bridge upon its rehab and then East Frontage Road bridge, that particular route might be a little more complex and might not be totally up to us because it is a route that is on the FAU system for federal funding that might have other requirements than just the City, but we can collect all that information and get it to you at a future date

Alderman Larsen: That's great. I would like to get that information.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Ordinance Adopted

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

B. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 05-24-2011

Alderman Buske made a motion to approve the Warrant; it has been moved and seconded to approve the Warrant

YEAS: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., D' Astice, Larsen

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Warrant Approved

➤ **CONSENT – RESOLUTIONS:**

- C. Resolution No. 11-R-61 – Award Contract for 4th of July Fireworks**
- D. Resolution No. 11-R-62 – Amend Budget for Police Department**
- E. Resolution No. 11-R-63 – Award Contract for Pavement Striping**
- F. Resolution No. 11-R-64 – Award Contract for Crack Sealing**
- G. Resolution No. 11-R-65 – Approve Cook County GIS System Map Subscription Services**
- H. Resolution No. 11-R-66 – Award Contract for Sanitary and Storm Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Repairs**
- I. Resolution No. 11-R-67 – Appoint Delegate and Alternate to SWANCC**
- J. Resolution No. 11-R-68 – Appoint Delegate and Alternate to NLC**
- K. Resolution No. 11-R-69 – Appoint Delegate and Alternate to NWMC**

The Chair would ask unanimous consent to approve items C – K. Is there objection. Then by unanimous consent, the resolutions pass

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

- Mayor's Appointments:
- 1) Appoint Todd Allen to the Police Pension Board – term to expire 4/30/14**
 - 2) Appoint Dawn Brynelsen to the Urban Affairs Committee – term to expire 4/30/14**
 - 3) Appoint Steve Rybarczyk to the Electrical Commission – term to expire 4/30/14**

The Chair would ask unanimous consent to approve these nominations. Is there objection. Hearing none the appointments are approved.

- Mayor's Proclamation:
- 1) WildStang Day – May 25, 2011**
 - 2) Lester Stone Retirement**

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) Reminder to all Rolling Meadows Veterans, please RSVP for the Memorial Day events. The Friday, May 27th 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 28th starting at 11 am.
- 2) Just a friendly reminder that on Monday, May 30th, City Hall and Public Works will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Refuse collection will be delayed one day.
- 3) 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 25 and Wednesday June 1.
- 4) Reminder that the City refuse fee discount survey is due by Friday, May 27th. 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.
- 5) Lifesource sponsored “Blood Drive” will be conducted in the City on Wednesday, June 8th from 1 to 7 pm at City Hall. Please plan, if you can, on giving the gift of life.
- 6) Vehicle sticker applications have been mailed this week. Reminder: 2011/2012 vehicle stickers must be displayed by June 30th.
- 7) Rolling Meadows Community Appreciation Day at Arlington Park Racecourse is scheduled for Sunday, June 5th. [Visit www.arlingtonpark.com. Click Tickets. Click the calendar date; select the package you would like. Use “promo code” – rollingmeadows].
- 8) At the June 7th Plan Commission meeting there will be four items of interest to mention: 1) potentially approving an amendment to allow fencing in the front setback for Saratoga Condominiums; 2) potentially allowing revised signage and a 24-hour operation at 4200 Kirchoff Road; 3) potentially approving an amendment and license to the planned development and variations for apartment at Woodfield Gardens Crossing; and 4) potentially approving a text amendment for additional signage in the City’s M1 & M2 districts (Industrial and Multi-Use).

2) Police Department Motorcycles

Chief Scanlan: I did submit a report which outlines some historical perspective on the use of motorcycles and more importantly I made an attempt to answer questions regarding the overall program. I've also taken a look at some of the staffing issues regarding the use of the motorcycles to give an honest commitment to what I think we could do this year. I've already committed to a wide variety of other activities. I really don't think that we could actively use two motorcycles and the end of the presentation recommended that if at all, we activate one of the motorcycles and I think I've outlined the uses of motorcycles that I think we could realistically get use of for the rest of this year and the summer.

Mr. Krumstok: There was a suggestion going back to the Park District to see if they wanted to participate in the allocation of money and they are having a meeting tonight and hopefully I'll have an answer one way or another.

Alderman Buske: I was interested in how I would support this is if we had a plan. Looks like you do have a plan. Wasn't that happy about reading about parades. I'm looking more for these bikes to be in the residential areas where squads can't be.

Chief Scanlan: What I have got under the duties are directive patrol, beat assignments, those are shift assignments that are neighborhood directed enforcement assignments mostly for speed in the neighborhoods. Providing special or directed patrol functions by the supervisors, there are instances where the bikes are certainly easier to use for certain directed patrol assignments such as radar, patrolling the parks. We have had a number of vandalism issues that the bikes can go where the cars can't. We also use them for parking enforcements, neighborhood patrols, response for emergency services, pedestrian control, parades, and special events. We use them for veterans returning back from duty. It's a tool that we use when the opportunity presents itself.

Alderman Buske: Their skills have begun to deteriorate, but their commitment to the program has not. These guys that ride these things, I don't think their skills have deteriorated at all.

Chief Scanlan: I hope not

Alderman Buske: The way this is written with the plan, I will now support this. Mr. Krumstok, the last meeting we had we talked about, what did these bikes cost us?

Mr. Krumstok: It's over \$30,000 for the 2008 Harleys

Alderman Buske: If we go on with this, we have to consider if the Chief only wants one bike, what do we do with the second one? Do we sell it?

Mayor Rooney: I believe that is an open question and seeing how we're waiting to hear from the Park District as well; again it's in a report section because there is no action to be taken tonight. It's clarification from the Chief. Action would be taken on another night. Can we make sure Mr. Buske's question gets added to the Park District list?

Alderman D'Astice: This is a really good report. My first question was in reading this it sounds like you are advocating one bike is enough. What do we do with the second bike? In reviewing the duties,

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with the exception of riding through the park, are the duties the same as any other officer in a patrol car would be doing.

Chief Scanlan: On the motorcycle, yes. They would respond to calls and be used as backups and they would not be out at night.

Alderman D'Astice: So essentially the duties of motorcycle officer are the same duties as a patrol officer in a patrol car, with the exception of driving through the park district property or bike paths

Chief Scanlan: And being able to use them in the neighborhood areas.

Alderman D'Astice: So if we end up retrofitting one, its not going to be \$500, it's probably going to be \$250, because it was \$500 for two.

Chief Scanlan: Probably less

Alderman D'Astice: If this comes before council as a resolution you're going to provide weekly reports on bicycle usage

Chief Scanlan: In part of the weekly report, I would break that section out so it's very clear as to what we are doing, how many times we're out, how many tickets are written.

Alderman D'Astice: With that said, I would look forward to this coming forward and approving the use of one motorcycle as you recommended. I will be the first one to comment on the usage of it if it's not what you're saying it is and then get rid of them once and for all. Good luck, it looks like a great plan and I thank you for your efforts.

Alderman Judd: Mr. Mayor, can you give me some direction as to what you want to do. We spoke at the last COW meeting and you said if no one has anything to input or if it can wait because you wanted to get the 7th Alderman, but we don't have that, if this is going to come up at the COW meeting in June I'm not going to be here, so I have thoughts and things to clarify but I don't want to get in a lengthy conversation if this isn't the appropriate time, but I don't know when it will be

Mayor Rooney: I will give you my assurance that it will not be that night. The plan moving forward would hopefully be at the actual council meeting, if you'll be here then, you would have an opportunity that night. If it doesn't come up by then, I assure you it won't be on an agenda until the second meeting of June and it will pass over the Committee of the Whole because you have expressed that desire.

Alderman Larsen: I also want to commend Chief Scanlan on the comprehensive nature of this report. I have a question about the second motorcycle. I guess that's to be determined. My gut tells me that you would be leaning towards continuing to mothball that second motorcycle until you could get another officer ready to use it.

Chief Scanlan: I want to come up with a program that I knew I could fulfill. I'll evaluate that toward the end of the year. I don't want to give you a commitment that I can't fulfill. I think we can use one bike. I'm not so sure I can do that with two. As far as the second bike's considerations are, I really didn't go that far with it. I don't have any good recommendations for it, whether the council wants to sell the bike, mothball the bike; it's up to the Council as to what you want to do with the bike

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Alderman Larsen: The season that you anticipate using this is Memorial Day through Labor Day

Chief Scanlan: I think I have the dates in the report. We can ride them longer.

Alderman Larsen: March 1st – November 1st

Chief Scanlan: Right, we have used them that far. The officers are equipped to ride them in the cooler temperatures.

Alderman Larsen: I think it is reasonable to suggest that this being May, that by September or so he may have another officer ready to use that second motorcycle in which case I would suggest that it would make sense to hang on to the second motorcycle. We've already tried to sell it for over a year, so rather than unloading it for 9,000 or something like that, I'd rather hang on to the bike and be able to use it.

Mayor Rooney: That question will come back again for further discussion.

Alderman Cannon: If you knew ahead of time that you would have two motorcycles, I'm assuming during the winter you would come up with a good plan to handle two.

Chief Scanlan: This current environment and current staffing and all the other priorities we have, I really can't answer that question. I think one bike can be used in a department this size. I'm not convinced on a regular basis I would get two bikes out there.

Alderman Buske: I think on the second bike, we haven't been trying to sell these for two years; it's just been one time. In your report you were talking about that you were getting grants for seatbelts and such, is it a possibility that we can get more grants.

Chief Scanlan: I've talked to the IDOT grant coordinator today and unfortunately the grants that they are putting out combine seatbelt enforcement and DUI enforcement which means those grant hours run normally from 11:00 at night – 3:00 in the morning. I wouldn't want to see motorcycles out there at that time.

Alderman Buske: I would venture to say it would be possible that when you get a grant, you are not using the officers to do a regular detail; you're calling in extra people because they are paying the overtime. It's possible in the future you might wind up getting some grants for a couple of these officers that ride these bikes that are off, maybe they can be brought back in where you might wind up using that second bike.

Chief Scanlan: We talked about trying to separate the seatbelt enforcement portions of the grant from the DUI's, and the seatbelt enforcement could be done during the day, then those motorcycles would be outstanding for that. We've been asking them to separate the grants out.

Alderman Buske: There's a possibility that this would be a benefit in the future. I would say just keep it. I will support this.

Alderman Judd: Can we get more information on a couple of facts, what's the average mileage on a squad yearly

Chief Scanlan: About 25,000 give or take 5,000

Alderman Judd: I don't know that I buy these numbers. I don't think the economics of this work. There's insurance that has to be taken into consideration because we have to insure the bikes and I realize even if we are self-insured, we still have to have to purchase some type of insurance.

Mr. Krumstok: It's actually through IRMA; we just state what we have and it's blanketed.

Alderman Judd: So there's no cost

Mr. Krumstok: There is no additional cost to the City

Alderman Judd: We have to take depreciation into it. You've got officers that need to be trained. Is that training done on time or overtime?

Chief Scanlan: The current scenario, we have an instructor on staff and he does it during his normal staff hours. We don't pay overtime during that training. They do it when their scheduled.

Alderman Judd: So we're taking the officers off the street to train them.

Chief Scanlan: Yes

Alderman Judd: Based on simple round numbers, I'm not quite sure where you come up with \$300 – 360 a week in gas savings. If I take 320 divided by 4 its 80 gallons of gas a week.

Chief Scanlan: I don't have that chart in front of me, but I'd be happy to talk to you about it.

Alderman Judd: If you do simple numbers, they don't make sense. This isn't something I'm going to support. I don't see the economic benefit to this. I don't see a huge benefit to this financially to do. It's not something I will support. I will have more to say on it.

Mayor Rooney: Chief, anything further to report

Chief Scanlan: No

3) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Mayor Rooney: The next item would be the Purchase Orders over \$2500.00. Any questions on the report

Alderman D'Astice: The NWMC for almost 4500, what is the employee wellness, what is that for

Mr. Krumstok: The EAP program is one of those programs for an employee that has an issue. There is a 24-hour resource they can reach out to. EAP's are specifically set up for those kinds of issues. This EAP we have through the NWMC. It does more than normal personnel issues; they'd help on finances

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and different things. An EAP you have to have as one of those issues. We purchase ours through the Cooperative.

Alderman D'Astice: You say we have to have this

Mr. Krumstok: It's one of those things that the State hasn't mandated, but they state if you have employees you need to have one of these.

Alderman D'Astice: Do you have any idea as to the usage of this on an annual basis.

Mr. Krumstok: The EAP, because it is confidential, they will give us an annual report on how many employees have used it. We don't know who it is, we don't know what it is, but we do get a number on how many individuals have participated.

Alderman D'Astice: Can you share that number with us at some point and time

Mr. Krumstok: Sure

Alderman Larsen: Follow-up question, how long have we had the EAP program in place

Mr. Krumstok: I started in 1999 and it was already here

Alderman Larsen: So we have statistics available for previous years

Mr. Krumstok: I would have to go figure them, because the cooperative goes out every few years and gets a new EAP provider. Since 1999 we've had two different vendors.

Alderman Larsen: As far as the annual report of usage, we should have that data available to us

Mr. Krumstok: We should have that. I don't know how far back I can go.

Alderman Larsen: Maybe over the last five years.

Mr. Krumstok: I'll look back in our records how long we have

Alderman Larsen: I don't need to know forever. Maybe over the last 5 years just to get a sense of what kind of value the employees are getting out of this for the 5,000 it costs the City

Alderman D'Astice: On local road funds, we spent 2500 for land acquisition services. Can you explain what that is?

Mr. Macholl: There was a firm that was retained by the City in connection with the Plum Grove Road bikepath. It's the fee to acquire through the policies and procedures of IDOT one of the three parcels that are involved in that project.

Alderman D'Astice: Utility Fund – we've got 6,700 there for pump station # 5 services for the development boundary, topographically plat survey...what's that all about

Mr. Vogt: We looked long and hard to see if we could locate in our files a proper plat of survey of existing utilities for Pump Station 5 on Industrial Avenue. That is the site where this year's budget includes funding to build a storage building in the back. We have to have a plat, we have to determine exactly where our boundaries are and not having one in file, the requirements of the Community Development Department is to have a current plat of survey for that, so this work will be done by an engineering service and we will use it later in the year or whenever we move forward with the storage building construction

4) April 2011 Financial Report

Mayor Rooney: Any questions on the next item – April 2011 Financial Report. Hearing none, are there other matters not on the agenda

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Judd: Would it be possible to get an ordinance of some sort to address the salary and the steps for Mechanic B that we put out for application.

Mr. Krumstok: We can do that

Alderman Judd: How many trucks do you normally have go out; how many do we own and how many go out

Mr. Vogt: Normally we would have 2 on refuse and 1 on yard waste and we own 4 trucks

Alderman Judd: We are going to move everything back one day next week and have them picked up on Saturday

Mr. Vogt: With the Memorial Day holiday, yes. We do work Saturday for the Friday route

Alderman Judd: We pay all the employees to be off on Monday as a holiday

Mr. Vogt: It's a holiday benefit, yes

Alderman Judd: And do we pay overtime on Saturday

Mr. Vogt: Yes, we pay overtime on Saturday

Alderman Judd: Could you help me understand why we couldn't just double up on Tuesday and not pay overtime on Saturday and not just for this holiday but for every single holiday. I'm confused, if we've got an extra truck, we know we're going to do this x number of times a year, pull somebody off another, you know be it out of the road fund or something like that, as opposed to paying overtime, save some money

Mr. Vogt: If the City Council wishes for us to look at doing that, we certainly can do that in terms of a cost analysis for it. One of the concerns I would have immediately is the resident confusion that may evolve in terms of trying to double up as well as with using a fourth truck in trying to do two routes in one day is going to put us well into late afternoon or evening and may involve overtime costs anyway.

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Without putting some study into that I would be amiss in trying to say it would save money or be a wash in that regard, but we could certainly look at it. My biggest concern would be, besides cost, after all the years of doing it the way we've been doing it, to make a change like that plus the impact of doing a double pickup on one day, I'd be glad to take a look at that as an option.

Alderman Judd: It's something I'd like to address. How many times do people put garbage out and it sits there all day the next day anyway. I'm not too concerned about the confusion and I know the conversation has been brought up numerous times that you guys get off and do the route and then they are able to go do other duties be it in the garage or in water or sewer. We've got people working only 5 hours picking up the garbage, we already had three hours built in, we had another truck, it's definitely something that should be studied to save money for the residents

Mayor Rooney: Seeing how next week is already upon us, and I don't believe there is another one before the 4th of July, is there any objection to adding the topic to the June Committee of the Whole agenda.

Alderman Buske: I would like one other thing formed up with what Mr. Judd is asking for, last year one of my residents called and said there was a City here somewhere in the suburbs that they put their garbage on one side of the street so the truck only had to go down the street once. They saved quite a bit of money on that. Mr. Vogt said there would be some good and bad with this. Maybe you could get back to me on that.

Mayor Rooney: If we add that in, is there any objection to adding that topic as well.

Mr. Krumstok: In July we are actually going to be discussing the refuse survey. Could we wait until July to load all these refuse discussions into the survey we had, holiday pickup and other options so we have additional time to work on this

Mayor Rooney: Any objections to making July's Committee of the Whole garbage night. I don't hear any objections so July will be fine

Alderman Buske: When we were talking about putting garbage on one side of the road, it's just for shorter roads where the truck doesn't have to turn around. If you did it for one year on one side, the other side the next year, there has to be good or bad on it.

Mayor Rooney: Those details will be presented in July. I would like to make a note, I would like to thank Mr. Judd for objectively asking for the Mechanics Salary information so an ordinance could be prepared. I believe Mr. Judd was entitled to a bit stronger statement than that, and since he chose to pass I believe it is my duty to make it. Mayor Rooney shared a story about Robert E. Lee. You'll get fair treatment no matter what. If you deserve to twist in the wind, don't expect me to save you, but if you deserve to be saved, don't expect that I'll let you twist in the wind. When mistakes get made, there needs to be a little slap on the wrist and I believe that at the April 12th meeting, I was not present, but as I looked at the minutes and television, I believe there was a fairly clear statement made by an Alderman that was backed up by another Alderman that said if you want to post that position internally as is, that's fine, but if we're not going to do it internally, then before it goes externally we want a discussion about that salary. That did not happen and it should have happened and I believe that in trying to create the environment up here that not only myself but a number of candidates talked about reestablishing real communication and trust, mistakes like that don't help us. I believe that once there was no internal

candidate, the process should have been stopped right there and somebody should have said that we had a couple of Alderman that requested a discussion, and nothing further should have happened. Mr. Judd should not have had to ask for his ordinance on matters not on the agenda, that should have been taken care of.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Alderman Buske made a motion to go into Closed Session; it's been moved and seconded to go into Closed Session.

Ayes: Cannon, Buske, Judd, Banger Jr., D'Astice, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

Members of the audience and members of the press are advised we do not expect to take any action after coming out of closed session

Entered into Closed Session at 8:40am

Returned to Open Session at 9:40am

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned

City Council meeting of May 24, 2011, adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

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