

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Nolan called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag. Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Chief Kazy-Garey, Community Development Director Santeler, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 11/13/07 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Adams to approve the Tax Levy Hearing Minutes, the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2007, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT WOLF/ELITE ENTERPRISES @ 800 LINCOLN ST. - APPROVED

Joseph (Jay) Wolf was in attendance with respect to his Home Occupations Permit Application to operate a business, Elite Enterprises Group Inc., from his residence at 800 Lincoln St., Harvard. The proposed business would manufacture small amounts of single stage loaded precision rifle ammunition. Mr. Wolf indicated that he would not have any more components that he currently does and generally would not store any more than six lbs. of standard hand loading black powder. Mr. Wolf has applied for a permit through the ATF to manufacture ammunition; the permit is pending City Council approval of the Home Occupation Permit. The ATF license is renewable on an annual basis. The requisite notice was sent to property owners within 300' of subject property. There were no objectors present. Chief Kazy-Garey didn't have any concerns with the proposed business as long as it didn't increase. Mr. Wolf noted that the Department of Homeland Security requires that the purchase of any type of explosives over a certain amount would have to be registered with the ATF. Moved by Hay, seconded by Leyden to approve the Home Occupations Permit Application for Joseph Wolf, d/b/a Elite Enterprises Group Inc. as presented. The City Council discussed whether or not to limit the amount of gun powder that could be stored at his residence with the general consensus not to impose a limit. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

TAX LEVY – ORD. 2007-142 APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Hay to approve Ordinance 2007-142, Tax Levy. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye and Leyden, aye. Ordinance 2007-142 approved eight to zero.

ABATE TAXES SERIES 2006 SEWER AND WATERWORKS BONDS - ORD. 2007-143 APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Ulmer to approve Ordinance 2007-143, Abating a Portion of Taxes Levied to Pay Principal of and Interest on Certain General Obligation Bonds, (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the City of Harvard. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Ordinance 2007-143 approved eight to zero.

PARATRANSIT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PACE FOR 2008 - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the Paratransit Grant Agreement with Pace for calendar year 2008. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Hay reviewed the Zoning, Planning and Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of 11/26/07.

Video Services Ordinance

The Committee reviewed the ordinances with respect to Project Lightspeed; staff is further researching the issue and will report back to the Committee.

Signs

The Committee discussed changes to the sign ordinance proposed by Alderman Perkins which would

require businesses to remove their signs if they go out of business; staff is further researching the proposal and will report back to the Committee. The Mayor reported he is meeting with Administrator Nelson and the Building Department to get recommendations for the Committee.

EVENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Alderman Logan reviewed the Events Committee Meeting Minutes held earlier this evening. The Committee would request the use of the City float for the parade on Saturday beginning at 12:30 p.m. as well as City personnel to get the float to the staging area at Washington School and back to the City garage after the parade. The tree lighting is scheduled for approximately 4 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

☛ Chamber of Commerce Raffle Application: Chamber Mixers 12/01/07 – 12/02/08
Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the Consent Agenda. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Perkins and Hay. Alderman Logan abstained. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALD. PERKINS – PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING 12/05/07

Chairman Perkins gave a reminder of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting on Wed., December 5th, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. to review Harvard Milk Days' plans for the proposed building at Milky Way Park.

ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the bills list as presented in the amount of \$130,704.37. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

ALD. SZCZAP

Alderman Szczap noted that the Northfield Ave. project looks good and was completed quickly.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nolan noted he will be in Springfield tomorrow reference the Turtle Crossing lawsuit. The Mayor also noted progress on the both the old Motorola facility and the ball field.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Nelson noted his memo in the aldermen's folders with respect to the notice received from the State of Illinois Comptroller's office indicating that state payments made from the state general fund will be delayed an estimated additional thirty days. This will put state payments in arrears about 60-75 days in the amount of \$191,980.80. Administrator Nelson recommends that a Finance Committee meeting be called to discuss how this impacts the City's cash flow; also on the agenda is review of the 2nd Quarter financial report and the new budgetary system.

Alderman Logan called a Finance Committee meeting for Wednesday, December 5th, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Administrator Nelson also noted his prior recommendations for fiscal responsibility in having an appropriate amount of cash balance to deal with revenue fluctuations.

CLERK'S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

December 4	Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.
December 5	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
December 11	Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. (This is the only meeting in December)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Meseck noted that the monthly treasurer's report is in the aldermen's folders.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

NO REPORTS

Attorney Carlos Arévalo and Aldermen Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Adams had no report at this time.

At 7:29 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Wells,
City Clerk

Date