

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – July 14, 2009**

**Mayor 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: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Sarah Phillips, Senior Accountant Rob Fredrickson, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Police Chief Steve Williams, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok

Mayor 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 Buske moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2009 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Lusk.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

**Minutes Approved**

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

**None**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Nelson reported on the following:

The City welcomed home Marine Lance Corp. Brandon Lefebvre after 4 years in Iraq.

The City’s business counters are now open until 4:00pm.

Thanks to all who participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

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The Duck Race is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>, Terry Moran Day. The cost is \$5/duck. The ducks will be launched at 4:00pm at the bridge just north of Kirchoff.

Terry Moran Fest is this Saturday. Contact the Park District for more info.

Cook County will be conducting a medication take back program on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 1:00pm. This event will take place at the Cook County Highway Yard on Algonquin & Meacham. Flyers are available at City Hall.

On Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7 – 8:30pm, Senator Matt Murphy will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Arlington Heights Village Hall.

The City's Blood Drive will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-7:00pm

**WARD REPORTS:**

**WARD 1 – Alderman Pitzafarro:**

A resident (west of Quentin, south of Euclid) is concerned about numerous break-ins in the area and the lack of information to residents.

Chief Williams will contact the resident with the actual data of the analysis.

**WARD 2 – Alderman Lusk:**

Community of Excellence Get Active Challenge is completed and 33 people logged in 60,000 minutes.

The Walk/Bike in the Park did not go well due to the weather. There were about 20 participants. 2 winning families had a great time at the fireworks. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers.

A reminder to look for them at CornFest...they will have a booth for cancer awareness.

**WARD 3 – Alderman Buske:**

Received a call regarding Plum Grove Road....when will IDOT sign off?

Mr. Hartnett does not have an exact date.

Regarding the serviceman who returned....during parade, the people on the side of the road could not identify him.

**WARD 4 – Alderman Judd:**

None

**WARD 5 – Alderman Adams:**

None

**WARD 6 – Alderman D’Astice:**

A resident on Peacock contacted him about the Salt Creek Streambank Stabilization. Public Works contacted him and answered his questions.

A resident on Plum Grove contacted him about trash and debris in and around Barker Lake and he believes that Public Works has issued a work order to take care of that.

A resident contacted him about signage and their questions were also answered.

**WARD 7 – Alderman Larsen:**

None

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:**

No one came forward.

Mayor Nelson closed the floor.

**PENDING:**

None

➤ **CONSENT: ORDINANCES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> READING:**

**A. Ordinance - Authorize the City to Borrow Funds from the Water System Loan Program**

Alderman Buske requested Item A be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item A from Consent Agenda: Ordinance - Authorize the City to Borrow Funds from the Water System Loan Program**

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Buske asked when we will have the final numbers.

Ms. Phillips clarified that this Ordinance is for water...the last one was for sewer.

Alderman D'Astice noted that there is nothing in the Ordinance that we have the right to refuse this.

Mr. Macholl clarified that nothing has been offered at this time. The loan agreement itself will have to come back to Council for approval.

Alderman Judd asked approximately what does a non-emergency situation cost.

Mr. Harnett stated approximately \$1,500,000.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

**Approved on First Reading**

**B. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 7-14-2009**

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

Alderman Buske questioned the following:

Page 21: tuition reimbursement for \$4,880. Ordinance 05-36 reads 2 year employment with the City is required. This employee is no longer with the City and calls this into question.

Mr. Krumstok noted that the Ordinance was changed back to one year in 2006.

Alderman Buske noted that we are paying this reimbursement and the employee has not been here a year after completing the class.

Mayor Nelson noted that the issue is that the employee was expected to continue employment, but due to changes in operation his separation from the City was involuntary.

Alderman Buske commented that another gentleman was laid off at the same time and he did not receive \$30,000 in sick pay. The term used was that he separated from the City and it did not matter that he was laid off, terminated, or that he quit.

Alderman D'Astice asked about the wording of the rules and regulations.

Ms. Phillips does not have them in front of her.

Alderman D'Astice feels that this should be removed from the warrant for further investigation.

Mayor Nelson feels that we are making an issue of this that is not appropriate.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to remove this line item from the warrant for further clarification, seconded by Alderman Judd.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: Lusk

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

Alderman Judd would like to get the issue of tuition reimbursement ironed out before the fall semester begins.

Mayor Nelson noted that we have a policy in place. If we want to change the policy we can certainly do that.

Ms. Phillips also noted that we will have to deal with three separate groups because of the two unions.

Alderman Larsen noted that the policy can be revisited.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

**Warrant Passed**

### **C. Resolution No. 09-R-75 - Award Contract for Crack Sealing**

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Larsen asked what we do with the other streets that have cracks and are not listed in the Resolution.

Mr. Hartnett commented that streets are done in succession and after they are a couple of years old we will go back and repair them.

Alderman Larsen stated that residents should call Public Works if they notice a street that has a crack that may need to be filled.

Alderman Judd asked for confirmation that we are paying \$15,000.

Mr. Hartnett stated that is correct.

Alderman Judd will vote in favor because this work needs to get done.

Alderman Buske asked if we are still patching holes.

Mr. Hartnett stated yes.

Alderman Buske suggested they take a look at Kirchoff Road near the center of town.

Mr. Hartnett will have it looked into.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

**Resolution Passed**

**D. Resolution No. 09-R-76 - Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Palatine for Storm Sewer**

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Lusk questioned if this is an area that connects into the Taft Avenue area. Are changes expected?

Mr. Hartnett stated that no changes are expected.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

**Resolution Passed**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**None**

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

Mayor's Appointments:       1) Appoint Alderman Jim Larsen as Council Representative to Library Board

Alderman Buske made a motion to approve appointment; seconded by Alderman D' Astice.  
**Unanimous**

Mayor's Proclamation:  
City Clerk's Report:  
City Staff Reports:       **SR1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

Alderman Judd questioned the removal of trees. Do we have a forestry division and if so, why did we not use them?

Mr. Hartnett clarified that we only have one person in that division and these were rather large trees.

**SR2) Presentation of the July 21<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda**

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to approve the July 21<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda, seconded by Alderman Larsen  
**Unanimous**

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Alderman Lusk noted that the medication drop off is also a sharps drop off

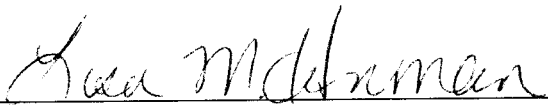
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Alderman Lusk moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Buske.  
**UNANIMOUS**

City Council meeting of July 14, 2009 adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

July 14, 2009 Minutes Approved by Council on July 28, 2009

  
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Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk