

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – August 11, 2009**

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

Absent: Pitzafarro

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Sarah Phillips, Finance Director Jim Egeberg, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Hartnett, Chief Building Official/Assistant Community Development Director Jim Sylverne, Police Chief Steve Williams, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, City Attorney Jim Macholl, 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 July 28, 2009 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Lusk.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafarro

**Minutes Approved**

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Nelson reported on the following:

He called on Chief Williams to report.

Chief Williams reported on an armed robbery at MB Financial Bank at 9:46am. Officers responded and offender was located in Palatine and apprehended.

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A free child car seat safety check is being held at Bethel Lutheran Church (3839 West Frontage Road) on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The free safety check is sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Police Department, Bethel Lutheran Church, Illinois Department of Transportation, Rolling Meadows Neighborhood Resource Center Foundation, and Centro San Bonifacio. Drop bys are welcome, but it is preferred that you contact the Rolling Meadows Police Neighborhood Resource Center to sign-up for this event at 847-506-2060.

On Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Rolling Meadows Gold Years Council will be having an Ice Cream Social & Game Night at the Senior Center. The event starts at 6:30pm with games and the ice cream & entertainment will begin at 7:30pm. The fee for this event is \$1.00. Please register by Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Senior Center office. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 847-818-3205.

School District 15 will be officially opening for grades 1 to 8 on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten and early childhood classes will start the next day. With school open, please obey the posted school zone signs and drive carefully. Please watch out for kids, buses, and bicycles.

The Rolling Meadows Senior Center will be conducting Moonlight & Music on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The musical guest will be Diane Noe. Doors open at 6:00pm with the performance from 7:00 to 8:30pm. The location will be the beautiful courtyard at Park Central (3000 Central Road). The fee for this event is \$4.00. Bring your own lawn chair and picnic supper. Fresh popped popcorn, iced tea, and lemonade is provided at the event. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 847-818-3205.

The circus will be in Rolling Meadows September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The Kelly Miller Circus will be performing on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (shows at 4:30pm and 7:30pm) and Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> (shows at 2:00pm and 5:30pm). Proceeds from this charity event are split between the Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation & Palatine Township Elementary District 15 Educational Foundation. Seats cost \$12.00 each and all the fun will take place at the Rolling Meadows Park District Community Center grounds, 3705 Pheasant Drive. To purchase tickets, stop by the Community Center.

**WARD REPORTS:**

**Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzferro:**

None

**Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:**

The City of Excellence “Get Active Challenge” has been completed and was a huge success.

The City of Excellence also attended Cornfest this last weekend and passed out over 300 packets of information.

November 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Great American Smokeout here at City Hall from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

**Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:**

Thanked Chief Williams for putting the motorized scooters ordinance into the newsletter and mentioned that he will present further information during the discussion later in the evening.

**Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:**

None

**Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:**

None

**Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:**

He received several calls: One requesting that Public Works look at weeds that are growing up between rocks at Barker Lake, another questioning the no left turn from Plum Grove Drive to Magnolia.

Two more households contacted him regarding the stop signs on Brookmeade at Magnolia: One household did like it and one household did not like it. So far, 6 total households do not like it and one does like it.

**Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:**

None

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

Mr. Mark Carlson, 121 S. Wilke – Was asked to attend for Fairfax Subdivision second reading.

Ms. Phillips: This issue was approved under Resolution and required only one reading.

Mr. Bill Waldbuesser, 3209 Plum Grove Drive: Came forward regarding the new car wash on Algonquin. He attended the meeting and wanted to know how noisy the fans would be and how bright the lights would be. Two lights are left on at night for security reasons, but they are shining in his bedroom.

Mayor Nelson asked Community Development to look into the matter.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

**PENDING:**

**A. Ordinance No. 09-27 - Amend Special Use to Enlarge Outdoor Seating Area - Red Apple Pancake House, 2121 Plum Grove Road (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

**Ordinance Passed**

**B. Ordinance No. 09-28 - Amend the Gould Planned Development to Allow Additional Signage - Cricket Communications, Inc., 2850 Golf Road (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Buske: There is an Ordinance that allows X amount of signs on a building. Is there anything taken into consideration when you have a massive building and 5, 6, or 7 tenants want a sign?

Mr. Sylverne: That is usually done by a sign package in a large building. They have a sign at the street that is approved with the development. Any other signs would go through the Plan Commission and City Council approval.

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

**Ordinance Passed**

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

**C. Ordinance - Amend Salary Ordinance - Crossing Guards**

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

**Unanimous**

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**D. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 8-11-09**

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

**Warrant Passed**

**E. Resolution No. 09-R-83 / Authorize Purchase of Replacement Pump for Lift Station # 2**

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: How many lift stations do we have?

Mr. Hartnett: Three.

Alderman Buske: Do they all have 2 pumps?

Mr. Hartnett: Both Stations 1 & 2 have 2 pumps. He believes Station 3 does as well, but is not positive.

Alderman D' Astice: The history that was provided stated that this pump has had several problems over the years and we have been using the same company. Is there another company or pump that we can use? Is this an ongoing concern that we should have with this company?

Mr. Hartnett: Not in this particular case. The sister pump has not had the same problems. It has worked flawlessly since its installation in 2000. This particular pump seems to be a lemon. We did get some warrant claims submitted and approved over the years.

Mayor Nelson: We could use another pump, but it would require massive renovation.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

**Resolution Passed**

**F. Resolution No. 09-R-84 / Approve Purchase of Road Salt for 2009/2010 Winter Season**

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Larsen: Thanked Public Works for their proactivity in securing the salt at a great price.

Alderman Judd: Approximately what have we used over the course of the last few years, on average?

Mr. Hartnett: We use about 80% of what we buy.

Alderman Judd: Could we look into setting up a deal with Morton where we purchase 2,000 tons with an option to buy another 1,000 at a flat rate?

Mr. Hartnett: We purchase through a state contract. We would need to purchase the salt on our own.

Ms. Phillips: They would not typically deal with an individual City.

Mayor Nelson: We have the option to purchase more at the consortium rate.

Mr. Hartnett: We are allowed to purchase up to 120%.

Alderman Larsen: Should we be talking about revising the resolution to purchase more?

Mayor Nelson: This purchase could give us 4,100 tons should we purchase the 120%.

Mr. Hartnett: We are using an alternative salt that has a liquid additive that helps the salt work longer.

Alderman Buske: He also complimented Public Works for acting on this. We are getting this salt at a very good price and he would be very skeptical about touching any of this.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

**Resolution Passed**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1) Vehicle Replacement (Fire & Public Works)**

Alderman Buske: He and Alderman Larsen saw the vehicles. The equipment does need to be replaced. With regards to the sweeper: it would take \$24,000 to repair. The bid for a brand new vehicle came in at \$98,000. We do not see any problem with replacing the vehicles, but would like to hold off until we see what the 2010 budget looks like. They are okay with sending out for bids.

Alderman Larsen: Concurred with Alderman Buske.

Ms. Phillips: The plan is to go out to bid for all the vehicles. The only concern, with regards to the 2010 emissions, would be with the ambulance.

Alderman Judd: What is the cost of the four vehicles?

Ms. Phillips: \$690,000.

Alderman Judd: The million dollars was not moved out of the Vehicle Replacement Fund?

Ms. Phillips: Correct.

Alderman Judd: On June 30<sup>th</sup> the fund showed a balance of \$1.6 million. If we paid cash for these vehicles it would bring the fund down to \$900,000. It seems to be going down every month.

Mr. Egeberg: Correct, we have bought three squads this year. He would have to look at each monthly statement to give a definitive answer.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like Mr. Egeberg to look at the monthly statements because he finds it interesting that the balance is going down every month and would like to know why.

Ms. Phillips: The information can be provided at the next COW meeting.

Alderman Buske: With regards to the ambulance, are we asking for any specialty items which limit who we can purchase from?

Chief Stewart: They are individualized when they go into production. We are not limited to a specific vendor.

Alderman Buske: How are they individualized?

Chief Stewart: We try to design the vehicle to our own operational use.

Alderman Buske: What is done with the old ambulance?

Chief Stewart: The oldest one will rotate out. We will have 2 frontline and 1 reserve ambulance.

Alderman Buske: With a third fire station, wouldn't we need to have an ambulance at each station?

Chief Stewart: An ALS engine could be used at one station.

## **2) Motorized Scooters**

Ms. Phillips: Alderman Buske brought up concerns from people in his Ward. Chief Williams clarified for her how/why this ordinance was put in place. She also looked at surrounding cities ordinances which basically mimic ours. Several citizens will be present at the next Council meeting to voice their concerns so she thought we should talk about this tonight to determine if we need to bring something back to Council on the meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Buske: Noted that Sgt. Freeze is handling this issue. He had brought up the point that a child was riding one of the battery operated vehicles and an SUV was coming down a driveway and barely missed hitting the child because he could not see the child.

Mayor Nelson: Agreed that there is a safety issue.

Alderman Larsen: Working this on a case by case basis seems to be working.

Alderman Lusk: We have prohibited them, so she does not see a need to change the ordinance, but does agree with Alderman Buske that we should also look at the battery operated vehicles.

Mayor Nelson: We will wait and see what the residents have to say at the next Council meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:               **SR1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

Alderman Judd: Tuition reimbursement - Would like to know what the classes are and where they are being taken.

Ms. Phillips: That information can be provided.

**SR2) Presentation of the August 18<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda**

Alderman D'Astice: Is ComEd coming out and telling us when they will be fixing the boxes around Barker Lake?

Ms. Phillips: Staff will have some proposals based on discussions with ComEd.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to approve the August 18<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Agenda; seconded by Alderman Buske.

**UNANIMOUS**

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**UNANIMOUS**

City Council meeting of August 11, 2009 adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

August 11, 2009 Minutes Approved by Council on August 25, 2009

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Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk