

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – November 1, 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, 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, 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 D’Astice made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 Council Meeting and the October 18, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting; it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to deviate from the agenda; it was moved and seconded

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

1) Public Hearing – Library Tax Levy

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

The only thing I have involves meetings that I have had with some folks regarding electric aggregation and I will bring that up at the November 8th Committee of the Whole.

WARD REPORTS:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

No one came forward

Mayor Tom Rooney closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance No. 11-36 / Approve Text Amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance – Personal Training Facility

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

B. Ordinance No. 11-37 / Approve Special Use for Personal Training Facility – 3620 Edison Place

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

C. Ordinance No. 11-38 / Amend Appendix B Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties – Late Fees for Real Estate Transfer Tax

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

Alderman Judd: In Section B, # 3, it says the fine is not less 200.00 nor more than 1000, but then in # 4 we made it 200.00 every month after. Do those contradict themselves?

Mr. Macholl: They don't. Paragraph 4 specifically addresses the situation which brought forth this particular ordinance in connection with those people who don't, in other words they sit on the deed and then they come in later on and do that. If there is any other violation, then paragraph 3 B would take that into account.

Alderman Judd: So there is no cap at 1000.

Mr. Macholl: No, sir, there is not.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

D. Ordinance No. 11-39 / Amend Appendix B Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties – Building Permit Fees

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman D' Astice made motion to adopt the ordinance; it was moved and seconded to adopt the Ordinance

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Alderman Buske: There were two different statements on the impact fee. One is an impact fee, the other is a number. Would you please explain those for me?

Mr. Krumstok: This deals with demolition. If you're going to be getting an impact fee that would be specific. Let's say a large piece of property came in and you would be charging additional fees, impact fees, for possibly schools, park district, or the city. This actually deals with demolition permit fees. If a larger group came in through a development agreement, we would probably assess impact fees. This has to do with the demolition.

Alderman Buske: I agree that when we had this up a year ago, we agreed to go half way on it and the other half this time around. Demolition fee means that Ms. Dehner has to go out there with the gas and electric, all the hookups have to be gone. There's a lot of work there. Ms. Dehner never takes the highest when she does a survey and she doesn't take the lowest. She goes in between which I think is fair. That's one fee. The other fee I consider an impact fee when they start hauling the stuff away. We're talking about the impact these heavy vehicles have on the road. Road are not made for that. I think this is a fair system the way we did that.

Alderman Larsen: The rough estimate on the amount staff spends on these permits is between 406 and 747 dollars. How did we land on 500.00?

Ms. Dehner: When I was doing the fees originally I was taking into account several elements. One was a survey of surrounding communities and what they were charging, but most importantly what it costs us to do different inspections for different permits so that we're recouping some of our expenses as well. Another element was raising the permit fee by the CPI or less. There were four or five different elements that went into determining these fees, but most importantly that they weren't the highest in the area and that they were covering our costs, generally.

Alderman Larsen: The average is 744.00.

Ms. Dehner: For the surrounding communities

Alderman Larsen: The amount of time we spend is between 406 and 747.00. It seems to me that we are way under our costs if we stay at 500.00. Why wouldn't we want to recoup all our costs?

Ms. Dehner: Depending on how smoothly it goes, the lower end if there is a contractor that comes in that knows exactly what they're doing, they have everything under control and they use the minimum number of inspections, so that's the lower end. If there is an incident where something goes wrong or there's a need for more inspections of a capping of water and sewer, then that will be the higher end. We do have to estimate a range because it depends on how smoothly the demolition goes.

Alderman Larsen: Is there a way to establish a higher level say for example 750.00 and those cases where contractors don't incur that much of city inspection charges, we could then forgive those cases but still keep ourselves at 750 so we cover our expenses for the average in the area and also for recovering our maximum worst case for our city.

Ms. Dehner: I think it's doable. The permit fee would become an escrow account. We would apply any and all inspections or work that goes towards that demolition. Generally that's not the case, but we could certainly do it. We don't have that many demolition permits that we issue.

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Alderman Larsen: There would be no legal reason why we couldn't establish that and forgive them on a case by case basis.

Mr. Macholl: Ms. Dehner's point is well taken. I guess you would require a deposit of 750.00 and use that as the escrow and deduct from that whatever expense there might be relative to each inspection and refund the difference. You could certainly do it.

Alderman Larsen: Is it appropriate to amend this proposed ordinance to make it into an escrow or is that a different animal?

Mayor Rooney: I believe it certainly would be appropriate to come back at another time and make an amendment to this particular ordinance in the form of its own ordinance. If that's how we want to proceed, that could be an ordinance all by itself.

Alderman Larsen: I'll revisit it at a later time.

Mayor Rooney: The precedent we have for setting up something that people get to get the money back that wasn't spent is really for intergovernmental agencies. We do have a precedent that has been set for things like false alarms, fire alarms and the rest where if people require additional inspections we charge them for those additional inspections. That is a surcharge that is labeled for using too much of the city service rather than everybody being charged and then being reimbursed. That's the reason why an idea like that is big enough that we make it its own ordinance. There's a lot to talk about there, rather than amending a number here.

Alderman Larsen: Ok

Alderman Cannon: I'd like to reiterate my position from last week. I'd like to turn this down. I would like to encourage everyone in town to rebuild their properties or knock down and start over. Later on tonight we are going to be talking about economic development and vacant properties. It seems they go in opposite directions if we adopt this program that we are talking about right here. How many homes do we knock down?

Ms. Dehner: If we have any it's one.

Alderman Cannon: If you're dead set that we have to recover our costs, maybe we could tell people that they have to have a foundation in the ground 6 months after they do this and they can get a rebate. I think it's really important that we set precedent if you want people to do things to their properties to make them better and nicer and more valuable.

Alderman Judd: I'd like to eliminate 13c, the entire permit fee for the demolition part of it.

Mayor Rooney: The amendment made last time was to make it 500. We are saying now to strike section C. Is there a second to the amendment to strike subsection 13 c from the ordinance, it has been seconded.

Alderman Judd: I agree with Alderman Cannon. Mr. D'Astice, you were going to talk about the D Plan later which is going to have people come in and purchase a vacant building or purchase a vacant lot and build on it and give them incentives to do that by giving them back the transfer fee, is that correct?

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Alderman D'Astice: I don't believe the D Plan is on today.

Mr. Krumstok: It is.

Alderman Judd: Essentially that's what the D Plan is, correct?

Alderman D'Astice: There are several incentives in there. This wouldn't fall underneath the plan.

Mayor Rooney: We are trying to draw a line between COW conversations and Council conversations. The discussion is on the amendment and by rule debate is limited to discussion of the amendment.

Alderman Judd: We want to encourage people to do things. This discourages them from doing things. Ms. Dehner, when we get a permit fee, does it always pay for everything?

Ms. Dehner: Not always

Alderman Judd: It doesn't make sense to penalize someone for tearing down something and build something new. I don't know why we would want to do this. If we are always going to worry about covering our costs, we have a lot of places we can look at.

Alderman Buske: I'll reiterate what I said last meeting. When someone is putting money into another structure, the County gives you the first 30,000 without any taxes for the first three years. That's quite an incentive. I think this should stay in there.

Alderman D'Astice: I can understand the Aldermen's rationale for wanting to waive it. It's going to cost the residents 4 to 750.00 to have someone do it. There is no timeline on when a new structure is going to be in place. In its current form I'm uncomfortable with it. I don't think I want to overlook that someone is going to take a garage and knock it down and its going to cost the city money and nothing is going to be put in its place. In its current state I'm not going to vote for it, but if the amendment said that the 500.00 is waived if a new structure is built on that vacant property within a specified time limit, then I am more comfortable with it.

Alderman Cannon: Are we allowed to add an amendment after we're done voting on this one?

Mayor Rooney: If there is something left to amend, yes.

Alderman Cannon: Can I amend the amendment?

Mayor Rooney: There is such a thing as a secondary amendment, if it's along the line of what Mr. D'Astice was asking, that would have to happen by rejecting this amendment to leave section c in its place and then add a sentence to section c. If that was the purpose of the amendment, it can't be accomplished through a secondary amendment process. Do you have another idea?

Alderman Cannon: What Mr. D'Astice is asking for is reasonable. Putting a timeline is a reasonable request. I think a year or 6 months that they have to have another structure going up is a reasonable compromise.

Mayor Rooney: It can only be accomplished by rejecting the amendment simply because the amendment would strike out the entire section and there would be no fee at all. The proper way to go

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about that idea would be to keep Section C in and then we would amend Section C, whether it's tonight or whether it's another ordinance that could be drafted by the next meeting for 1st reading, that would be my preference, but we could go either way. The bottom line is the parliamentary way to get across what Mr. D'Astice and Mr. Cannon are saying is to defeat the amendment as it stands to leave the wording in there and then make an amendment to that wording later.

Alderman Banger: Could Mr. Judd hold back the amendment?

Mayor Rooney: That's always an option. The question is on the amendment itself, shall subsection 13 c of the ordinance be stricken.

AYES: Judd

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

ABSENT: 0

The amendment fails. The Chair would entertain a motion if someone would like to make one. The Chair would request that since its probably going to involve a little bit of spit balling about time we think is sufficient, the Chair would suggest that its more appropriately done by coming back with an ordinance on to itself, but it's a reasonable position to try to do it tonight so the Chair would entertain any further amendments to this ordinance if any alderman wishes to make one.

Alderman D'Astice: I'd like to make an amendment to Section C that says a new structure must be constructed within 12 months of demolition in order to receive the 500.00 refund of this fee.

Mayor Rooney: The amendment is to add an additional sentence to subsection 13c; we'll let Mr. Macholl put together whatever verbiage might be necessary if it passes, to state that if a new structure is built in the place of the demolition within 12 months, the 500.00 permit fee can be refunded. Mr. Macholl will write the language. Mr. D'Astice, is that sufficient?

Alderman D'Astice: That sounds fine.

Mayor Rooney: Is there a second to that amendment? Mr. Cannon has seconded it.

Alderman D'Astice: There could be a whole lot of other things that might crop up, for example if somebody took a 10 story building, I doubt they would be able to rebuild the whole thing in 12 months. If we put this in here for right now as a placeholder, then Ms. Dehner can come back to us and say maybe we want to revise that at a future meeting to say construction must start within 12 months with completion date not to exceed such and such a time for commercial properties. You know you can build a house in less than a year. This would be sufficient for me right now.

Alderman Cannon: We could also put down that the fee would be refunded after final inspection.

Mayor Rooney: It's the Chair's preference that if we want to work this all out, it's better as a separate ordinance. The question is shall a line be added to section 13 c, that Mr. Macholl will draft in its proper form, that would say if a new structure is built in the place of the demolished building within 12 months, the fee in section 13, whether its 500 or 250, or a 1000, it could be refunded within a 12 month period.

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

The amendment passed

Mayor Rooney: Is there further discussion on the ordinance? The question is shall this ordinance in its amended form be adopted?

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

**E. Ordinance No. 11-40 / Amend Chapter 70 "Offenses & Miscellaneous Provisions" –
Administrative Fee for Bailable Offenses**

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

Alderman Buske: Chief Scanlan, does this cover a recognizance bond?

Chief Scanlan: It could. If you passed the ordinance we could charge the 20.00 for processing.

Alderman Buske: Even with the recognizance bond?

Chief Scanlan: Yes

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

The ordinance was adopted.

F. Ordinance No. 11-41 / Approve Transfer of Volume Cap

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

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

The ordinance was adopted.

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

G. Ordinance / Amend Code – Economic Incentive Program (1st Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the ordinance.

Alderman D’Astice made a motion to forward the Ordinance for 2nd reading; moved and seconded

Alderman Judd: I’m not sure I like section A 3. I was hoping Mr. D’Astice could clarify it for me. If one store is vacant and the guy rents it out, he would qualify to get money back? I don’t think that was the intent, but that’s how it’s worded.

Mr. Macholl: The way it is worded was that 75% of the vacancy prior to entering into the lease, so if there is one lease for that 75% of the existing, prior to the existing vacancy, it would qualify. So if there are three or four, or whatever it might be, it would be based on the square footage and not necessarily the number of leases that are entered into.

Alderman Judd: Let’s assume there is 10,000 sq ft. in this shopping center. 9000 sq ft are presently leased. So there’s 1000 sq ft and someone wants to open a restaurant in there, does that qualify because he has reduced the vacancies only to 1000 ft, so if he takes the whole 1000 sq ft he has reduced it by 75%. He would qualify for this?

Mr. Macholl: Correct.

Alderman Judd: Is that the intent that you wanted? I don’t like that. That could be a stickler for me.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall this ordinance be moved forward for 2nd reading?

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

NAYS: Judd, Banger

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance will be moved forward for second reading.

H. Ordinance / Amend Chapter 102 Taxation – Repeal Sunset Clause Hotel Tax (1st Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinances.

Alderman Buske made a motion to forward the Ordinance for 2nd reading; moved and seconded.

Alderman D’Astice: I don’t have a problem leaving a sunset clause on various taxes. It forces the city council to look at something and consider whether or not it should be taken off or not. It’s one of those checks and balances that if we don’t have it, its just automatic and no one looks at it. This way it brings it up and everyone has to take a look at it and decide if we want to do it or not. I like having sunsets in here just because they force everybody to consider whether we want to do something. I’m opposed to getting rid of it.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall this ordinance be moved forward for 2nd reading.

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

The Ordinance is moved forward for 2nd reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

I. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 11-1-2011

Alderman Buske made a motion to approve the November 1, 2011 Warrant; it has been moved and seconded to approve the November 1, 2011 Warrant

YEAS: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, D' Astice, Larsen
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Warrant Approved

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

J. Resolution No. 11-R-113 – Award Contract for Police Range Repair

Mayor Rooney read the background on the resolution.

Alderman Buske made the motion to adopt the resolution; it was moved and seconded

Alderman Buske: Chief Scanlan showed me the big hole. This has got to be fixed. There are some water leaks down there and that has to be addressed.

Alderman Cannon: I don't have a problem with having this fixed. The range is a disaster. There's one issue after another. Maybe we can go over to Palatine and use their brand new one or Schaumburg. We're looking at a lot of money to repair this thing and I don't know where we're going to get the money from.

Alderman Larsen: Chief Scanlan, is that a viable option to use another municipalities range?

Chief Scanlan: It is a viable option, but a lot more goes into it than just going over and using their range.

Alderman Larsen: What's a typical life span for a range?

Chief Scanlan: This one has been maintained over the years. The backstop was put in in the 70's. About 8 or 10 years ago there were some updates done. Part of the reason we put 25,000 away this year in our capitals was to look at trying to change the backstop and then maybe some of the rail systems, we were going to try to use the money that we put away in capitals in addition to some seizure funds that we expected to use and I'm still looking forward in trying to accomplish it. I think we can do some of the

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work to maintain the range, but to completely redo the range and redo the building, those are capital conversations that would be done outside this conversation.

Alderman Larsen: Those future seizure funds would be put aside for the long term capital

Chief Scanlan: To upgrade and purchase any equipment that needs to be done. It's a common use of seizure funds and I would certainly use the funds for that purpose. The funds we currently have in the seizure accounts have been targeted for other uses.

Alderman Larsen: On the one hand it's an option to go elsewhere to use ranges, but not a practical option.

Chief Scanlan: Yes

Mayor Rooney: The topic under discussion is the expenditure of 13,000 for the exhaust system. I certainly invite any alderman to put this idea of the range on a COW agenda. We're straying from the resolution.

Alderman Buske: The 13,000 is for the ventilation. If that's fixed they can use the range. The rest of the range you're talking about the seizure funds, that should be able to take care of that. I agree with this.

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

The Resolution is adopted.

K. Resolution No. 11-R-114 – Authorize Placement of Temporary Signage on Public Right-of-Way – Fremd Booster Club

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Resolutions.

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

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

The Resolution is adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:


Mayor's Appointments:
Mayor's Proclamation:
City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) Reminder: Sunday, November 6th Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back an hour).
- 2) The Fire Department has started a new campaign and has joined with The FILE OF LIFE FOUNDATION (a non-profit corporation promoting life-saving ideas). This program consists of a medical information packet designed to provide emergency personnel with necessary medical data to begin immediate treatment. Since 1995, this very simple concept has saved thousands of lives.

Who is at Risk? We all are. Medical Emergencies can happen to anyone at any time. That's why everyone needs the "File of Life" urgency and helplessness packet. With the "File of Life" there is solid information on conditions and medications.

Did you know...  of all Emergency Calls are for Senior Citizens? Are they prepared for this? There's panic, confusion, fear and a terrible sense of urgency and helplessness.

The program packet consists of a red "File of Life" refrigerator magnet that provides responding crews organized and accurate information pertaining to the patient's medical history, medication lists and allergies.

The first meeting that the Fire Department will be having with the seniors will be November 17th at 11:30 am at the Senior Center.

If you want additional information, please contact Chief Stewart and he will put you in touch with the FF/PM who will be coordinating the campaign.

- 3) City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11th in recognition of Veteran's Day. Please remember and thank a veteran. ***Regular Refuse routes will be observed –meaning NO delay in service for this holiday!***
- 4) LifeSource and the City will be conducting a Holiday Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 22nd from 1 pm to 7 pm in the City Council Chambers. Please give the "Gift of Life."
- 5) The Friends of the Rolling Meadows Fall Book Sale at the Library (3110 Martine lane) will be conducted on Friday, November 11th from 9 am to 8:30 pm; Saturday, November 12th from 9 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday, November 13th from 1 to 4 pm. Find bargains galore on books, CD's, DVD's, audio books and more!
- 6) Rolling Meadows has again partnered with the United States Marine Corps Reserve to collect toys for children in need through the Marines' Toys for Tots program. Beginning Tuesday, November 1, residents may deliver new, unwrapped toys to drop boxes at City Hall (3600

Kirchoff Road) or the Rolling Meadows Library (3110 Martin Lane). Toy donations will be accepted through Monday, December 5.

- 7) The Rolling Meadows Rotary, Harris Bank, Rolling Meadows High School, and members of the community are collecting food for a Rolling Meadows food pantry. To participate, simply purchase your selection of desired food items from a flyer posted at City Hall, Public Works, Harris Bank, and other locations and deliver them in a double (paper/plastic) bag to Harris Bank located at 3225 Kirchoff Road from Monday, November 14th to Friday, November 18th. The Thanksgiving Holiday Basket Food Drive Benefits the Bethel Lutheran Food Pantry (3839 W. Frontage Road, Rolling Meadows, IL.).
- 8) The week of November 28th is the final week for yard waste collection. Yard waste collection ends Friday, December 2nd.

Alderman Buske: Did you mention that garbage may go out at 3:00 starting Monday

Mr. Krumstok: I can reiterate that we are on the new time.

Alderman Buske: The seniors have to know this.

2) Update on IEPA Watermain Replacement Loan Program (2009)

Mr. Vogt: I wanted to bring to council's attention some information. Indications from the IEPA staff is that after 2 plus years of waiting it appears that we are getting close to receiving an offer for the 1.5 million dollars in loans that were applied for in 2009 for watermain replacements. At that time we applied for 6 locations. Killarney Court because of the delay and the condition, the watermain has recently been replaced. We have five locations remaining, this being on Magnolia Drive, Sycamore Lane/East Frontage Road, Thorntree Lane, Hawthorne Lane and a portion of Brookmeade that wasn't done several years ago. This was reviewed in 2009 and council approved it. By the end of 2011, or more likely in early 2012 we will see that process culminate with the actual offer. The council will have to accept the terms and conditions. We'll go out for bid and if they are acceptable we will make an offer and then wait for IEPA to review everything. We expect that late spring or summer the project will be ready to go.

3) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman Buske: On this 8600 for police manual update and online monthly training, is that for our ordinances or for state?

Chief Scanlan: That's the Police Department policy manual.

Alderman Buske: It's not rules and laws then.

Chief Scanlan: There are some of those things incorporated in the policy manual but it is our policy manual that incorporates bi-annual updates and online training of the department policies on a regular basis.

Alderman Buske: How often do we have this done?

Chief Scanlan: Once a year

4) September 2011 Financial Report

Ms. Gallagher: We're ¾ done through the fiscal year. The Cook County Treasurer's office, the 2nd installment of the 2010 property taxes are due today. We'll see returns through November, December and part of January. On the income statement I added a column. It helps us with looking at our projected column vs. actual and that's also been shown through our Finance team meetings, as well. The Income statement highlights - the September YTD income statement for the general fund ended at 18 million and we're at 75% of the target. Municipal Sales Tax is up about 2%, 1.7%, Home Rule Sales Tax is up 4%, Hotel Tax is up 9%, Business permits are up as well. Other things are flat and we're seeing some other down trends. Overall departments are below the target for September and expenditures YTD are coming in at about 68%. We're still showing a positive fund balance for the general fund.

5) Presentation of the November 8th Committee of the Whole Agenda

Mr. Krumstok presented the November 8th Committee of the Whole Agenda.

Mayor Rooney: The Chair would ask that if there is no objection, a couple of those meetings that I had with folks involved who were involved in this process from the consulting side, they are all fairly confident that the March primary can still be hit. It might be worth the council's time to bring it up for discussion, see if there is interest in trying to pursue it on a quick path. If the council is not interested it gets dropped. If the council is semi-interested we could wait until November and if people are chomping at the bit, it looks like the March deadline could still be met. Without objection we will add the Electricity Aggregation to the agenda as item 4.

Alderman Judd: Could you flop A and C.

Mayor Rooney: We could do that.

Alderman Cannon: I would like my two items re-entered if we have enough time that night.

Mayor Rooney: Yes, they can be added as item 5 & 6.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Cannon: I would like to encourage any citizen that is going to go out and dine, that they would consider dining at an establishment in our town.

Alderman Buske: I go along with Mr. Cannon. I would ask people to support our businesses.

Mayor Rooney: Every time a business closes down, there's a lot of grumbling. When we get the new business list every month, that passes without any notice in the public at all. Mr. Krumstok, we might consider taking newsletter space to promote new businesses.

Mr. Krumstok: We can put it as a staff report too.

Alderman D'Astice: We could put it on the marquee.

Mayor Rooney: That might be one of the options.

CLOSED SESSION:

1) Union Negotiations – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) 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 there are two resolutions this evening that are due to be taken up after the council returns from closed session.

Entered into Closed Session at 8:47pm

Returned to Open Session at 8:55pm

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

L. Resolution No. 11-R-115 – Accept Side Letter Extending Police Contract by One (1) Year

M. Resolution No. 11-R-116 – Accept Side Letter Extending Fire Contract by One (1) Year

Mayor Rooney read the background on the resolutions.

Alderman Larsen made the motion to adopt the resolutions; it was moved and seconded

AYES: Allen, Banger, D'Astice, Larsen

NAYS: Cannon, Buske, Judd

ABSENT: 0

The resolutions were adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned

City Council meeting of November 1, 2011, adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

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