

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – October 13, 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, 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:

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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Buske moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2009 Council Meeting and the September 19, 2009 Budget Workshop Meeting; seconded by Alderman Larsen.

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

Nays: 0

Absent: Pitzafarro

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

On Saturday, October 17th, the City of Rolling Meadows and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will be conducting a document destruction event at Public Works (3900 Berdnick) from 9:00am – 11:00am. There is no cost to participate. Paper clips do not need to be removed, but please remove binders. Also, please have your ID ready as SWANCC staff will be checking each vehicle (only residents of SWANCC member communities may participate). Workers will help take paper out of vehicles and place in totes. The documents will then be loaded into a shredding truck on site. The paper will be cross-shredded, baled, and recycled. No business or institutional waste will be accepted.

Loving Care Animal Clinic Open House Celebration will be on Saturday, October 17th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. The clinic has been serving the Rolling Meadows pet community for ten years. Please join Dr. Carlson and staff at 2633 Kirchoff Road for tours, raffles, games, refreshments, etc. For additional information, please contact the Loving Care Animal Clinic at 847-670-8488.

Rolling Meadows Youth Football and Cheer will be holding a toy drive on Sunday, October 18th at 9:00am at Kimball Hill Park. Bring an unwrapped toy for ages newborn thru 18. The toys will be donated to The Walter and Connie Payton Foundation for distribution. Jarrett Payton will be there from 9:00 – 11:00am.

Rolling Meadows Golden Years Silver Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. Please contact the Senior Center Office (3705 Pheasant Drive) at 847-818-3205.

Reminder, Sunday, November 1st Daylight Savings Time ends (fall back one hour).

Thank you to all the individuals who donated blood at Saturday's blood drive. I also want to thank the Fire Department for the open house event.

The entire City sends its condolences to Rolling Meadows Football Coach Doug Millsaps and family on the passing of his father, Henry Millsaps on Friday, October 9th.

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferrro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Tomorrow is American Cancer Society's "Real Men Wear Pink" campaign. This campaign is an encouragement for men to speak to the women in their lives about mammograms.

She encourages all residents to try to keep the leaves off the drains on their street.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

He received a call Saturday from a senior citizen about an article in the Daily Herald regarding affordable housing. Alderman Buske read the article to the Council.

Has anyone approached us on antennae on flag poles at schools?

Ms. Dehner: No one has approached us.

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

None

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

None

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

One resident contacted him about the potential of cell towers.

Ms. Dehner: This was an item at the last Plan Commission meeting. The proposal is to add (2) 24” satellite dishes to an existing tower.

Another resident contacted him regarding a new gas station/car wash on Algonquin. The lights are shining into their bedroom at night. He is voicing his concern.

Ms. Dehner: They are on the agenda tonight with a representative here. They have taken action twice and they are currently compliant. They have been very responsive.

There was a drainage issue on Peacock. Mr. Vogt has successfully alleviated the problem.

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

PENDING:

A. Ordinance No. 09-31 - Approve Amendment to the Creekside Planned Development - 4 Woodbine Road (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Ordinance Passed

B. Ordinance No. 09-32 - Approve a Sign Appeal - 3200 Squibb Avenue - J C Restoration (2nd 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

C. Ordinance No. 09-33 - Approve an Amendment to a Special Use - 3321 Algonquin Road - Marathon Gas Station (2nd Reading)

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

Alderman Buske: We had approved this many years ago. This is a change in landscaping?

Ms. Dehner: Yes, as well as an additional sign for the car wash.

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

Ordinance Passed

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

D. Ordinance / Approve Refunding Parameters Ordinance

E. Ordinance / Amending Fair Housing Ordinance

Alderman Judd requested Item D be removed.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Item D from Consent Agenda: Ordinance / Approve Refunding Parameters Ordinance

Alderman Lusk made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Alderman Judd: Made a motion to remove the \$400,000 in new money for refuse truck & street sweeper, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman Larsen: How will this impact our ability to purchase these vehicles?

Mr. Egeberg: The Public Works Director has not presented their recommendations.

Mr. Vogt: The recommendations will be brought forward at the October 27th meeting.

Alderman Larsen: This will not preclude us from purchasing these vehicles?

Mr. Egeberg: No.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

Alderman Judd: The 2002 Bonds were originally sold at 98 versus par?

Mr. Egeberg: Has not tracked that.

Alderman Judd: Are the 2009 bonds being sold at par or 98?

Mr. Egeberg: At 97 or more.

Alderman D'Astice: The Ordinance reads \$450,000 in Section 3. Is it \$450,000 or \$400,000?

Mr. Egeberg: \$450,000.

Alderman Judd: What does he predict the interest rates will be?

Mr. Egeberg: He does not have that answer, but will research it.

Roll on Ordinance as Amended:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Approved on First Reading

F. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 10-13-09

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

Alderman Judd: \$860 for dues?

Ms. Phillips: Dues for Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus.

Mayor Nelson: This covers almost all of the suburban communities for purposes of joint projects and lobbying in Springfield. He believes it is a valuable expense.

Alderman Buske: Pages 2 & 3 - \$5813.05 for Ambulance Billings?

Mr. Egeberg: They collect the ambulance fees for us.

Alderman Buske: What did we take in?

Mr. Egeberg: Their fee is 7%.

Alderman Buske: Page 14 – Engineering for lighting on Algonquin. Can we collect that back in grants? Will this engineering last us?

Mr. Vogt: The engineering is being prepared to obtain additional grant money. Half of the costs will be reimbursed by the Village of Arlington Heights.

Alderman Buske: What does the engineering consist of?

Mr. Vogt: The spacing and integrating of them with traffic signals and various other items. There are more than 100 lights involved, both new and old.

Mayor Nelson: Yes, the engineering will last us for several years.

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

Warrant Passed

G. Resolution No. 09-R-94 / Set Time and Date for Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 09-R-95 / Accept Line of Credit Agreement

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Who is our primary bank?

Mr. Egeberg: Charter One.

Alderman Judd: There is no way I can vote for this. We received only one response. We should receive 3 to 5 at the bare minimum.

Mr. Egeberg: Banks are hesitant to give Lines of Credit. We are fortunate that Park Ridge is willing to give us a one. He believes that we will need this Line of Credit due to the possible delay in property taxes. Without this Line of Credit we may not be able to make payroll.

Alderman Judd: Feels that we should get at least 2 more responses.

Alderman D' Astice: The borrow rate is 3.25% at Charter and at Park Ridge 4.5% and we are concerned about \$5,000 in non-use fees from Charter. Translate that \$5,000 into a percentage.

Mr. Egeberg: It is .25% of \$1,500,000 over one year.

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Alderman D'Astice: Agrees with Alderman Judd. Go back to Charter One and try to get them to work with us or get some more quotes.

Mr. Egeberg: Is agreeable with keeping it at Charter One, but we need something in place soon.

Alderman Larsen: Would like further clarification on what it will actually cost us.

Mr. Egeberg: The current line that we have at Charter One is LIBOR plus 150 basis points which will expire on October 26th. The year to date interest so far is about \$7,000. If we go with Park Ridge it is a higher interest rate. Charter One does have a fair proposal, but Park Ridge does not have a non-use charge. Based on the last 12 months Charter One would be the better deal.

Alderman D'Astice: At Charter One with a \$1.5 million line of credit our cost would be \$3,750 versus "shooting craps" and maybe having to use it and pay 4.5%. Thinks that they did not do their homework and we should stay where we are.

Alderman Lusk: Also agrees that it would be best to stay with Charter One. If we should find a bank with a better interest rate after October 27th will it cost us anything to pull out of Charter One?

Mr. Egeberg: No.

Alderman Judd: His contention is that we need to get more quotes.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to amend the Resolution to use Charter One as our Line of Credit bank, seconded by Alderman Larsen.

Alderman D'Astice: Added as direction that the Finance Director come back to us with at least 3 to 5 more options.

Alderman Buske: Was Harris bank one that did not respond?

Mr. Egeberg: Yes.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzaferro

Motion Passed

Roll on Resolution as Amended:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzaferro

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 09-R-96 / Approve Release of Closed Session Minutes

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzaferro

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 09-R-97 / Award Contract for Water System Leak Detection

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D' Astice: The contract is for \$12,000 and we have \$19,000 in the budget. What happens with the \$7,000?

Mr. Vogt: Typically we budget additional funds for emergency locates in the winter.

Alderman D' Astice: If we don't use it would it stay in the water fund.

Mr. Vogt: Yes.

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzaferro

Resolution Passed

K. Resolution No. 09-R-98 / Approve Senior Snow Plowing Contracts & Procedures

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: The seniors really count on this service. He will support this 100%.

Alderman Adams: We are increasing the rate to the seniors?

Mr. Vogt: In the past we have had several tiers. It was somewhat streamlined last year. We felt that the Social Security cutoff of roughly \$25,000 had some rationale and used a two-tiered program where if your income is less than \$25,000 you would pay the lower fee and if your income is over \$25,000 you would be pay the higher fee.

Alderman Adams: We are proposing going up to \$17.50 from \$11.55 for the lower income. He is against that and would like to keep the tiers the same as this year.

Mr. Vogt: That would be at the discretion of the Council. Based on last year we may have to make modifications to the budget for this year.

Alderman Buske: He is against the increase for the lower income seniors. It would be a \$6.50 increase. He would like to keep it at the 2 tiers.

Mr. Vogt: We may have to make some modifications to the budget for next year, but it is up to the Council.

Alderman D'Astice: Are we talking about the remainder of 2009 and into 2010, or just 2010?

Mr. Vogt: We are talking about the winter season of 2009 & 2010. There is currently \$1300 from last season which would cover one event.

Alderman D'Astice: Will \$1300 cover November and December.

Mr. Vogt: It would cover one event.

Alderman D'Astice: What we need to ask is if we go with this in its current form are we ready to pony up some more money this year for snow.

Mayor Nelson: We do have enough for one event. Should we have another event then we will have to discuss what to do.

Alderman Larsen: If we were to stay with the current program how much more would Mr. Vogt anticipate for 2010 in the budget.

Mr. Vogt: It is hard to put a definitive number on it, but would probably not change the 2010 budget.

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Alderman Larsen: Would not be in favor of increasing the lower income fee. He would prefer to see us stay with the 08/09 income guidelines.

Alderman Lusk: Agrees with Aldermen Adams & Larsen. A motion was made to stay with the 08/09 income guidelines, seconded by Alderman Adams.

Roll on Motion:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Motion Passed

Alderman Buske: The Farmer's Almanac is saying that the first snow will be November 20th. This year they are calling for four major storms...last year we had two. Where would we find the additional money?

Mr. Vogt: Most likely in the Public Works Administrative account.

Alderman D' Astice: Are we liable should we not approve this in the budget?

Mr. Macholl: We would be on the hook.

Roll on Resolution as Amended:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

L. Resolution No. 09-R-99 / Approve Temporary Signage for St. Colette Fall Fest

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Will not support this.

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

Nays: Judd

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

M. Resolution No. 09-R-100 / Approve Hold Harmless Agreement with IDOT for Work Performed in the State Right-of-Way

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafferro

Resolution Passed

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: **1) Gordon Gullicksen to ZBA Board - Term to Expire 4/30/12**

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

**Unanimous
Appointment Approved**

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

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

Alderman Judd: Are we at the level of traffic signs that we need to purchase these?

Mr. Vogt: Staff says that we do not have much inventory.

Ms. Phillips: Also, this does not come out of the General Fund. It comes out of the Local Road Fund.

SR2) August 2009 Financial Report

Alderman D'Astice: Are we in better shape than we were 30 – 60 days ago?

Ms. Phillips: Yes.

Alderman D'Astice: Best guess.....do we think this might hold or will it fluctuate some more?

Ms. Phillips: It will always fluctuate. She feels good about the expenditure side. The revenue side....she does not know. The sales tax is still on a downward trend.

SR3) Presentation of the October 20th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Alderman Buske: Would like to add a discussion on suspending licenses for DUI's to the agenda.

Mr. Macholl: We are currently working on that type of ordinance and will have it available at the meeting.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole Agenda as amended; seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Lusk made a motion to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Buske.

1) Personnel

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

Nays: none

Absent: Pitzafarro

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:55 pm

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 9:30 pm

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) 2009 Proposed Budget Reductions

Ms. Phillips: Presented the following reductions.

1) Police Department - Minimum manpower staffing levels reduced to one supervisor and four officers.

Alderman Lusk: Completely opposed.

Alderman Buske: Agrees. He refuses to start putting our residents in harms way.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to eliminate, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Yeas – 5

Nays – 1

2) Police Department - Cease training unless already scheduled and/or a requirement.

Alderman Lusk: Would this cause any issues?

Chief Williams: No. We would not cut any training that is essential.

Alderman Buske: Do they prioritize the training?

Chief Williams: Yes.

3) Police Department – Uniforms. No additional purchases thru the end of the year.

4) Fire Department – Reduce 2 of the 3 shifts.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to eliminate, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Alderman D’Astice: There was a discussion with respect to adding a new fire station. He believes he heard back then that we could man a 3rd station and still provide safety to the community. How is this different?

Chief Stewart: With the 3rd station we could redeploy the staffing. This plan would reduce staffing.

Alderman Judd: How are we currently staffing?

Chief Stewart: With overtime.

Alderman Larsen: Can he quantify the ISO rating?

Chief Stewart: The major impact is on the business community.

Alderman Larsen: What are we rated at currently?

Chief Stewart: On a scale of 1 to 10, we are at 3. Any time Staff is affected there is the potential to reduce our rating.

Alderman D'Astice: An option could be to pay overtime and not hire the two firefighters. What would the cost of overtime be?

Chief Stewart: In the neighborhood of \$15,000 - \$30,000.

Alderman Lusk: If we delay hiring until 2010 we are extending the overtime budget needs because of the training of the new firefighters.

Chief Stewart: That is correct.

Alderman Buske: Do we use the accelerated hiring list?

Chief Stewart: Yes, we have used the list. The two new firefighters came from the new entry list.

Alderman Buske: Once we hire the new firefighters they would not be ready to work, we would still need to use hire backs during that time correct?

Chief Stewart: They are pre-trained and they would need to be put through a one month mentoring process.

Roll to Eliminate:

Yeas – 4

Nays – 2

- 5) Fire Department: Temporary assignment of Deputy Chief to Battalion Chief through end of year.

Alderman Lusk made a motion to eliminate, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Chief Stewart: We have made some operational adjustments. We could manage this at minimal risk.

Yeas – 0

Nays – 6

- 6) Public Works – defer removal of diseased trees.

Alderman Lusk: Are we putting more trees at risk? What is the impact?

Mr. Vogt: These are trees that are on a watch list.

7) Public Works - \$1300 for senior snow plowing.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to eliminate, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Yeas – 6

Nays – 0

8) Public Works – holiday decoration reduction in the smaller parks/ giveaway reductions.

Mr. Vogt: This could be approached in different ways.

Alderman Judd: Have we approached any private enterprises for funding.

Mayor Nelson: Does not think we could do it for this year.

Alderman Buske made a motion to eliminate, seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Alderman Larsen: Supports leaving it on the list. This is dialing back the decorations, not totally eliminating them.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like an idea of what we typically spend.

Ms. Phillips: This cut would be about 1/3 of what we normally spend.

Alderman Judd: Thinks we should keep this on the list and approach some of the businesses.

Yeas – 3

Nays – 3 (prevail)

9) Community Development – various small cuts (training, books, office supplies, etc.).

10) Community Development – suspend service thru end of year for grass cutting and senior handyman service.

Alderman Buske: Who cuts the grass for vacant homes?

Ms. Dehner: The same contractor the City uses for landscaping.

Alderman Buske: Does not have a problem stopping the grass cutting, but would like to keep the senior handyman service.

Ms. Phillips: What is the breakdown between the two?

Ms. Dehner: \$1,500 for grass cutting and \$1,700 for the senior handyman.

Alderman Buske made a motion to eliminate the senior handyman cut, seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Alderman Larsen: How frequently is the handyman services engaged?

Ms. Dehner: This year we have serviced about 70 calls.

Alderman Larsen: What is the nature of the calls?

Ms. Dehner: Fixing a fan, drain, etc. They are typically minor repairs.

Eliminate handyman cut:

Yeas – 4

Nays – 2

11) General – reduce any future press releases thru Bragaw. If needed, we would do them in house.

12) Variety of other cuts.

13) IT – most for upgrade licenses that can wait until 2010.

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to accept list as amended, seconded by Alderman Lusk
Unanimous

2) 2010 Budget - Police Department

Sergeant Tom Gadomski, Commander Joe Waitzman and Deputy Chief Dave Scanlan presented the Police Department 2010 Budget Proposal.

Alderman Lusk: Social Worker position – where will those functions land?

Deputy Chief Scanlan: Our social worker is very efficient. This position may not be as efficiently done by a police officer.

Alderman Lusk: We will use DEA asset money for the social worker?

Deputy Chief Scanlan: Yes, as a contracted vendor to the City.

Alderman Buske: Enhanced DUI – we started this with a grant and with a budget of about \$60,000. This was supposed to take care of itself and is now in debt.

Deputy Chief Scanlan: For some reason, a police officer salary was paid from that fund and he does not believe that should ever have happened. Action has been taken to resolve this.

Alderman Buske: This is a very good program. He is very disappointed.

Deputy Chief Scanlan: As soon as it was brought to his attention, that salary was removed from that fund. He believes that by the end of 2010 this fund should be back in the positive.

Alderman Judd: Some things don't make sense. Based on some discussions the DUI was being eliminated and now he is hearing that we might carry it on.

Mr. Egeberg: The City code states that whatever is budgeted goes in the DUI Fund and anything over that goes into the General Fund. What we did on the paperwork is to set the DUI fund up so that we virtually eliminate any programs being paid out of it in 2010 because the funds will go in there to pay off the deficit and the excess funds will go into the General Fund.

Alderman Judd: Asked for clarification on various line items.

Alderman D'Astice: Who put the officer salary in the Enhanced DUI Fund?

Ms. Phillips: Cannot answer that question.

Chief Williams: He did not.

Mr. Egeberg: It was proposed by the previous City Manager.

Alderman D'Astice: A discussion with Mr. Egeberg regarding 10% fund balances took place.

Alderman Judd: Thinks the Police Department does a commendable job. Unfortunately, the Staff situation is the vast bulk of the budget. According to the staffing plan, there is a total staff of 71 with a proposed staff of 70. Where is that reduction?

Mr. Egeberg: That is difficult to answer at this time, but most likely in Police Administration.

Discussion took place between Alderman Judd and Deputy Chief Scanlan.

Alderman Judd: Thinks that they need to look at cutting some of the administrative jobs.

Deputy Chief Scanlan: Reducing any further can get very complicated very quickly.

Alderman D'Astice: Suggests not funding the Deputy Chief position from the staffing plan once Deputy Chief Scanlan takes over the Chief position.

Alderman Larsen: Is not clear of the benefit of doing this.

Alderman D'Astice: He already plans on not filling that position until at least June.

Roll to eliminate funding or eliminate position.

Alderman Lusk: Eliminate funding

Alderman D'Astice: Both

Alderman Buske: Both

Alderman Judd: Both

Alderman Adams: Both

Alderman Larsen: Eliminate funding.

Alderman D'Astice: Does not want to lose any officers, but thinks that we need to find things that are "hard to swallow". He suggests that we eliminate the motorcycle patrols.

Alderman Adams: Agrees with Alderman D'Astice: Badges for \$1,750?

Deputy Chief Scanlan: They are the badges and insignias that we wear. They are expensive.

Mayor Nelson: What would the savings be if we eliminate the motorcycle unit.

Deputy Chief Scanlan: About \$2,500.

Eliminate Motorcycle Unit:

Yes – 6

Nays – 0

Alderman Lusk: The work of the Deputy Chief's will filter down. She feels that staffing is appropriate right now.

Alderman Buske: Benefits are about 50% of salaries. Why?

Ms. Phillips: Includes \$2,000,000 for the pension fund.

Alderman Lusk: What were Deputy Chief Goodman's responsibilities?

Chief Williams: Budget, administration, PNR. It did not include accreditation.

Deputy Chief Scanlan: Some of his responsibilities have already been moved down to the Commanders.

Alderman Lusk: What is happening with keeping a police desk open?

Deputy Chief Scanlan: We are currently down to an 8 hour desk.

Alderman Judd: Believes that they can do with less Staff. They are a very efficient department.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

City Council meeting of October 13, 2009 adjourned at 12:00 a.m., October 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

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Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk