

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2008 - 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. In Clerk Well's absence, Lori Moller called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. Alderman Adams was absent. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Chief Kazy-Garey, Community Development Director Santeler, Supt. of Parks and Recreation Burkart, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 03/25/08 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2008, correcting the references to Alderman Ulmer who was not at the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM #5: PATRICIA MCDONOUGH/KARA CONDON-BOUGH TO ADDRESS CITY COUNCIL REFERENCE YOUTH RECREATIONAL IDEAS

Patricia McDonough, 1004 4th St., Harvard addressed the City Council with reference to youth recreational ideas and requested that a Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting be called to further discuss starting some type of organization/committee to have a positive influence on the youth of our community. Chairman Perkins called a Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting for Wednesday, April 16th, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

WISCONSIN BICYCLING RACING REQUEST - TABLED

Carl Wilkins, 1306 Washington Rd., Kenosha, WI, 53140, President of the Wisconsin Bicycling organization presented a proposal to conduct a criterium race on Harvard Hills Rd. between Crowley Rd. and Highway 173 on Saturday, April 26th from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. They would anticipate between 200-300 riders most of which are from the Chicago land area. Mr. Wilkins is hoping to get permission to use the parking lot at the old Motorola property for participants, registration and port-a-toilets. They would like to close Harvard Hills Road off and they will contact the six residents and church involved to make sure it is okay; arrangements would be made for those residents to get in and out. The City Council expressed concerns that the request was premature as too many details hadn't been worked out yet. The Presbyterian Church also has a Saturday service at 5 p.m. Mr. Wilkins indicated he would postpone until this fall to get details worked out. Mayor Nolan advised Mr. Wilkins that if he brings the proposal back to the City Council, the mayor would like to see written consent from all homeowners and the church. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to table the request. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVOLVING LOAN – WILLIAM PEREZ/12 N. AYER ST. - APPROVED

Administrator Nelson reported that the appropriate application has been filled out and the background and credit checks have been conducted for a revolving loan for William Perez for building improvements at 12 N. Ayer St. Mr. Perez qualifies for a revolving loan up to \$50,000 which is the maximum the program allows. The exact amount is undetermined in that Mr. Perez intends to remove the front of the building to see what is underneath in order to bring it back to its original condition. Mr. Perez has filled out an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness and is on the agenda for the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on Mon., April 14th. Moved by Logan, seconded by Hay to approve a revolving loan to William Perez in an amount up to \$50,000. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

REVOLVING LOAN – KEN ODLING/NELSON DECORATING, 47 N. AYER ST. - APPROVED

Administrator Nelson reported that the appropriate application has been filled out and the background and credit checks have been conducted for a revolving loan for Ken Odling for building improvements to Nelson Decorating, 47 N. Ayer St. Mr. Odling qualifies for a loan not to exceed \$15,000; proposed improvements include tuck pointing, replacing lentils, work on the storefront and removal of the existing sign. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Hay to approve a revolving loan to Ken Odling in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay,

aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

AWARD BID AYER STREET DOWNTOWN STREETScape - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to award the bid for the Ayer Street Downtown Streetscape project to Alliance Contractors, 1166 Lake Ave., Woodstock, IL for their low bid amount of \$1,442,000.00, and authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary contracts/paperwork. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY AS “LOOK AT LOCAL HISTORY MONTH” - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve a proclamation designating May as “*Look at Local History*” month in the City of Harvard. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

SANCTION MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF FEMA SNOW EMERGENCY DOCUMENTS - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to sanction Mayor Nolan’s execution of the FEMA Snow Emergency documents as discussed at the last City Council Meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

CALL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING RE PACE AND PERSONNEL NEW HIRE

Chairman Logan called a Finance Committee Meeting for Tuesday, April 15th, 2008, at 7 p.m. to discuss PACE and Personnel New Hire.

ILEAS TEAM – APPROVED

Chief Kazy-Garey indicated that the Police Dept. is seeking membership in McHenry and Kane County ILEAS Mobile Field Force, Region 3 North. Captain Dave Shepherd, McHenry Co. Sheriff’s Dept. outlined the mission and function of the mobile field force. Initial and on-going training as well as most of the equipment for the officer that would be placed on the team would be paid for by ILEAS at no cost to the city. The only cost to the city would be if the officer is called out to another municipality in which case the City would pay the officer’s man hours during the call-out. Moved by Hay, seconded by Logan to approve the membership of the Harvard Police Dept. in the Kane and McHenry County ILEAS Mobile Field Force, Region 3 North. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

INFORMATION: BUDGET HEARING APRIL 22, 2008

There will be a Budget Hearing on April 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. before the regular City Council meeting.

INFORMATION: MCCOG MEETING APRIL 23, 2008

The next MCCOG meeting will be held on Wed., April 23rd at Crandall’s in Hebron.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- ☞ Salvation Army “Donut Day” Campaign June 13-14 (replaces previous request which the City Council limited due to Milk Days)
- ☞ Harvard Milk Days Cow Chip Lotto Raffle Request May 1 – June 8

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the Consent Agenda. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$301,918.79. Roll call vote: Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

ALD. SZCZAP

Alderman Szczap thanked the Public Works Dept. for their quick removal of the graffiti on the stop signs at Oak Grove Crossings.

ALD. ULMER – PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING 04/15/08

Chairman Ulmer called a Public Property Committee Meeting for Tuesday, April 15th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Nolan noted that City Council photos will be taken for the upcoming Chamber Guide following the Budget Hearing on April 22nd.

CLERK’S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

April 14 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 15 Events Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
Public Property Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 16 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

NO REPORTS

City Attorney Carlos Arévalo, Treasurer Meseck, Administrator Nelson and Aldermen Leyden, Marzahl, Perkins and Hay had no report at this time.

At 7:30 p.m., moved by Hay, seconded by Marzahl to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Wells,
City Clerk

Date