

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – August 25, 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: Pitzafarro, Lusk, Buske, Judd, Adams, D’Astice, Larsen

Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Senior Accountant Rob Fredrickson, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, 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 Lusk moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

School District 15 will be officially opening for grades 1 thru 8 tomorrow, Wednesday, August 26th. Kindergarten and early childhood classes will start on Thursday. 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 28th. 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.

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On Saturday, August 29th, Loving Care Animal Clinic and Avid Friendship are sponsoring a permanent identification solution for your pet. Only by appointment can you participate in this microchip day, so please contact Loving Care Animal Clinic at 847-670-8488. The cost for the microchipping is \$25.00. Loving Care Animal Clinic is located at 2644 Kirchoff Road.

City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. There will be no refuse pickup on Monday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day. We wish all of you a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

The circus will be in Rolling Meadows September 18th & 19th. The Kelly Miller Circus will be performing on Friday, September 18th (shows at 4:30pm and 7:30pm) and Saturday, September 19th (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 Pitzaferro:

He has received an email and phone calls regarding noise on the bike path after dark. One resident on Millcreek asked if there would be any interest in closing the bike path from dusk to dawn. They have never seen police patrol on the path after dark. Do we patrol the path?

Chief Williams: Yes we do, but not with a squad car.

Mayor Nelson: This path is operated jointly with the Palatine Park District.

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

She has received calls regarding parking across sidewalks. She reminded people to please be aware that you should not park across sidewalks as it could be very dangerous.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

A couple of weeks ago he contacted Ms. Dehner regarding the deck on Kimball Hill Pond. There were holes in the wood. He was told to contact the Park District. Another resident noticed the same thing. He suggested Ms. Dehner send inspectors out to check the deck. He feels that the deck is unsafe as it is.

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

No report.

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

No report.

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

No report.

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

No report.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Ms. Jackie Boulter, 2805 Dove Street: Would like an amendment to the electric scooter ordinance. She would like children to be able to use the vehicles as long as they are under adult supervision, and would like any complaints handled on a case by case basis. Quite a lot of children in the neighborhood have these vehicles.

Mayor Nelson: There has been discussion. The Chief has clarified the Council’s position to his officers.

Chief Williams: Officers have a great deal of discretion on how they enforce the law. In that discretion there are different opinions. We do have to respond if there is a complaint. If it is the Council’s desire for an amendment, they will enforce whatever ordinance the City Council passes.

Mayor Nelson: There needs to be some sort of legislation with discretion and we do have that.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

PENDING:

A. Ordinance No. 09-29 - Amend Salary Ordinance - Crossing Guards (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Ordinance Passed

➤ **CONSENT: ORDINANCES FOR 1ST READING:**

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

B. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 8-25-09

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve the Warrant, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman Judd questioned the following:

Page 16: JML Overhead Door for Sally Port.

Chief Williams: The prisoner drop off garage door was not working.

Page 30: Third Millennium Associates for August utility bills.

Mr. Fredrickson: This is not a payment of utility bills. They process the bills that go out to the residents.

Alderman Judd: We should start moving paying bills online.

Chief Williams: We are in discussions with them.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Warrant Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Staff Traffic Advisory Report

Mr. Vogt updated Council on the following:

- 1) Old Plum Grove Road speed study earlier this summer: On average, it measured at 28 mph with speed at 25 mph. Posting is proper at 25 mph.
- 2) Magnolia/Brookmeade intersection stop signs: Postings were evaluated by the police department and after traffic evaluation and resident input we have removed the signs. Residents have been notified of this action.
- 3) LED traffic signal requirements: There is not enough information and will be discussed in September or October.

Alderman D'Astice: Residents would like clarification on the "No Thru Traffic" sign on Magnolia.

Chief William: Clarified that the sign is a policy sign, a recommendation. It is being used to regulate traffic. It is not generally enforced, especially for residents.

Alderman D'Astice: Another resident said that since signs were put up, people are not going down Magnolia any more, but are going down the other streets.

2) Outdoor Restaurant Seating

Ms. Dehner: A few months ago, Community Development was contacted from someone who was interested in opening a restaurant/sports bar with an outdoor seating area and serving alcohol. Currently, there are no regulations with regards to serving alcohol. We have investigated and have drafted a set of regulations for outdoor seating and outdoor seating that serves alcohol. Currently, all recommendations from the Police Department have been incorporated into these regulations. Consensus is in favor of these. If Council would like to proceed with this it would go back to the Plan Commission for a formal public hearing and then come back to Council in ordinance form.

Mayor Nelson: Outdoor seating is very popular and does not want to prohibit it.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Agreed with Mayor Nelson. Our downtown area could use something like this.

Alderman Buske: Thinks Ms. Dehner should go ahead with drafting the regulations.

Mayor Nelson: This is very reasonable and Staff should go ahead.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: **1) National Payroll Week - September 6 - 12, 2009**

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

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

Alderman D'Astice: What is the Lt. Promotional Assessment Exam?

Chief Stewart: It is for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Associations to administer the next promotional exam. The current list expires in January.

Alderman D'Astice: When will that take place?

Chief Stewart: The process begins next month. There are several components to the test.

Alderman D'Astice: If several individuals take and pass the exam and a position would become available do they get it automatically or is that something that you decide, the City Manager decides or the Council decides?

Chief Stewart: At the end of the process the list is certified by the City Manager and the Fire Chief. If a position opens up and the list is still current and valid that position will be filled according to the list unless there was some extenuating circumstance that would provide for passing that individual over. Once the list expires in January, even though everyone has passed the exam, the testing process starts all over again.

Alderman D'Astice: If Council said that in the 2010 budget we wanted to eliminate the position and an individual has taken and passed the test, can we no longer eliminate the position because an individual has passed the test.

Chief Stewart: Believes that, according to the statute, Council could elect to not fill that position, but if that list was in place, once that position was restored that last individual on the list would get that position.

Mr. Macholl: That is correct.

Alderman D'Astice: Would that also hold true if council decided to not fund the position.

Mr. Macholl: Thinks that a better way to do it would be to not say that the position was not funded, but to eliminate that position.

SR2) July 2009 Financial Report

Alderman Judd: The numbers continue to baffle him. Most revenues are falling short of estimates.

Alderman D'Astice: Currently we are \$167,000 short of estimate. We need to cover that shortage now, not in a couple of months.

Alderman Pitzaferrro: Concurred with Aldermen Judd & D'Astice.

Mayor Nelson: Directed Staff to come up with a plan to find the dollars.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Buske: Commented on the Daily Herald articles on the Red Light Cameras. He thanked the Police Department for making the extra effort that the tickets are justified.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) Pending Litigation
- 2) Personnel

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Pitzafarro.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:34 pm

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 10:10 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of August 25, 2009 adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

August 25, 2009 Minutes Approved by Council on September 8, 2009



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk