

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – December 13, 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: 0

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:

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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Banger moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 Council Meeting and the November 22, 2011 Special 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: 0

Minutes Approved

➤ **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

On behalf of the entire City council and staff, we wish the citizens of Rolling Meadows a very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. This Christmas I will be very thankful for every member of this council and the people who come here as our staff. There’s not a single person up here on the dais on the Council that I’m not proud to call you gentlemen my friends and that’s something to remember at Christmas time.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Cannon: We had our second meeting of the new Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers group. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Sergeant Tom Gadomski. We’re looking for Board members. Our next meeting is the first week in January. Everybody and all are invited. It’s not a big

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commitment of time. We're trying to fundraise to help the Police Department. I would ask anyone interested in joining us to contact Sergeant Gadomski.

Alderman Buske: I had a call from a woman in my Ward and I passed it on to Mr. Vogt. She had a younger fellow taking her garbage out to the street for her. She's kind of handicapped from that point. I would like Mr. Vogt to explain what you do in order to get this taken care of by the City.

Mr. Vogt: We have a back door refuse collection. We include yard waste and recycling for any resident that's in need that has a handicap, disability or for whatever reason can't get their garbage, yard waste and recycling out to the curb on a regular basis. We require a physician's note to verify that. That needs to be renewed on an annual basis. We put reminders out. Any resident that has a problem whether its short term or long term can contact Public Works and get the information on that.

Alderman Buske: I appreciate that, Mr. Vogt.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Glenn Adams, 2212 Oak Lane: One of the things I'm here to talk about tonight is vehicle stickers. I'm not in favor of increasing vehicle stickers. We have a lot of people in our community that are scofflaws. I would like the City to crack down on the scofflaws before we raise vehicle stickers. I want to address the garbage issue. It has been suggested to start up a committee. I'd like to volunteer to be part of that committee. The final thing I want to talk about is increasing taxes. I want to thank most of you on City Council for your efforts. Let's continue to fight to keep taxes as low as possible. You have a position to consider tonight and I don't have a problem with the position and that's the Assistant to the City Manager. I have a problem that this is a step program and it's getting raises in the range of 6 -12%. I believe that governments cannot go giving pay raises that are double what the private sector currently gets.

Mayor Tom Rooney closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A. Ordinance No. 11-54 / Approve Vehicle Sticker Increase (2nd Reading) (Postponed at the December 6, 2011 Council Meeting)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Larsen moved 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. 11-59 / Amend 2011 Staffing Plan (1st Reading) (Postponed at the December 6, 2011 Council Meeting)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

Alderman D' Astice: I wanted to thank Mr. Krumstok for modifying this. It appears that the starting salary is 35,750, but there are no steps and the City Manager has the authority to increase the salary based on an evaluation by a percentage not larger than the yearly inflation rate. I will support this.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

C. Ordinance No. 11-60 / Approve Sewer Rate Increase (2nd Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

AYES: Cannon, Allen, Buske, Judd, Banger, Larsen

NAYS: D' Astice

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

D. Ordinance No. 11-61 / Amend Code – Vehicle Immobilization Device (2nd Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

Alderman Buske: The 200.00 charge, is that normal, let's say go to Chicago?

Mr. Macholl: I don't know what the City of Chicago is. I think it's around or higher.

Alderman Buske: There is a charge once you boot it to remove the boot.

Mr. Macholl: Yes

Alderman Buske: How many boots are we talking about?

Chief Scanlan: Two

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

E. Ordinance No. 11-62 / Initiate Referendum Question – Electric Aggregation (2nd Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

Alderman Cannon: Have we decided, are we going to be joining other villages in this or are we going to go on our own?

Mayor Rooney: That decision has not been made yet. Let's see who passes their referendums and then from that qualified pool of cities that are going forward, then the final decision will be made.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

F. Ordinance No. 11-63 / Authorize Disposal of Surplus Furniture (2nd Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

Alderman Banger moved 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.

G. Ordinance No. 11-64 / Amend Traffic Code – Speed Limit on New Wilke (2nd Reading)

Mayor Rooney read the background on the Ordinance.

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

Alderman D'Astice: What is a warrant survey?

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Mayor Rooney: There have to be certain legal qualifications present on a roadway to justify anything in a home rule municipality being above 30 mph. Above that you have to have, there's a whole cafeteria list of conditions that need to be present and in something like this I think we need to show there are five, is that right? Somewhere in that range we have to show that we've met certain criteria.

Mr. Vogt: There are a number which is inclusive of driveways, site-lines, that type of thing.

Mayor Rooney: It's pretty easy for folks to think well it used to be 40mph, what would the problem be? It was 40mph because it was grandfathered in because this type of system legally was not in place when the roadway was built and technically we never had any warrants to go to 40mph. It is a routine matter of course. It's not a costly process. I think the staff request for a postponement just for that to get done would be reasonable.

Alderman Cannon: If we turn down this ordinance, would it go back to 40mph

Mayor Rooney: If we turn down this ordinance, it's the temporary speed limit of 30mph stays in place until we change it. That's the maximum speed you can allow without having certain warrants in place.

Alderman Cannon: Even though it was 40 before?

Mayor Rooney: Yes. Whenever anything gets grandfathered, it's grandfathered in as long as it stays as it is. As soon as you make a change to something, the grandfathering goes away. It will be stuck at 30 without us doing something. Mr. Macholl, is that a correct answer?

Mr. Macholl: That is correct

Alderman Cannon: It is what it is.

Alderman Buske: Euclid and Kirchoff has a lot of residential on both sides of the street. You have cars back out of driveways here. I think the 35mph is fine in that area. I'll support that.

Alderman D'Astice: As the warrant study is being conducted, is there any difference of looking at 35mph or 40mph?

Mayor Rooney: My memory is that under most circumstances 35 and 40 are within the same band. We would be able to choose between the two with the same warrants.

Mr. Vogt: That is correct. If a warrant is directed, we would have the City Engineer do that over the next couple of weeks and bring it back in January.

Alderman D'Astice: Let's look at it for each and then council can decide based on a recommendation whether 30, 35, or 40 is appropriate.

Mayor Rooney: I might ask is there an interest in a motion to postpone this until the first meeting in January giving that informal direction to staff?

Alderman D'Astice: I thought that's what this was?

Mayor Rooney: There is a suggestion to postpone from the staff. We have to make that motion.

Alderman D'Astice moved to postponed, it was seconded.

Ordinance was postponed until January.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

H. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 12-13-2011

Alderman Banger made a motion to approve the December 13, 2011 Warrant; it has been moved and seconded to approve the December 13, 2011 Warrant

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Warrant Approved

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

I. Resolution No. 11-R-127 – Award 30-Day Contract Extension for Engineering Services to Christopher Burke

J. Resolution No. 11-R-128 – Award Contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance for 2012

K. Resolution No. 11-R-129 – Recommend Cook County Approval of 6b Classification Tax Incentive for 3121 Tollview

Mayor Rooney: Does anyone want an item pulled?

Alderman Judd: I

Mayor Rooney read the background on the remaining Resolutions. The question is shall the remaining resolutions pass

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The resolutions were adopted.

I. Resolution No. 11-R-127 – Award 30-Day Contract Extension for Engineering Services to Christopher Burke

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

Alderman Judd: Back in March we said to look into this to confirm the cost of what we are receiving is accurate and is something we wanted to continue. I'm not interested in supporting this to go any longer. This is something that should have been taken care of at this point and time. I'm not going to support it. I would rather go without a City Engineer for a month.

Alderman Buske: I was sure direction was given to staff to do something with this. Then it came up again that we were going to extend it. Was that last year?

Mr. Krumstok: It was extended to December of this year.

Alderman Buske: I would support this. Christopher Burke has done a good job for us. It's just a cost comparison. It's not Christopher Burke's problem that this hasn't been done. I will support the 30 days, but I guarantee this time if it's not done in 30 days, I will not support this again.

Alderman Larsen: I'd like to echo Mr. Buske's comments. Why are we asking to extend this 30 days. What happened? Why didn't this get done in the past 10 months?

Mr. Vogt: When we look at doing these proposals we like to be thorough in what we do. We haven't done such a proposal for thirteen years. With the budget preparations, budget reviews, the recycling vendor, just to name a few things, time ran its course. We completed the proposal request documents during the month of October. We distributed those to selected engineering companies in early November. That was done after spending time as allowed during November to solicit interest and go over some of the particulars with why we're doing this, what we expect to get out of it and review the number of engineers, their qualifications before we even decided who to invite for that. It wasn't a case of ignoring it. It took longer than what we expected. Once we got to November to try to rush this through while still reviewing the budget, taking the staff time trying to do this thoroughly, here are the proposals that we received, I just believed we needed more time to do so and that's what I'm requesting. We will be doing interviews during the next three or four weeks and have a recommendation for the discussion which is tentatively scheduled for the January 17th COW. If that goes properly we will have a resolution the following week at the end of January. That's where this has been over the last few months.

Alderman Larsen: I consider that a reasonable response. It's not as though you've been sitting on your hands. It's just taking a little longer than what you initially anticipated. How comfortable are you that an additional 30 days is sufficient or are we going to be having a similar conversation 30 days from now.

Mr. Vogt: I'm comfortable that from a staff point of view we can get through this process. The only caution I would have is if there was some difficulty in making the selection or some input from the council along the way or at the Committee of the Whole meeting. I would fully expect that we would have a recommendation at the last council meeting at the end of January.

Alderman Larsen: I see no purpose in effectively punishing Christopher Burke or Fred's department. I can live with that for now.

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Alderman D'Astice: All has been said that needs to be said. Come February 1st we'll have a new contract in place with the existing engineer or someone new. That being the case, I can go along with it.

Mayor Rooney: Shall the Resolution be adopted?

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

NAYS: Judd

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was adopted

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) The Fire Department will be conducting a second FILE OF LIFE meeting for residents, especially seniors, on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 am at the Senior Center.

If you are unable to attend and want a program packet (which 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) please contact Chief Stewart and he will put you in touch with the FF/PM who is coordinating the campaign.

- 2) The City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of the Holiday Season! *On Friday, December 23rd garbage will be collected early, please have your refuse and recycling out at the curb NO LATER than 6 am.* **For scheduled pick-ups on the week starting December 26th all collections will be delayed one day.**
- 3) The City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year. **Refuse collection will be delayed one day for the entire week.**
- 4) The City's new recycling collection vendor Veolia will start on Tuesday, January 3rd.
- 5) The City, SWANCC, and Elgin Recycling are conducting a holiday light, extension cord, and wire recycling program again. There is a box outside of City Hall (southwest corner of the building) that is accepting 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.

- 6) *As a follow-up from last weeks staff report: Electronics banned from landfills in 2012.* In September 2009, Illinois became the 16th state to adopt an electronics recycling law known as the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act. This legislation (SB2313) initially banned televisions and monitors from entering Illinois landfills beginning January 1, 2012. Governor Quinn recently signed legislation that expanded the number of covered electronic products to include: computers (including tablets); computer accessories (keyboards, mice, etc); printers & scanners; fax machines, VCR's & DVD players/recorders; videogame consoles; portable music players; digital converter boxes; cable/satellite receivers; and TVs & monitors.

For more information, visit www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/amendments.html. OR www.swancc.org.

2) New Businesses – November 2011

Company Name	Address	RM or PAL	Contact Name	Phone #	Type of Business	Home Occupation
Hydro Flow Products Inc	5050 Newport #4	R.M.	Fred Grenning	888-202-9987	Manufacturing/water products	
7-Eleven Inc	4200 Kirchoff	R.M.	Sue Swanson	630-818-0494	Convenience store with gas	
Foster Bank	5005 Newport	R.M.	James Gorst	773-588-7700	Bank	
J Family Dental	5001 Newport	R.M.	Han Jang	847-781-0700	Dental Office	
Noodles & Company	1327 Golf Rd	R.M.	Kim Deluca	720-214-1952	Restaurant	
J&J Donuts Inc	1300 Hicks Rd	R.M.	Suresh Patel		Coffee & Donuts	
Exelont Talk Wireless	2218 Algonquin Rd	R.M.	Nancy Chae		Mobile Wireless	

3) Corporate Card

Mr. Krumstok: We were approached by American Express. Many people have a card that gives refunds and rebates. This will expand what we're using a corporate card program for. Larger venues such as Call One, CDW, Staples, even our new vendor Veolia would allow us to use a credit card to pay. The idea is there is an annual fee, the first year is waived, and an enrollment fee. We would pay for the enrollment fee this year and then generate some additional revenue. January – May of 2012, American Express is giving double points. We would like to start this in January.

Alderman Larsen: I'm aware of other credit cards that offer a higher rebate than this and I would like to have some conversation with you about this off-line after the meeting.

Alderman Cannon: Would you consider most of these purchases to be incidental or small in nature?

Mr. Krumstok: These are actually pretty large. That is why American Express is really the provider of this kind of service. Other providers don't have the limits that we are looking for. American Express doesn't have that credit limit.

Alderman Cannon: We can pay the Veolia contract with this card?

Mr. Krumstok: Yes

Alderman Cannon: Would it be to our benefit to go to Veolia and say we want a cash discount and not put it on a card?

Mr. Krumstok: I think we've tried doing that but they would probably balk at that because they want their money up front.

Alderman Cannon: How long do they wait for their money right now?

Mr. Krumstok: It's within less than 30 days.

Alderman Cannon: I'm not opposed to this, but none of these things are free. Sometimes the people build it into their pricing because they know we are going to charge it. If this is a good price, then it's okay. I wish we would look at this further before we approve it.

4) Staff Traffic Advisory Report – December 2011

Mr. Vogt: The Traffic Review Committee met last Wednesday. The traffic signal timing at Plum Grove Road/Kirchoff/DuPont, was taken to the Traffic Review Committee and the city engineer will look at that timing and contact Cook County Highway Department if any modifications are needed. We will keep council up to date on what we find. The Taft Avenue/Plum Grove intersection was reported to have a visibility problem with regard to the entry marker that the Village of Palatine has placed there. Staff looked at it. There is a minor problem right when you stop at a certain spot from a visibility standpoint. We will contact the Village of Palatine to bring that to their attention to look at. The third item was the no turn on red sign that had been posted at Carriageway Drive at Algonquin Road. We don't know where that got posted or why that got posted other than to speculate that it was from the bridge reconstruction on Algonquin Road that the state put up with the temporary traffic signals. We contacted IDOT and they have no objection to us taking it down. Lastly, we discussed the New Wilke Speed limit and the warrant study that we just discussed here.

5) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman Buske: A question on this 2500 expenditure. You're going to pay Automation Engineering over 5,000 for remote telemetry unit at Water Pump Station 5. Where is Station 5?

Mr. Vogt: Industrial Avenue

Alderman Buske: Why do we need an engineer to do this if we're talking software?

Mr. Vogt: The company Automation Engineering has been used regularly for a number of years by our water operations division for our telemetry for our static system that monitors the controls and conditions of all of our pumping stations. This company also does some of our maintenance. It's not just design. It's also the actual construction and installation and testing that goes into that system.

Alderman Buske: What does this system cost?

Mr. Vogt: I would be guessing, I would have to go back and see.

Alderman Buske: Just give me a rough idea. I'm not going to hold you to it.

Mr. Vogt: The engineering portion is probably 1,000. The rest is equipment.

Alderman Buske: So this total is the whole shot.

Mr. Vogt: It's for the equipment also.

6) October 2011 Financial Report

Ms. Gallagher: Revenues coming in for October are 86%, expenditures are tracking at 79%. The target is 83%. The 2nd installments for the property taxes are coming in. Building permits are up. They are coming in at about 305,000. We've budget 250,000. In December we will be making transfers in from the local road fund for the fire and police pension. For the November statement, we will get that out in the first city council packet.

Alderman Larsen: The expenditures at 79%, is that for October or year-to-date

Ms. Gallagher: Year-to-date

Alderman Larsen: We're 4% under target year-to-date.

Ms. Gallagher: Yes

Alderman Larsen: I think that's particularly noteworthy. How much is that in real dollars?

Ms. Gallagher: It's coming in right now, when you look to your year-to-date total, it comes in at 19 million. Our budgeted right now is 24 million. That's 79% of that.

Alderman Larsen: What's the savings amount? Not the total budget.

Ms. Gallagher: We're looking at about a 300,000 savings right now.

Alderman Larsen: That's terrific. Congratulations to staff for that stewardship of resident taxes. That's a big deal to me. Thank you very much.

Ms. Gallagher: I would also add that in January we will have a full recap of the year as well.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Buske: In vehicle stickers, how much are we in compliance percentage wise?

Chief Scanlan: We can find out. It's in the 90% range

Alderman Buske: What have you done to bring it up to the 90% range?

Chief Scanlan: From an enforcement perspective, we've issued a significant amount of tickets and went through our mediation process and we're diligent making sure people get their stickers and if it's the second time through, they pay their fines. We did scour the town, both residential areas and apartment complexes and wrote a significant amount of tickets. All I can do is commend the officers that went out and did what they've done. I can get the numbers to you. I do know they are up from where they were.

Alderman Buske: That's a lot better than we've been doing.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

City Council meeting of December 13, 2011, adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

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Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk