

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – December 15, 2009**

Mayor Ken Nelson called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mayor Nelson led the pledge

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent:

Staff Members Present: City Manager Sarah Phillips, Finance Director Jim Egeberg, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Fire Chief Ron Stewart, Police Chief Dave Scanlan, City Attorney Jim Macholl, Assistant City Manager Barry Krumstok

Mayor Ken Nelson read the following statement:

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ARE REMINDED THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING VIDEO TAPED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADCAST OVER THE CITY’S CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Alderman Pitzafarro moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Lusk.

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

Nays: 0

Absent:

Minutes Approved

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The City, SWANCC, and Elgin Recycling will be conducting a holiday light, extension cord, and wire recycling program. There is a box outside of City Hall (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. The ending date of this collection will be Friday, January 22nd.

Thank you to all those individuals who participated in the City's US Marine Corps Reserve sponsored Toys-for-Tots program this year.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Please note that Thursday, December 24th is a regular refuse collection day, however, please set out refuse early. For residents who have refuse collected on Friday, the pickup will be delayed until Saturday, December 26th.

City Hall will also be closed on Friday, January 1st. Refuse collection will be delayed until Saturday, January 2nd.

SuperSibs of Rolling Meadows will be conducting a benefit with Francesca's Tavola (208 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights) on Wednesday, December 16th from 11:30am to 9:00pm. Francesca's will generously donate 20% of the proceeds from all dine-in and carry-out orders to SuperSibs! SuperSibs is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring ongoing comfort, recognition and support to children and teens with brothers and sisters who have cancer. If ordering, please state this flyer (copies at City Hall). For more information, please visit www.supersibs.org or visit them at 5005 Newport Drive, Suite 502, Rolling Meadows – 847-705-7427.

Finally, from all the City employees and City Council, we want to wish all of you watching this broadcast a Healthy & Happy New Year and Seasons Greetings!

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 1 – Alderman Pitzaferro:

None

Ward 2 – Alderman Lusk:

Reminded everyone that the “Keep Active Challenge” will be kicking off on January 10th. Cancer Awareness banners are available on the City's website.

Ward 3 – Alderman Buske:

Received an email regarding video gambling.

State has done nothing on it yet. Probably after the first of the year there may be some action on it. At least a year before anything happens.

Ward 4 – Alderman Judd:

Spoke to residents who are concerned about the bond rate.

Ward 5 – Alderman Adams:

None

Ward 6 – Alderman D’Astice:

A resident contacted him. He walks his dog on a leash regularly. Recently he has been running into other residents walking their dogs without leashes. What should he do should a dog become aggressive and attack another dog or a person?

Chief Scanlan: Suggested the resident call the police department. A citation could be issued.

Ward 7 – Alderman Larsen:

Followed up about the state video gaming and a resident encouraged the City to opt out.

Mayor Nelson: There is an opt out provision in the law.

Is there anything precluding us from opting out sooner rather than later?

Mayor Nelson: No, but there should be some discussion.

He would like this on a future Committee of the Whole agenda.

Mayor Nelson: Will be put on an agenda in the spring. Not too many communities are interested in putting it in their communities, but do not want to impact other communities that do.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mr. Michael Sparks, owner of 12 Oaks of Woodfield: Asked if the settlement offer letter was received.

Mayor Nelson: Letter has been received.

Mr. Len Prejna, Adams Street, Rolling Meadows: During the budget process we heard a lot about doing more with less, being fiscally responsible, and comparing Private and Public sectors. Many items were cut and reduced.

Mayor Ken Nelson closed the floor.

PENDING:

A. Ordinance No. 09-53 / Amend City Code to Reflect Changes in the Freedom of Information Act, Effective January 1, 2010

Mayor Nelson read the background on this Ordinance.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Ordinance Passed

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

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

B. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills on Warrant 12-15-2009

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Warrant Passed

C. Resolution No. 09-R-114 / Appoint Freedom of Information Officer and Open Meetings Officer

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

D. Resolution No. 09-R-115 / Approve Purchase of Water Meters and Set Pricing for 2010

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

E. Resolution No. 09-R-116 / Award Contract for FY2010 Traffic Signal Maintenance

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Buske: Have we ever checked into what the cost difference would be if we just called them out when something went wrong.

Mr. Vogt: No.

Alderman Buske: They do come out and check them every month?

Mr. Vogt: Yes.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

F. Resolution No. 09-R-117 / Award Contract for FY2010 Building Cleaning Services

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: What is the current contract, 5 days and 3 days?

Mr. Vogt: That was cut back earlier in 2009 and this action would restore it back to the 5 and 3 days.

Alderman Judd: What is the cost differential from last spring?

Mr. Vogt: If it went up at all it is nominal.

Alderman Judd: Would like to see numerous quotes. We seem to be getting away from bidding things out. Is curious why we did not get other quotes.

Mr. Vogt: The cost is actually \$11,000 less than budgeted. We have used this company for the last 4 or 5 years. Other companies have been at less cost but also less than satisfactory. Their increases from year to year have been nominal. Should Council want, we can get other quotes.

Alderman Judd: It should be mandatory that we get at least 3 bids.

Alderman D'Astice: This is an \$11,000 savings over what is budgeted. Is this price competitive against other companies in the past?

Mr. Vogt: Believes that they were slightly higher, but their level of service is far better than the last couple of vendors that we have used.

Alderman D'Astice: Would like Council to know what the excess \$11,000 will be used for.

Mr. Vogt: He can certainly do that. It will be used on an as needed basis.

Alderman Larsen: When was the last competitive bid?

Mr. Vogt: 3 or 4 years ago.

Alderman Larsen: Understands the need for competitive bids, but if you feel that you have a reliable vendor at a fair price he does not believe that competitive bids are necessary.

Mr. Vogt: There are situations when we do go out for competitive bids if we hadn't in a period of time. From time to time there are services when every 3 or 4 years we will go out for competitive bids.

Alderman Pitzafarro: Does not believe that this pricing is out of line. Believes it would be prudent to listen to Staff in this situation.

Alderman Buske: Recalls that when we hired Kimco they were not that much more than the vendor they were replacing. Who does the museum?

Mr. Krumstok: Maid Brigade. The City picks up the cost because we own the building.

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

Resolution Passed

G. Resolution No. 09-R-118 / Authorize Sub-Recipient Agreement for 2009 Cook County CDBG Program - Park District Pool Improvement Project

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

H. Resolution No. 09-R-119 / Award Contract for Emergency Watermain Repair on Algonquin Road at Salt Creek

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

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

Resolution Passed

I. Resolution No. 09-R-120 / Approve Supplement # 1 for Algonquin Road Corridor Street Lighting Engineering Services

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D'Astice: Is this our share or will Arlington Heights be giving us half?

Mr. Vogt: Arlington Heights will be responsible for ½ of the \$11,000, but this may be qualified for a grant.

Alderman D'Astice: Has Arlington Heights board approved payment?

Mr. Vogt: No. We will need an intergovernmental agreement drawn up.

Alderman Buske: Arlington Heights is probably just like us. If they don't get a grant, they won't move ahead.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

J. Resolution No. 09-R-121 / Award Contract for Water System Modeling

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman D'Astice: What are they doing?

Mr. Vogt: Our water system was modeled by the previous City engineer and there are a number of additions that have been put on since then. Technologies have changed dramatically. We find it increasingly difficult to utilize the software. This proposal will expand the study that was started in the Northwest Industrial Park.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

K. Resolution No. 09-R-122 / Approve Submittal of Written Comments to MWRD Regarding Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Larsen: A letter was passed out to Council before the meeting.

Mr. Vogt: The content is the same as what is in the packet; it is just formatted differently so we can merge comments.

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Resolution Passed

L. Resolution No. 09-R-123 / Accept Side Letter # 1 - Police Union Contract Concessions

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: We had asked for a wage freeze and they came back with other concessions. We are getting things from them that will only last from 1/1/2010 thru 12/31/2010 while we gave them items that they will have perpetuity. He will not support.

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

Nays: Pitzafarro, Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

M. Resolution No. 09-R-124 / Accept Side Letter # 1 - Fire Union Contract Concessions

Mayor Ken Nelson read the background on this Resolution.

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

Alderman Judd: Same thing here as above. He will not support.

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

Nays: Pitzafarro, Judd

Absent:

Resolution Passed

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Staff Traffic Advisory Report – Mr. Fred Vogt

1. Update on LED upgrades at IDOT intersections with Red Speed Cameras

It is possible that the IDOT traffic signal maintenance contractor will provide LED upgrades at some of these intersections as routine maintenance. Recommendation is to continue the monitoring of the situation and to not provide LED upgrades at City's cost at this time.

2. Updates on Parking Restriction Issues

- a) Plum Creek Courts (Kennedy area)
- b) Cul-de-sacs in 23 various locations

The City Engineer and Public Works Director will look towards the development of standards, through the winter months, for the allowing of parking on both sides of a street, and then apply the standards to various streets to determine applicability and exception needs.

3. Other Business

There were recent inquiries made regarding excessive vehicle speeds on Hartung Road and on Birch Lane. Police will investigate these locations as both are reported somewhat re-occurring from time to time.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Proclamation:

City Clerk's Report:

City Staff Reports:

1) PO Disclosure Over \$2500.00

Alderman D'Astice: Hydrant and sidewalk installation. Would like more explanation.

Mr. Vogt: Hydrants are purchased as needed. This purchase was a follow-up of a leak detection survey. The sidewalk work was at Algonquin Road by the TCF bank. A piece of sidewalk was taken out during the Lowe's project.

2) November 2009 Financial Report

3) Presentation of 2010 Council Meeting Schedule for Approval

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to approve the Meeting Schedule; seconded by Alderman Pitzferro
Unanimous

Alderman D'Astice made a motion to strike 911 Board meetings from the schedule, seconded by Alderman Buske.

Unanimous

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Buske: Red light cameras - 4,000 pictures taken and 100 citations issued.

Chief Scanlan: It goes thru a filtering process. They screen the pictures and then we screen and issue citations.

Mayor Nelson: Pointed out that we try to be lenient.

Alderman Buske: Concerned with how much time is involved.

Alderman Judd: Roofing on the well house. Has that work been performed?

Mr. Vogt: It is his understanding that a purchase order has been issued and is not sure if the work has been started.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Personnel**
- 2) **Pending Litigation**

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

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

Nays: none

Absent:

Motion Passed

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION: 8:45 pm

Alderman Pitzafarro made a motion to go into Open Session; seconded by Alderman Lusk.

Unanimous

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 10:19 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

UNANIMOUS

City Council meeting of December 15, 2009 adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

December 15, 2009 Minutes Approved by Council on January 12, 2010



Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk