

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – November 15, 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, Judd, Banger, Larsen

Absent: Buske, D’Astice

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, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, 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 Banger moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011; it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes.

Yeas: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

Nays: 0

Absent: Buske, D’Astice

Minutes Approved

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Alderman Allen made a motion to deviate; it was moved and seconded to deviate.

1) Public Hearing – CDBG Program

The Cook County Bureau of Community Development requires that the City of Rolling Meadows hold a Performance Hearing regarding the status of projects utilizing Cook County Community Development Block Grant funds.

The City is currently administering four Cook County Community Development Block Grant Projects. These projects are numbered 08-040, 09-028, 10-039, and 11-033 respectively.

- Project Number 08-040 is an Americans with Disability Accessibility Grant Project for improvements to the City’s municipal building.

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- Project Number 09-028 is an Americans with Disability Accessibility Grant Project for improvements to the Rolling Meadows Park District's Nelson Sport Complex – Swimming Pool.
- Project Numbers 10-039 and 11-033 are Americans with Disability Accessibility Grant Projects for ADA Improvements at the Rolling Meadows Community & Senior Center Facility.

The summaries of work accomplished to date on these projects are included in the Council Agenda Packet.

Let the record show this Performance Hearing opened at 7:35 p.m. on November 15, 2011.

Grant Project Number 08-040: In FY2008 the City applied for and received a Cook County Development Block Grant for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at the Police Neighborhood Resource Center (PNRC) located on Algonquin Parkway. The amount of the Award was \$60,000. Due to circumstances beyond the City's control these fund were not able to be utilized. In May of 2010, the County notified the City that these funds were still available for the City to use if there was another eligible ADA project within the City. The City subsequently submitted a Change of Project Scope to Cook County. The County had given the City conditional approval of the Change of Project scope, and provided the City with the official "Notice to Proceed" letter on July 6, 2011. Subsequently the City prepared bid specifications for the elevator improvements. These specifications were submitted to the County for review and they were approved in the beginning of October the project the bids for this project are due Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Grant Project Number 09-028: In FY 2009 the City applied for and received a Cook County Development Block Grant for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at the Rolling Meadows Park District Nelson Sports Complex Pool. The amount of the award was \$82,500. This grant along with funds from the Park Districts Capital Budget will be used toward the purchase of accessible equipment and for the development of an accessible water play area. Engineering and design work has been done at the site as well as the development of bid specifications. The Notice to Proceed letter was received in April of 2010. Bid opening and contract award is complete. The Park District received authorization from the County to purchase the equipment. The equipment has been purchased by the Park District, and a request for final payment has been submitted to the County, upon receipt of this payment this project will be complete.

Grant Project Numbers 10-039 & 11-033: These projects are both for AD Improvements at the Park District Community Center; The Notice to Proceed letter for Project # 10-039 was received in July of 2011 the award for this Grant is \$65,000. Upon receiving the Notice to Proceed the Park District began working with an engineering firm to establish a scope of work plan and develop specifications for the required improvements. Project #11-033 is in process; the Subrecipient Agreement which is for a request of \$100,000, for additional ADA improvements at the Community Center was approved by the Rolling Meadows City Council on October 11, 2011 has been submitted for approval to the Cook County.

Is there anyone in the audience who has any comments regarding Cook County Community Development Block Grant?

If anyone requires any additional information on any of these projects please contact the City's Public Works Department.

The Public is advised that there will be a "Call for Projects" for the 2012 Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program year at each of the two City Council meetings in January of 2012. Interested person or organizations should contact the Public Works Department to find out how to obtain a Cook County Block Grant Application and an instruction booklet.

Let the record show the required Performance Hearing regarding the status of Community Development Block Grant funded projects closed at 7:35 p.m. November 15, 2011.

2) Public Hearing – Library 2012 Budget

THE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LIBRARY 2012 BUDGET. THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO INVITE ORAL COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS CONCERNING THE LIBRARY 2012 BUDGET.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 7:35 P.M., ON NOVEMBER 15, 2011.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT WISHES TO SPEAK REGARDING THE LIBRARY 2012 BUDGET?

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:36 P.M., ON NOVEMBER 15, 2011.

3) Public Hearing – City Tax Levy

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

There is one item to report. There was a recent change in state spending that was made. As far as cities go, it's a small item that is a big principle. The PPRT is a set of funds that the City gets from the State. It has been distributed to municipalities for a number of things that fit municipal purposes. The State cut the funding for the regional education superintendents. These are functionary positions that go around different parts of the state. It's like breaking school districts into regions. They ended up in a bind because they cut that money and they had to go get it from someplace else. They came in to the PPRT, a municipal source of funds. They were banking on the fact that we would sound strange if we whined at public meetings about something that would only total a few thousand dollars for the budget. I'm willing to do that. This is not about the dollar amount, it's about the principle. The state took a municipal pot of money and for the first time ever cracked it open for something that didn't relate to cities and allowed another level of government to get in. I am going to proclaim publically that we are extremely opposed to the change made by the State. It's not about the dollars. It's just a small amount of money. Some of us believe that principle is worth standing up for.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Cannon: A week ago last Friday I went to the Public Works Department to see their snow command program for this year. I want to compliment the Public Works Department for a great plan to attack our snow this year. I wanted to compliment a great job.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Frank Hillegonds, Groot Industries, 2500 Landmeier, Elk Grove Village: Came to discuss the Recycling Contract on the agenda. For the last twelve years Groot has been the proud hauler of Rolling Meadows. What we had proposed was to freeze the rate while the City moved forward with the transition to privatize the garbage collection. We see in the staff recommendation that there was a lower bid. There's a recommendation to make a transition. There's a lot more to a transition for a 6-month period with collection of recycling. For 6-months we are saying let us freeze the rate that we have proposed and not risk having two transitions in one year. We're proud of the work we've done and would ask for your consideration when it comes up on the agenda.

Rob Koshkarian, 309 College Crossing: I have two issues. I've had friends say that Rolling Meadows is not business friendly. I would like to have seen Mariano's put a second store here. They put one in Palatine. Maybe we can get them to put a third store here. The second thing is the light at Plum Grove and Kirchoff needs to be looked at as far as the timing of the light.

Mayor Tom Rooney closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance No. 11-42 / Amend Chapter 102 Taxation – Repeal Sunset Clause Hotel Tax (2nd Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Allen moved to adopt the ordinance; it was moved and seconded to adopt the Ordinance

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall this ordinance be adopted?

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Buske, D’Astice

The ordinance was adopted.

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

- B. Ordinance / Approve Tax Abatement (1st Reading)**
- C. Ordinance / Approve Property Tax Levy (1st Reading)**
- D. Ordinance / Approve Property Tax Levy Library (1st Reading)**
- E. Ordinance / Approve Special Service Area # 1 Tax Levy (1st Reading)**
- F. Ordinance / Approve Special Service Area # 2 Tax Levy (1st Reading)**
- G. Ordinance / Approve Special Service Area # 3 Tax Levy (1st Reading)**
- H. Ordinance / Approve Special Service Area # 5 Tax Levy (1st Reading)**
- I. Ordinance / Approve Water Rate Increase (1st Reading)**
- J. Ordinance / Approve Stormwater Rate Increase (1st Reading)**
- K. Ordinance / Approve Refuse Rate Increase (1st Reading)**
- L. Ordinance / Approve Vehicle Sticker Increase (1st Reading)**
- M. Ordinance / Approve Water Restoration Fee Increase (1st Reading)**
- N. Ordinance / Approve Real Estate Transfer Tax Exempt Fee Increase (1st Reading)**
- O. Ordinance / Approve Transfer Station Revenues to General Fund (1st Reading)**
- P. Ordinance / Approve Home Rule Gasoline Tax Increase (1st Reading)**
- Q. Ordinance / Amend 2011 Staffing Plan (1st Reading)**

Does any one want an item removed from the Consent Agenda?

Alderman Judd: C and K

Mayor Rooney read the background on the remaining Ordinances. Without objection all those ordinances will be considered for 1st reading in one vote. Is there objection? Seeing none, the question is shall all those Ordinances be passed on 1st reading for 2nd reading at the next Council meeting?

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AYES: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Buske, D'Astice

Ordinances moved forward for 2nd Reading

C. Ordinance / Approve Property Tax Levy (1st Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Judd made a motion to move the Ordinance forward for 2nd Reading; it was moved and seconded to move the Ordinance forward for 2nd reading.

Mayor Rooney: The Chair would entertain a motion to amend the ordinance by certain numbers that have been distributed to the Aldermen. To make the amendments simple, Item O just moved 325,000 from the refuse fund to the general fund. The intent of this amendment is to use that money to reduce the property tax levy from 18%. It would do it by changing the police protection amounts, the fire protection amounts, and the public works operations amount, all by a number that would total ourselves back to the 15% tax levy that was supposed to be instituted back in the City's proposed budget. Would any alderman please make the motion to amend the ordinance to use the numbers that have been provided.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to amend the ordinance; it was moved and seconded.

Mayor Rooney: I believe the intention of the majority of the City Council all along was to make the transfer of those funds to relieve some of the pressure and the instant some of our residents saw the proposal of this ordinance back when it was released on Friday, instantly there were a number of folks who were saying the City Council is going to raise my taxes by 18%? You were talking about 15%, 12%, 9%, how does that turn into 18%. The Chair agrees with the concern. To make this amendment in dollar amounts that can still be changed for the 2nd reading, would simply put the City of Rolling Meadows mind at rest that when we hold a public hearing that says we're going to increase the property tax levy to 15%, we might increase it up to that high. We will not do a bait and switch and go above the level that was held in the public hearing. That's the intention behind the amendment. The question is shall the ordinance be amended to reduce the property tax levy by 325,824.00?

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Buske, D'Astice

The Amendment passes.

Mayor Rooney: With the property tax levy set back at the 15%, and knowing it can be reduced by the time of 2nd reading, is there further discussion? The question is shall the ordinance be passed forward for 2nd reading?

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

Ordinance moved forward for 2nd reading.

K. Ordinance / Approve Refuse Rate Increase (1st Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the ordinance.

Alderman Larsen made a motion to move this ordinance to 2nd reading; moved and seconded

Alderman Judd: I would like to make an amendment to change the 30.90 to 32.50.

Mayor Rooney: Is there a second to change the dollar amount from 30.90 to 32.50? Mr. Banger has seconded it; it has been moved and seconded.

Alderman Judd: I think that the original 325,000 equates to 32.50 and to not have negative fund spending and spending reserves, if we're going to take 325 out, we need to raise this to match and recoup the money.

Mayor Rooney: The question is shall this ordinance be amended to change the monthly amount from 30.90 to 32.50?

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

The Amendment passes.

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

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

The ordinance shall be moved forward for 2nd reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

R. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 11-15-2011

Alderman Banger made a motion to approve the November 15, 2011 Warrant; it has been moved and seconded to approve the November 15, 2011 Warrant

YEAS: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS:

ABSENT: Buske, D'Astice

Warrant Approved

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Rooney: Does anyone want an item pulled?

Alderman Judd: S & U

S. Resolution No. 11-R-117 – Award a Contract for Professional Services with Sikich for a Compensation Market Analysis

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: I won't support this. It doesn't bring into consideration the Private Sector jobs. We did this in 2006 and didn't use the research then. We can get a lot of this information off of websites. To spend 12,000, I'm not going to support it.

Alderman Larsen: I prefer to base my judgments on objective data and doing an analysis of this sort. I do support this. Why would private sector positions not be considered if they are the same sorts of positions?

Mayor Rooney: In the proposal it does mention that, where appropriate, they will do private sector reviews of those salaries for positions where there are mechanics, accountants, and secretaries.

Alderman Larsen: I'll support it as written.

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

AYES: Allen, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: Cannon, Judd

ABSENT: Buske, D'Astice

Mayor Rooney: With 3 in favor and 2 opposed, this resolution is adopted.

T. Resolution No. 11-R-118 – Authorize Extension of Cottonwood Park Lease

Mayor Rooney read the background on the resolution.

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

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

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Buske, D'Astice

The resolution is adopted.

U. Resolution No. 11-R-119 – Award Contract for Recycling

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: I want to confirm that no where along the line has there be a strong indication that if we switch that Veolia has an upper hand. They haven't said that the reason they did this low rate is because they want to be able to get an upper hand in the package deal that would come across in July.

Mr. Vogt: I believe that is exactly the reason why staff felt the need to get a second round of proposals. The request for proposals and the responses from several of the companies back in September put out certain conditions that we felt muddied the water. The proposals that you have were received last week and are as straightforward as we could possibly get them. They are for a 6-month or a 12-month price. All the proposals we received for a 6-month cost kept the same rate per home, per month, if we choose to extend if for a full twelve months. There are no other conditions so I do not see how there would be any advantage when the time comes early next year.

Alderman Judd: You're comfortable switching to Veolia January 1st and then switching back to Groot or Republic in July?

Mr. Vogt: Staff certainly has concerns about switching, in particular the time of year that we're switching. We have discussed that at length with several of the providers that put in proposals back in September. We've checked with them and references and we feel confident that Veolia will be able to serve us and make that transition. We have roughly 6 weeks to get that coordinated, or I should say they need to get that coordinated. If we were looking at a tighter price range we may recommend differently, but given that we're nearly 30 cents different, we think that's worth the risk to change the vendors at this point and we believe Veolia will be successful.

Alderman Larsen: What accounts for the difference in the 6-month rate from Groot vs. the 12-month rate?

Mr. Vogt: That was a typo that had a lower rate for a 12-month.

Alderman Larsen: So it is 3.88

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Mr. Vogt: Yes. All four proposals received had the same cost.

Alderman Larsen: We're currently, per household, paying 3.88.

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: For 6 months each household has the opportunity to save 1.74 by making this change.

Alderman Vogt: Correct. If the city council chooses to adjust the rate to reflect that change. The budget was set up based on the 3.88 rate.

Alderman Larsen: So the household continues to pay 3.88 and how much....

Mr. Krumstok: That was part of our recommendation to bring down the rate for the refuse to 30.90, not the 32.50 because we felt that with the savings in the recycling that would help us out. Yes, that is part of the rate that we contribute.

Alderman Larsen: Would this be general fund?

Mr. Krumstok: Refuse fund

Mr. Macholl left at 8:06pm

Alderman Larsen: How much additional revenue total is estimated to be realized for the refuse fund over the 6 month period?

Mr. Krumstok: A little over 20,000

Alderman Larsen: Staff believes that the 20,000 to be realized is worth it to make the change?

Mr. Krumstok: Staff feels comfortable with the lowest responsible bidder.

Mr. Macholl returned at 8:07pm

Alderman Cannon: When we started this discussion, I thought if Groot kept the same pricing for 6 months, we wouldn't go out to bid.

Mayor Rooney: I can't recall the answer.

Alderman Cannon: I thought we asked Mr. Vogt to go to them because we decided we'd like to switch it to the middle of the year for a potential transition.

Mayor Rooney: Correct.

Alderman Cannon: I thought the statement council made was Groot has been a wonderful vendor, we have no issues with the way they've done their job, but going forward if they would leave it the way it is we had a better chance to evaluate things over the next 6 months instead of doing a panic thing and switching.

Mayor Rooney: I do remember the suggestion. I don't recall actual disposition of a straw vote.

Alderman Banger: I think we had spoken about it. My comments were that when we have long standing relationships with vendors, we want to honor those relationships. I don't think we concreted that. Our resolution was we don't want to deal with garbage contracts when we're dealing with everything else. We resolved to say let's get contracts that can do mid-year so we're not working on too many things at once. You should always first approach your long-term vendor and explain the situation to them, but it boils down to that relationship would most likely lead to the lower price and if it doesn't, then with the consideration that they are a long-term vendor, you evaluate your other options. I think we had gone there, but nothing was set in stone.

Alderman Judd: Looking at the October 18th COW, part of the reasoning was the fact that Republic at the time was the cheapest at 3.75. We said for 13 cents a month, for 6-months, do we care and I think the consensus was that at that point and time because of the rates we were talking, that it was a reasonable assumption that 3.75 vs. 3.88 to kind of leave things the way they were. The rate coming in now is 15, 16 cents cheaper than the 3.75. I think we went that way, but that was when we said go back to Groot to see if they would give us 6 months vs. a year.

Alderman Larsen: We put this out to bid and Groot maintained the same rate they had before, correct?

Mr. Vogt: Correct.

Alderman Larsen: The competitors came in at some lower number.

Mr. Vogt: If you go back to the proposals we received back in September, that isn't totally true because during our interviews we did begin to receive some alternate proposals that had certain conditions on it in terms of right of first refusal, rate of last refusal, that was reported to the council at the Committee of the Whole meeting last week. That was the reason why staff decided to get second proposals with no conditions. In comparison purposes, you are correct, the 3.88 was the number that Groot provided to us as their best price, but there were conditions to that.

Alderman Larsen: As there were for the other businesses.

Mr. Vogt: Some of the others, correct.

Alderman Larsen: What rate have we been paying to Groot prior to this whole bid process?

Mr. Vogt: Currently 3.88

Alderman Larsen: They have been a good vendor for us. I'm in favor of getting the best deal and saving money where we can. I have a feeling we are potentially creating a headache where we don't really need one over 20,000. Is this decision time sensitive?

Mr. Vogt: Yes. If we are going to award a contract for 2012 to start January 2nd, the vendor needs the next 6 weeks to mobilize and plan and prepare for that. If you go with the incumbent it's less time sensitive because there is no change.

Mayor Rooney: I would have to agree that if folks look at the record, the record is fairly unclear. There was not a rate that was quoted that night that was below 3.75. Would folks have thought differently if they knew that a 3.59 was out there, who's to say? A number of people did express that they would be willing to go with a 6-month extension, but it's not really clear that there was direction from council that night. It looks like there were a couple of individuals who spoke and so while the Chair considers it the Chair's responsibility to make sure that objectivity is always maintained, I think with objectivity folks would have to say there were folks that night with different opinions and there was no actual direction that night.

Alderman Judd: Is it even legal for us to table this for a week to allow Groot to come back and say we'll do it for 3.60 and if they don't award it next Tuesday?

Mayor Rooney: I don't know about the legality, but I do believe that would be a violation of the spirit of the bid process. I would have objections to say the reason we go for bids is to have people turn something in and let the chips fall where they may, even if there is a legal way to work it out, I think that's not in the spirit of the process.

Mr. Macholl: You would need to go back to all vendors and ask for new proposals if you're going to do something like that, rather than go back to one and say can you beat it. There's nothing that says you can't negotiate with the lowest responsible bidder. I would not proceed in that fashion.

Alderman Judd: I wasn't suggesting that I want to go that route. I just wanted to explore all the options.

Alderman Banger: I'm ready to vote on this right now. I think this is good for us because we are saving money. I think that the new vendor has stated that they can do the switchover.

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

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Buske, D'Astice

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) 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.

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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.

- 2) LifeSource and the City will be conducting a Holiday Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 22nd from 1 pm to 7 pm on the second floor of City Hall (Rooms 230 & the EOC). Please give the "Gift of Life."
- 3) 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. 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.
- 4) 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 today to Friday, November 18th. The

Thanksgiving Holiday Basket Food Drive Benefits the Bethel Lutheran Food Pantry (3839 W. Frontage Road, Rolling Meadows, IL.).

- 5) The City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday! **Refuse collection will be delayed.** **Thursday routes will be collected Friday; Friday routes will be collected Saturday.**
- 6) The week of November 28th is the final week for yard waste collection. Yard waste collection ends Friday, December 2nd.
- 7) The City will be conducting its annual Tree Lighting Event on Thursday, December 1st starting at 6:00 pm. Santa will make his appearance at the tree outside of 3140 Kirchoff Road, just outside of the McDonald's. Please come and enjoy the event.

- 8) The City, SWANCC, and Elgin Recycling are conducting a holiday light, extension cord, and wire recycling program again. There will be a box outside of City Hall starting Friday, November 18th (southwest corner of the building) that will accept the following items: mini-lights (or Italian lights), c7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, house wire, computer wire, etc....All colors and lengths will be accepted. The City cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables.
- 9) PPRT is collected by the City of Rolling Meadows. 26% of that goes to the Library. When the State legislatures decided to take a portion to make the superintendents whole, the Library lost less than 1,000 and we lost more than 3,000. Its a little money now, but you don't know what will happen next year.

2) New Businesses – October 2011

Company Name	Address	RM or PAL	Contact Name	Phone #	Type of Business	Home Occupation
P&M Enterprises	5400 Newport Dr #8	R.M.	Paul DesJarding	847-397-7900	Banners, graphics	
Realy Insurance & Assoc	3701 Algonquin #570	R.M.	Michael Realy	847-870-2350	Insurance	
Dragonfly Studios	2800 Millstone Lane	R.M.	Amy Lantz	434-249-2939	Photography	yes
Cosmos Sunglasses Inc	5420 Newport Dr #62	R.M.	Suleyman Surer	847-670-0686	Office & warehouse	
Falafel Bistro	1669 Algonquin Rd	R.M.	Kaivalya Rawal	847-981-1002	Restaurant	
ROM Construction Inc	4250 Kirchoff Rd	R.M.	Ion Romanuc	773-418-6274	General Contractor	Yes
Home Dimensions	4450 Kirchoff Rd	R.M.	Dan Cojocarescu	847-343-9476	General Contractor	Yes
ZIV USA Inc	5410 Newport Dr	R.M.	Oscar Bolado	224-735-3961	Engineering Firm	

3) Staff Traffic Advisory Report – November 2011

Mr. Vogt: The November meeting resulted in a few items. Keystone Court parking on the street this was requested through Community Development through a business located there with regards to parking on both sides of the street. Police Department issued surveys. We received 8 of them back. The majority either had no opinion as far as what side of the street should be prohibited, but 3 of them chose the east side, with one exception noted. The Traffic Review Committee would recommend prohibiting parking on the east side if the business owner and Community Development choose to pursue it. If there is a need to pursue that, you will see an ordinance at a future council meeting.

Creekside Drive – We had the City Engineer and police department look at the request to provide center lane pavement striping. At this time there is no engineering reason to justify that. The Traffic Review Committee felt that we would need to do a more comprehensive analysis if we were to single out one location for striping, or if the homeowner’s association wished to pursue that further we ask that they bring that to our attention.

Speed Limit on New Wilke Road – This was an original 40mph speed limit between Algonquin and Golf. We lowered it several years ago to 30mph. Now that the roadway has been reconstructed we would reinforce the 30mph or change it to something else. The Traffic Review Committee recommends because the length is less than ½ mile between Golf and Algonquin that the 30mph current posting is appropriate and recommends leaving it as that.

Bent Creek Court – This was brought to our attention without being able to do research ahead of time. There is a problem with parking in the cul-de-sac turn around area. We had tried to address all of those locations and it appears we overlooked this location with a center island and parking. That will be brought forward in ordinance form to prohibit parking within that cul-de-sac on the east end of Bent Creek Court.

Alderman Larsen: Regarding Creekside, have you had conversations with the Association?

Mr. Vogt: No we have not.

Alderman Larsen: Are you going to?

Mr. Vogt: We could if they want to contact us or if you would desire staff to do that.

Alderman Larsen: Is it more appropriate for you to reach out to them or for them to come back to you?

Mr. Vogt: We’ll get the information to them.

Alderman Larsen: I’m not expecting you to go to every neighborhood and ask them what they want. So if I want to have more advocacies for this, I need to get a hold of our association and ask them if they have an interest in pursuing this further.

Mayor Rooney: Where associations exist, that’s what they exist for. For Public Works staff or anyone else to reach out to an association in an area where it’s just a neighborhood and there isn’t an association ready to go with contact names, numbers, mailing lists, etc. it’s not treating people differently and preferencing one group over the other, it’s the fact that they have an association.

Alderman Larsen: So you’re saying that I shouldn’t have to bother. That would be fine with me.

Mayor Rooney: I guess you and Mr. Vogt can decide who is going to pick up the ball. I wouldn’t have any objection with the ball being on the Public Works side when an association is concerned.

Alderman Larsen: We’ll talk off-line.

Mr. Judd: Is number 3 going to come before us to alter that?

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Mayor Rooney: Anything that is going to come through the Traffic Review Committee as a recommendation does have to come before council either in resolution or ordinance form, yes. Is there a timetable for bringing anything from item 3 forward?

Mr. Vogt: I would need to research it.

Mr. Judd: It's something I will not support.

Alderman Banger: We had a resident talk about the arrow on the northbound lane, left turn of that intersection. Would we go to you with timing issues or the Traffic Review Committee?

Mr. Vogt: Bring it to me and I will take it to the Traffic Review Committee. In general, traffic signal timing matters do come to the Public Works Department and we will contact either the vendor that maintains our signals first to verify its operational and correct it if necessary, or if there is still questions we take it to the City Engineer. If we feel, as staff, that there needs to be changes to the timing, we will always route those to the City Engineer.

4) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

No discussion

5) Presentation of the 2012 Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor Rooney: I'm very pleased with what I see here.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Alderman Cannon made the motion and Alderman Banger seconded the motion, without objection we're adjourned.

City Council meeting of November 15, 2011, adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

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