

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – August 9, 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, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, Jr., D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Assistant Community Development Director Jim Sylverne, Assistant Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett, City Attorney Jim Macholl

Mayor Tom Rooney 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 July 26, 2011 Council Meeting and the July 19, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting; it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Cannon and I had an opportunity to take a tour of the airfields at O’Hare. It’s something done through the O’Hare Noise Commission to reach out and show different city officials and municipalities that are effected by O’Hare the different projects that are going on. We’re waiting, and waiting, and waiting for the new runways that run east and west to get built and get up and running so that we’re not directly underneath flight plans anymore here in Rolling Meadows. The work is proceeding and it’s interesting to see it going on and offer my thanks to the O’Hare Noise Commission for making that possible.

CornFest is always a great event and this year was no exception. A good time was had by all. The entire community thanks the Community Church for putting that on annually.

Last night I had the honor of being present when two new police officers were sworn in, a new sergeant was promoted, and a new Deputy Chief was sworn in as well. Chief Scanlan did a very nice job presenting a number of service awards to a number of officers as well.

Introduce Jim Redmond. He will be appointed to the Police Pension Board. We thank him very much for agreeing to serve.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen

I just want to echo your comments about CornFest that I attended. Good food, good eating, good place, good time. I appreciate the Church continuing to support that.

I did get an email message from a resident about mosquito abatement in Rolling Meadows. It was explained that the spraying was done by the Northwest Mosquito Abatement, and not by the City itself and that will presumably be proceeding soon here in Rolling Meadows.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward
Mayor Tom Rooney closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance No. 11-22 / Approve an Amendment to the Planned Development and Variations for Apartments at Woodfield Crossing

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Buske made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, it was moved and seconded

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, D’Astice, Larsen
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

B. Ordinance No. 11-23 / Approve a License Agreement between the City of Rolling Meadows and DIV Woodfield Gardens Property, LLC

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to adopt the ordinance, it was moved and seconded

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, D’Astice, Larsen
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

C. Ordinance No. 11-24 / Amend Chapter 18 “Buildings and Building Regulation” – Accessory Structures

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to adopt the ordinance, it was moved and seconded

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, D’Astice, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

➤ **ORDINANCES (1st Reading):**

D. Ordinance / Amend Liquor Code – Increase Class D-1 Liquor License by One (1)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Buske made a motion to move this ordinance to second reading, it was moved and seconded

Alderman Buske: When we started allowing service stations to sell liquor, it was only beer and wine. The license that used to be at this station was hard liquor, so this license is actually downgraded to match the others, which I’m happy to see that.

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, D’Astice, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

E. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 08-9-2011

Alderman Banger made a motion to approve the August 9, 2011 Warrant; it has been moved and seconded to approve the August 9, 2011 Warrant

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Warrant Approved

- 2) Tomorrow, Wednesday, August 10th the City will be participating with Harper College and the surrounding communities in an Emergency scenario. Staff will be activating the City's EOC.
- 3) Opening Day for Community Consolidated School District 15 is Wednesday, August 24th.

2) Staff Traffic Advisory Report

Mr. Hartnett: The bridges in town have been inspected for their weight requirements. All but three meet the requirements. Two of the three are posted as to what their limits are and the third one at Central Road near Brookmeade needs to be posted.

Owl Drive speed control, traffic control measures – the idea that is being brought forward is to use some pavement striping in lieu of concrete parking bumpers. There will be a report and drawings submitted for your review at the August 16th Committee of the Whole.

Taft Avenue – there is a 90 degree turn there that is controlled by two stop signs. There was a request to put in yield signs, however, at this time the recommendation of the Traffic Review Committee is to leave the stop signs in place.

3) Newsletter – Apartments

Mr. Krumstok: At the June 21st COW we did talk about the News & Views and one idea discussed was following the September/October edition of the Newsletter, the City will be eliminating the mailing to apartments and condos. This should be saving roughly 4,000 in the budget. This will be notified and mentioned in the upcoming September/October edition. We still will produce them here and leave some here at city hall and the library and we will also talk to the senior center and to the offices to see if they would like a limited number of copies. It's notification that after the September/October edition we will not be mailing out the News & Views for apartments and condos. That's the biggest amount of returns that we have.

Alderman D'Astice: I understand the apartments, but do we want to do condos as well. If you're saying that a lot of those also come back, then I wouldn't have a problem with that. I would think that people who own condos live in them

Mr. Krumstok: That's why we're still producing some to drop off. For the last year, year and a half when we have been tracking this, its apartments and condos that we're getting a lot back.

Alderman D'Astice: Ok

4) PO Disclosure over \$2500.00

Alderman Cannon: Why did we have to buy a fire hydrant? Is this a special one?

Mr. Hartnett: Exactly, we stock 3 hydrants. This particular hydrant was a 6 ft depth for installation on Frontage Road. We usually stock some 5 and 5 ½, so it was a special order.

Alderman Cannon: Thanks

5) Presentation of the August 16th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Alderman D'Astice: Seems like a lot of items

Mayor Rooney: It does. Chair would take note that the first one is something we might dwell on a lot. It will be ComEd's turn to come and give their annual report one week from tonight at 7:30pm. Anyone that wants to be here when ComEd presents their annual report can come to the City Council and watch that happen. One of the things we discussed back in May is that there should be a window for folks to be able to speak at the Committee of the Whole as well. It's just as appropriate and even more so there. I think that since the first item of interest might be this one, folks will be a little disappointed in the 25 minute time limit, but that is the standard council rule and it should keep things rolling. A number of these items have been placed by Alderman, on of them is mine as well. If anyone wants to say mine can wait until September, we'll take that into account, even by the time we get here next week, because the City Manager is entitled to make changes. He just can't add anything that isn't here tonight. That could be a way to cut down the timing if folks wanted to do that.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman D'Astice: At the last Economic Development Committee meeting the Committee discussed various ideas on how to promote our City to new businesses. We do this monthly. The last several months we have discussed the D Plan, Economic Development Plan, D Plan for short. We believe that we pretty much have it honed well and that is one of the items on the next Committee of the Whole Meeting. We have discussed, and by unanimous vote, the Committee is recommending that the City Council put on the September COW meeting another idea. It's not necessarily a new idea, but we're bringing it up and the Committee would like to ask the council to discuss it and that idea is to come up with a new TIF zone for downtown Rolling Meadows. The Committee talked about ways we want to try to move and fill the old Dominick's site. There is a TIF on there now that is running out at the end of this year. The current owners know that there is some environmental pollution on the site. The current TIF money has about 700,000 in it. We feel that there is an interest to do something, we also feel that if there was more money required to do that, than why would this owner want to do that. Essentially, the pollution would fall back to the previous owner. That owner is hard to find. Rather than let the 700,000 evaporate and go back to all taxing bodies, the Council could discuss creating a new TIF district. We know the ramifications. We have a banker on the committee, business people, real estate people, and they came up with a lot of ideas. We know there are taxing bodies that may be opposed to this, but, maybe we could write this TIF district with some limits. If in 5 years nothing has happened, we could take some of that money and share that to the taxing bodies so they're not going to be out anything. This property has been vacant for 8 years and unless the city takes ownership of it, and try's to do something, we really can't. This is one way the committee felt the city could be proactive and get

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this area redeveloped. By unanimous vote, the Committee is asking that the council put the idea of creating a new TIF district in downtown Rolling Meadows to a discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Rooney: Mr. Krumstok, you will make a note of that for September.

Alderman D'Astice: Two weeks ago a resident came before the Council and made comments about signs. The resident said "we do not need your permission to put signs in our front yard. We never have and never will". I did a little research and found that single family resident districts do have sign regulations. They're in the Zoning Code beginning in Section 122-122. The Section includes regulation for allowed signage including for sale signs, for rent signs, open house signs, garage sale signs, and allowed signage for churches, schools and non-profit institutions, as well as signs displaying addresses and any sign that is not within the guidelines as stated in the code is not allowed. That resident was absolutely wrong because we have an ordinance that says you do have to be within the code. CornFest has had permits issued for their event, as well as any signage, and our records indicate that sign permits for CornFest have been obtained at least back to 2000. Apparently our computers don't go much back beyond that. For anybody who watched the meeting last week, if you want to put signs out, feel free to but make sure they are within the letter of the law or else you may be ticketed or at least the sign may be removed, but there are ordinances that state that, they are clear, they are there. I wanted to let the council and the residents know that there are ordinances in effect, and if you have a question about a sign, or if you have a question about an ordinance, please call your alderman, please call our City Manager, please call Public Works, Community Development, Police or Fire, they can all answer your question. Just don't take it at somebody's word that comes up to the council and says we can do whatever the heck we want to do because that may not always be 100% accurate.

Alderman Cannon: I have an employee charity challenge and I'm challenging everybody that works for the City of Rolling Meadows to a small, short baseball tournament at the end of August. I'm challenging the Fire Department to challenge the Police Department. I'm challenging the Public Works Department to challenge all of us. The thoughts behind it would be a little camaraderie. I would suggest 3 innings for each group. The two winners would playoff for the championship. We would have a cookout and the two losing teams would cook. I would suggest from a charity standpoint that we collect 12.00 from each person that participates, and 10.00 would go to a few local charities of our choice, and 2.00 for food. That's my challenge. The departments can accept, reject, whatever.

Alderman Judd: A Resolution was passed in February 2008, Resolution 08-R-08 that has to do with reserving funds for affordable housing and I would like to bring that up at the next city council meeting to readdress that issue.

Mayor Rooney: So that's specifically a resolution to change, a resolution to repeal.

Alderman Judd: A resolution to make it disappear

Mayor Rooney: Then Mr. Krumstok, to repair a resolution to repeal that section of the code for August 23rd.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Alderman Banger made a motion to go into Closed Session; it has been moved and seconded to go into Closed Session

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, D’Astice, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Rooney advised the press and audience members that no action is anticipated after the Closed Session

Entered into Closed Session at 7:59pm

Returned to Open Session at 8:45pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, without objection the City Council meeting of August 9, 2011 adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

August 9, 2011 Minutes Approved by Council on August 23, 2011

Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk