

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – August 23, 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, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Assistant Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, Assistant City Engineer Jason Souden, 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 Buske moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 Council 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:**

The Meadows Club hosted a week long session on spirituality. It was a remarkably interesting event.

By an invitation from my colleague in Schaumburg, Mayor Al Larson was kind enough to extend an invitation to myself and the Mayor of Hoffman Estates to the Septemberfest unofficial kickoff in Schaumburg.

**WARD REPORTS:**

**Ward 1 - Cannon**

I have had a number of people ask me about vendors coming to the door. There seems to be some gray areas as to what's allowed and not allowed. I don't know what our rules and laws are. I would ask that at a future meeting if we can let our residents know what our policy is.

Mayor Rooney: Mr. Krumstok, so noted.

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

Mayor Tom Rooney closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

**A. Ordinance No. 11-25 / Amend Liquor Code – Increase Class D-1 Liquor License by One (1)**

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Banger made a motion to adopt the Ordinance; it was moved and seconded to adopt the Ordinance.

Alderman Buske: Do we hold that B-1 license in stock or does it disappear?

Mayor Rooney: It's being phased out. When a change in ownership happens, that license is gone.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES (1<sup>st</sup> Reading):**

Mayor Rooney: Does anyone want an item pulled from the Consent Agenda?

Alderman Buske: B

Alderman D'Astice: C

Alderman Judd: F

Mayor Rooney read the background on the remaining items. Is there any objection to considering these items all at once? The question is shall items D, E, and G be passed forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**B. Ordinance / Approve Special Use for Permanent Outdoor Activity with Variations at 3802-3810 Industrial – Joseph Paweleck, Snow Pushers, Petitioner (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance

Alderman Cannon made a motion to move the ordinance to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; it was moved and seconded to move the ordinance to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Alderman Buske: Ms. Dehner, are they addressing all their conditions that were down here?

Ms. Dehner: They are currently in the process, yes.

Alderman Buske: How did that drainage work out?

Ms. Dehner: That is still under review at this time.

Alderman Buske: That has nothing to do with this though.

Ms. Dehner: It is related. They are in for current paving, but the drainage issue is still being discussed and reviewed.

Alderman Buske: Ok. We were working out to the east of this building, putting up a retainer wall last year. This has to be paved solid, instead of stone crushed asphalt in there.

Ms. Dehner: It's a very complicated issue but there is an unimproved paving material that was put down previously which needs to be either removed or paved over.

Alderman Buske: So they know what they have to do.

Ms. Dehner: Yes

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall the ordinance be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance will move forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**C. Ordinance / Approve Text Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Temporary Signage**

Mayor Rooney read the background on this Ordinance.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to move the ordinance to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; it was moved and seconded to move the ordinance to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

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Mayor Rooney: The Chair would ask to tidy up a minor detail with an amendment. Section 2 makes reference to subsection (n) (10) (c) of the Zoning Code. It's actually (o) (10) (c). Unless there is objection, we'll just change that (n) to an (o). The amendment is approved.

Alderman D'Astice: Can you share with us what two organizations have requested this.

Mayor Rooney: The Community Church of Rolling Meadows and the Baptist Church on Kirchoff. They felt the regulations as they stand were too restrictive for their uses.

Alderman D'Astice: It seems that 120 days seems to be a lot of time for temporary signage. I'm not against it, but that might be a little bit long.

Alderman Judd: I agree with Alderman D'Astice and I'd like to make an amendment to change the 120 to 90 days.

Mayor Rooney: Is there a second. It has been moved and seconded to amend the Ordinance by striking the number 120 and inserting the number 90. Valerie and I met with both petitioners. I would say that if the number does change from 120 to 90 tonight, I'm sure we'll hear from one of those two gentlemen to ask again to take a closer look at what they asked for.

Alderman Judd: If you're going 120 days, you're a third of the year. I'd be more inclined to say why don't they put up permanent signage as opposed to having temporary signs on off, on off, on off. If you're going to say you need this for a third of the year, put a regular sign up and you can use it the entire year. It's the percentage of the year that bothers me.

Alderman Larsen: It says the display of temporary signs shall be limited to a cumulative total of 120 days per year, per premises. It's not consecutive. It could be 30 days here, 30 days there, 30 days here, I don't know that I would want to limit a church to, or suggest to a church that they should spend money from their parishioners to erect a permanent sign when they, it may be less than 120 days. It could very well be 90 days.

Alderman Cannon: Ms. Dehner, could you explain to me, do we actually monitor the amount of days someone would have the sign up?

Ms. Dehner: Yes, we do.

Alderman Cannon: I hope as a town we would spend our time doing things that are more useful in my opinion. You have a lot of things on your plate. It concerns me that we spend so much time worrying about signs. It seems like we put a lot of burden on our staff to keep on monitoring these signs.

Alderman Buske: Ms. Dehner, they have the 120 days, they can go 30 days before the festivity. They might turn around and that would give them 4 times a year. They might take 8 times a years, two weeks before, rather than 3 weeks before. I'm concerned with a 10x10 sign, isn't that like half a billboard? That seems like an awful big sign. I think that should be cut down a little bit.

Ms. Dehner: That is actually our existing regulation, a 100 square feet.

Alderman Buske: Do they need that size sign in order to put their....

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Mayor Rooney: I think that you would find from Pastor Smith's testimony that they usually do something around 3 foot x 10 foot, and often 2 foot x 10 foot, so they're not usually taking even half of that square footage.

Alderman Buske: But they could take the whole thing.

Mayor Rooney: They could in theory, you're correct. But that's not a change, that's taken from the existing code.

Alderman Banger: Another thing to remember is that we've contained this conversation strictly to churches, but if you think about it there's a lot of other organizations, institutions, etc. that have been included in this. I like the amendment to 90 days because that's double the number we had before, so that should placate people somewhat. The other thing is there are other ways to get out the information other than signs. I like the idea of limiting it to 90 days vs. 45 days because we are saying we agree there should be more days, but at the same time we are recognizing there should be a limit at some point.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall the number 120 be stricken and the number 90 inserted in its place. All in favor signify by saying AYE, those opposed NAY – 4 -3 – all those in favor of the amendment raise your hand, all those opposed, that was 4 -3 so the amendment passes. The question is shall the ordinance be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Banger, D' Astice, Larsen

NAYS: Judd

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance will be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**F. Ordinance / Amend Traffic Code – Commercial Vehicle Signage**

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Buske made a motion to move the ordinance to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; it was moved and seconded to move the ordinance to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Alderman Judd: In the second section it says every second division vehicle operating commercially in the state, are we saying anybody that shows up in a pickup truck has to have signage if you're doing subcontracting? Is it just subcontractors?

Mr. Macholl: Every vehicle owned by the contractor. You asked what's a 2<sup>nd</sup> division vehicle. I think a 2<sup>nd</sup> division vehicle is anything in excess of 8,000 lbs. Anything under that would not be applicable to these provisions. It would include any construction contractor or subcontractor who operates a vehicle over 8,000 lbs.

Alderman Judd: Most pickup trucks wouldn't qualify for that – duel cab or duel wheels in the back?

Mr. Macholl: I don't know what the weights are, but I wouldn't think they are in excess of 8,000 lbs.

Chief Scanlan: This duplicates the State Statute. This is already in the State Statute. What this does is allows us to bring it to a local ordinance and move these instances through the Adjudication process and

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actually collect more of the fine than sending them over to the Court House. It's a procedural process move so we can enforce it at a local ordinance level vs. the State level.

Alderman Judd: Just as long as it is not pickup trucks. It's just the bigger vehicles.

Alderman Cannon: Is this a problem with everybody in a sense that other towns such as Palatine are requiring things like this or is it something that is just for us?

Chief Scanlan: No, this is really a process issue. We can enforce this now under state statute. We would like to move it to a local ordinance process so we can take it to adjudication and if there is a fine awarded, we get the complete fine, we don't have to share it with the County.

Alderman Cannon: A guy comes into town that has a 10,000 lb vehicle, is that against the law by itself?

Chief Scanlan: If he's operating and he meets the elements of the definition that is in the statute and we write him a ticket because he's working in somebody's neighborhood somewhere, it's something we can enforce more easily this way than if we do it under the State Statute.

Alderman Cannon: If a landscape guy came in with a small dump truck and he's at 10,000 lbs and he's got a permit and he's doing his legal work and he has a permit from Rolling Meadows, is that against this?

Chief Scanlan: If he wasn't signed we could issue a ticket.

Alderman Cannon: He could get a ticket if he didn't have his name on the truck

Chief Scanlan: He could.

Alderman Cannon: So there could be more issues involved.

Chief Scanlan: Normally there are other issues that involve us in the process but basically when the officer is driving down the street and they see a construction issue going on, whether it's a commercial facility or a residential facility and they don't know who's working there because there aren't any lettering on the side of the truck, or the trailers, they can write a ticket for that purpose.

Alderman Cannon: Does this pertain to bobcats and such.

Chief Scanlan: It could.

Alderman Cannon: Would that be considered normal? Are we making a bigger deal out of this than everybody else around us?

Chief Scanlan: No, this is not uncommon. There are a lot of provisions in the traffic code that we would like to move from where it stands currently and move it to the Adjudication process so we can prosecute them as a local ordinance case vs. a state statute.

Mr. Krumstok: Most municipalities around us do look for this. Some of them do give you tickets and bring you to Circuit Court. This is to make sure those vehicles are signed appropriately and if we give them a ticket it's going to our adjudication, not to Circuit Court.

Alderman Buske: I call this “residents right to know”. The people that run a legitimate business should have a sign on their truck. Your residents have a right to know at any given time who is in their area. This is a revenue stream now.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall the ordinance be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading?

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance will be moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Mayor Rooney: We are asking questions again. The time and place for that is for a Committee of the Whole meeting. For resolutions and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings I will allow a little bit more latitude. When it comes to 1<sup>st</sup> Readings, the Chair would remind the council that there are two weeks to get questions answered and the time we have here is for the council to state their positions.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**H. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 08-23-2011**

Alderman Banger made a motion to approve the August 23, 2011 Warrant; it has been moved and seconded to approve the August 23, 2011 Warrant

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Warrant Approved

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Rooney: Would any alderman like any of the Resolutions removed from the Consent Agenda?

Alderman Judd: I, L, and Q

Mayor Rooney: That leaves J, K, M, N, O, and P.

Mayor Rooney read the background on the remaining resolutions.

**J. Resolution No. 11-R-89 – Award Contract for Killarney Court Watermain Replacement**

**K. Resolution No. 11-R-90 – Award Contract for Engineering Services for Killarney Court Watermain Replacement**

**M. Resolution No. 11-R-92 – Accept the Tobacco Grant**

**N. Resolution No. 11-R-93 – Approve ONCC Intergovernmental Agreement Extension**

**O. Resolution No. 11-R-94 – Appoint Delegate and Alternate to ONCC**

**P. Resolution No. 11-R-95 – Repeal Resolution 08-R-08**

Mayor Rooney: Without objection all six of those resolutions will be considered as one. Is there objection? The question is shall those six resolutions be passed?

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**I. Resolution No. 11-R-88 – Authorize the Sale of Refuse Truck to Palatine Township**

Mayor Rooney read the background on the resolution.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the resolution; it was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

Alderman Judd: I pulled this off because we talked about this at the last COW meeting about what we’re going to do about doubling up possibly with the current refuse that we have. Leave it at 5 days; double it up, so we don’t have to pay overtime with Saturday’s. We also talked about going to a 4-day pickup and there were some concerns about leaving garbage in vehicles. We should probably postpone this until we make a decision on whether we are going to go to a 4-day pickup. Would this vehicle be handy in those events? Do we really want to get rid of this vehicle before we make a determination as to what we want to do with our garbage? If we need it, we got it.

Mayor Rooney: Mr. Vogt, I know that this not an immediate sale. Do you feel that would be enough time to hold on until we know what we’re doing or do you think we should wait a while?

Mr. Vogt: We’re recommending its disposal or approval of disposal now. If Council feels better until the September 20<sup>th</sup> COW discussion on our recycling contract forthcoming, as well as the issues that were discussed at the July Committee of the Whole, I don’t see a hardship in that regard. We probably won’t have the new refuse truck in service until close to that time. I don’t believe that would be a hardship on the township if we wait. It’s up to the City Council.

Mayor Rooney: Mr. Macholl, can I ask, it’s the Chair’s impression that if you take a look at the resolution, this is just accepting a proposal from Palatine Township. There is not a delivery date in there. Another option is to accept the proposal tonight and just give the Staff direction let’s not have the deliver date be until after we’ve done that. I can see if someone doesn’t want the proposal accepted in that case, then maybe we should wait.

Mr. Macholl: I would hold off and not accept the proposal. I think we’re better off because if we accept it, we might have trouble later on trying to withdraw.

Mayor Rooney: The Chair will ask unanimous consent to postponed Item I until the September 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Mr. Vogt, would that be acceptable?

Mr. Vogt: We can live with that, yes.

Mayor Rooney: Is there objection to postponing Item I until the September 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting?

Alderman Buske: The only question I have is are we showing Palatine Township that we're playing games with this truck and lose the sale?

Mr. Vogt: They inspected the vehicle in late winter and we indicated we would sell the vehicle as is. We have used the vehicle during the course of the last few months, not heavily but certainly it's something I would expect the Township staff would want to look at this again. They have indicated in our last discussion with them that they were still interested in it and whenever we were ready to dispose of it by obtaining our new vehicle and put it in service; they were receptive in receiving it. We can check with them and verify that. I don't expect they would have a problem if we waited a month.

Alderman Buske: Then I'm ok with it.

Mayor Rooney: Is there objection to postponing this item until the 27<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting? It is so ordered.

**L. Resolution No. 11-R-91 – Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative**

Mayor Rooney read the background on this Resolution

Alderman Larsen made a motion to adopt the resolution; it was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

Alderman Judd: This isn't something I'm in support of. I think that the government needs to stay out of this. I think there was a point in time when this might have made sense. With the amount of housing that is available well under the affordable housing number, I don't see a need for this moving forward. One question I have is we're going to need staff time. Is that staff time as in the meeting is going to be 1:00 on Thursday or are they going to be at 6:00 Thursday night and staff is just going and getting no reimbursement whatsoever.

Mr. Krumstok: Most of the time it's Valerie during the day

Alderman Judd: So she's going to take time away from the City to do this. So it's taking time away from the residents to do something that I don't think we should be doing. I don't support this.

Alderman D'Astice: On page 2 of the intergovernmental agreement, item C, it says no committee member shall receive compensation for service on the committee or additional compensation if the member is an employee. If that's part of it, how can Ms. Dehner attend a meeting during the day since she is being paid to do that?

Mr. Krumstok: That's the part that they would be receiving compensation from the group, not from us.

Alderman D'Astice: I don't understand

Mayor Rooney: That's correct meaning this cooperative will not be using any of its funds to pay people who serve on the steering committee. They will not be receiving funds over and above the performance of their job for completing this. There have been some situations around our area where people have been criticized for jumping on boards to receive the pay that comes with being on a board. This simply says you're not receiving any compensation from the board.

Alderman D'Astice: How much time are we going to be putting into this?

Mayor Rooney: The staff is committed to 4 hours per month.

Alderman D'Astice: Will that be the only cost to the residents, just the 4 hours of staff time.

Mayor Rooney: The way it is written at the moment, that's correct. If anything were to change down the line it has to be approved by the steering committee which contains two members from each of the five municipalities.

Alderman D'Astice: I understand and somewhat agree with what Mr. Judd is saying. I think government needs to keep their nose out of a lot of things. This may be beneficial to the City. Seeing it is only going to cost a 4 hours of Ms. Dehner's time once a month, for the time being I'll go along with it. If it takes up more time or costs the residents, or if after a year we don't see some direct benefit to our residents, I will ask that we back out of it.

Alderman Banger: I'm not going to support this because even 4 hours a month comes at an opportunity cost. I only want to focus on what is going to bring the biggest bang for the buck. Ms. Dehner can probably spend that 4 hours a month working on some of the vacant properties in town or working in getting the Dominick's property fired up. I don't want to revisit this in a year and have it morph into something bigger. If you say that you're going to follow-up on this over the coming year, maybe check with staff every other week, that might fall under the micromanagement topic that we will be addressing sooner or later. I think if you think of this big picture wise, you're either thinking about it in terms of following up and finding out if we are spending more time than we anticipated, or you're going to vote yes or no tonight and not pay another thought to it. I'm going to vote no on it tonight and not pay another thought to it. I think this is something we don't want to deal with at this time.

Alderman Larsen: I agree with Alderman D'Astice about reviewing this in a year's time. I think it's reasonable to have some kind of performance measurement associated with it. This isn't an ordinance so you can't have a sunset clause on it. You would just have to bring it back up.

Mayor Rooney: The collaborative will be sending all five of the communities back to their councils in a year.

Alderman Larsen: I don't see why we wouldn't support this. It's got the potential to benefit the City. I will support this. I would hope as a council we would be cognizant of the need for this service.

Mayor Rooney: I share the concerns that Mr. Judd and Mr. D'Astice have expressed. In the economic business we look at affordable housing as a non-problem. I share those sentiments and that's why I want us to be part of this collaborative. When we had the affordable housing committee, that was the reason why Alderman Nelson picked me as the Chair. Over those five years this group has changed its

focus away from affordable housing to something called workforce housing, which is affordable housing like, but also to keeping multi-family rental units in the area and to how do cities deal with large scale foreclosures. Now that they're moving the direction that we want it to be and we want housing collaboratives to stop doing some of the mamby pamby and get to the things that are actually a little more substantive and really to deal with the government, we're going to choose this time to reject them and say no we don't want to be a part of that. We get to put two members on the steering committee. That means we get to express the views that I've expressed, Mr. Judd is expressing, and Mr. D'Astice is expressing right in the middle of this collaborative and help steer where they go instead of just cowering in a corner and not doing anything. I fail to see the down size to this.

Alderman Buske: What you're talking about is subsidizing housing. I don't have a problem with looking into this stuff. I think everything should be talked about. If this comes down to where we're subsidizing someone's housing here, I won't support that.

Ms. Dehner: I would like to reiterate that this collaborative has, its actions have morphed over the years so that this action right now is to concentrate and focus on the foreclosures, not affordable housing, but the foreclosures that come at a cost to every community. We're looking for solutions to try to keep people in their homes, to keep homes from becoming vacant and abandoned and that is a cost and a detriment to the community. That is one of the first items that this coordinator is to look at and try to come up with a solution. That means talking to the banks and trying to keep people in their homes longer, that may be one of the solutions. Right now it's not affordable housing, it's the foreclosure crisis that we're facing.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall the resolution be adopted?

AYES: Allen, Buske, D'Astice, Larsen

NAYS: Judd, Banger, Cannon

ABSENT: 0

The resolution is adopted.

**Q. Resolution No. 11-R-96 – Authorize Temporary Signage on Public Right-of-Way – St. Colette School**

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Resolution

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to adopt the resolution; it was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall this resolution be adopted.

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Banger, D'Astice, Larsen

NAYS: Judd

ABSENT: 0

The resolution is adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

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**1) Community Items of Interest**

- 1) August 19 – September 5<sup>th</sup> - Chief Dave Scanlan and his staff urge drivers to obey speed limit laws and to remember to secure themselves and their children in proper safety restraints as part of a campaign funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.). The Labor Day Holiday is generally viewed as the end of summer and has the affect of increasing vehicular traffic on local and state roads/highways. The Rolling Meadows Police Department will be placing additional uniformed officers into the community in both marked and unmarked vehicles to monitor and strictly enforce speed limit, seatbelt & child safety seat, and DUI related violations. This campaign will feature several Seatbelt Enforcement Zones (SBEZ's) that will hopefully remind people to BUCKLE UP!
- 2) School District 15 will be officially opening for grades 1 to 8 tomorrow (Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>). Kindergarten and early childhood classes will start on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. With school open, please obey the posted school zone signs and drive carefully. Please watch out for kids, busses and bicycles.
- 3) August 26 – WII Wheel of Fortune fundraiser at the Senior Center located at 3705 Pheasant Drive, 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Includes food and entertainment. Cost is \$10.00. Co-sponsored by Church Creek. For more information please call (847) 818-3205.
- 4) Free Hearing Health Fair open to all Rolling Meadows residents! This Fair will be conducted on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12 pm at the Schaumburg Township Offices located at 1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. This event will consist of free hearing screenings; guest speakers; and vendors with information and resources. Again, this is open to all Rolling Meadows residents. For more information, please call 847-884-0030.
- 5) City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. There will be no refuse collection on Monday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day. We wish all of you a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend.

**2) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00**

Alderman Buske: Is this backflow preventer, is that like a dam?

Mr. Vogt: I'd refer to it more like a check valve to keep the water from backing from Salt Creek into Barker Lake.

Alderman Buske: Isn't there a flood gate there?

Mr. Vogt: No, just a storm sewer pipe.

Alderman Buske: Thank you

Mr. Krumstok: Alderman D'Astice this is what you were waiting for, so we're getting to it.

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you.

### **3) July 2011 Financial Report**

Ms. Gallagher: Due to time constraints and budget work, the cash statement is not included this month. Revenues for July came in at 1.4 million, YTD revenues are at 15.8 million. On the income statement, however, the Lamar Billboard, 130,000 has been placed in reserve. For the next three years we need to reserve 130,000 consecutively to meet the contract provisions for the Lamar Billboard contract. We did reduce the rental income by 130,000 to reflect that. If we do exclude the IPBC/IRMA cash reserves of 200,000 and the 50,000 for the Adjudication fines, we still are coming in at the above target of 61.1%. Expenditures came in at 2.19 million for the month of July and YTD expenditures came in at 13.7 million for YTD. The State of Illinois continues to be behind in arrears for income tax. Currently we are 4 months behind at 687,000. The hotel tax and food & beverage tax we are seeing an uptick in the summer months. Real Estate Taxes are still slightly behind at 46.8%. We are going to continually update the projections going forward. We also see that red light enforcement fines are, there's a slight uptick in that, but we are still projecting lower than budgeted.

### **4) Debt Services**

Ms. Gallagher: The City of Rolling Meadows has a conservative approach to issuing debts and overall the goal of the debt policy is to maintain and offer high quality services to the community with a prudent and cost-effective approach. The City is a home-rule community and we do not have a legal debt limit. We wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of our current general debt obligations and our short-term debt obligations, as well as our capital leases.

### **5) Budget Calendar**

Mr. Krumstok: This is the planning calendar. The proposed budget will be distributed on September 13, 2011. It will be on the website and at the library.

Mayor Rooney: That packet for September 13<sup>th</sup> will come out on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This will give folks 11 days to review it before the September 20<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole.

Alderman D'Astice: Are you going to specify an evening for a particular department or two?

Mr. Krumstok: At this point in time we are trying to keep them all general discussions.

Alderman D'Astice: It is absolutely not how I prefer to do it. It makes it a lot easier for me to know that on a particular night we talk about a department. To do it in a general format, I'm still going to prepare for one department at a time and asking all my questions. I don't want to hear a dog and pony show from each department head, but if they'd like to come up and say this is how we created the budget, that is good for me. I don't need the slideshow and the song and dance. I would prefer that we would do this either a department or two departments per night so that council could focus on that area. If you choose not to, that's fine, but that's how I will focus myself is one department an evening and I might just let the rest of the council know that on the 1<sup>st</sup> night I'm going to look at this department. You're choice.

Mayor Rooney: I believe Mr. D'Astice's point is well taken, that having structure is a good way to go about it. I want to clarify that what Mr. Krumstok is proposing is not something that lacks structure. It's a very good step forward in the way we present the budget. As we go through it it would go Administration first, to Finance second, to Police third, to Fire Department fourth, and it would have that kind of structure to it. In my own personal opinion, the weakness of that as I participated in the past, is that when it comes to something like Public Works, now we're talking about MFT fund at the same time we talking about the local roads fund, at the same time we're talking about the general fund. This allows us to separate that out so that we don't lose the MFT fund; it comes after the general fund. I don't want anyone to have the impression that what's being proposed is a free form budget discussion with no structure. It simply says if we start on September 20<sup>th</sup> and that night we happen to get through the first four departments, great. We haven't said this is police and fire night finished at 9:15 and can't go to the next people because I thought I was going to be on in October. This front loads things so that we can literally choose to stop wherever we choose to stop because maybe we're talked out for that night, maybe because the clock has gotten to a certain point, and we can just pick up next where we left off and then these other funds don't get lost in the shuffle like in the past.

Alderman D'Astice: I'm open for anything and glad that there will be some structure, but, again, I'm gonna focus on one or two departments each night, or one or two funds each night, and so that I come prepared and mentally digest this, because the budget is about two books and it's a lot to digest and to go through and ask meaningful, pertinent questions, it takes a lot to go through it. That's fine and I'll be prepared the best I can for a couple of departments per session, but if we get through four or five in one meeting that would be really interesting.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

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

Alderman D'Astice 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 8:55pm**

**Returned to Open Session at 10:43pm**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, by unanimous consent it was moved to adjourn the meeting

City Council meeting of August 23, 2011, adjourned at 10:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

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