

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 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. City Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, Community Development Director Santeler, Supt. Parks Burkart, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ed Bickle, 355 Marengo Road addressed the City Council as follows:

- ☞ request to post a reduced speed limit ahead sign on northbound Marengo Rd. south of the Airport/Marengo Rd. intersection. Mayor Nolan responded that would require County permission and noted that the City is in the process of a jurisdictional transfer of that portion of Marengo Rd. In the meantime, the City will look into posting a speed limit sign at the intersection.
- ☞ amplified noise from vehicles on Marengo Road
- ☞ clean-up of construction items on the Fred Herrera property; Community Development Director Santeler noted that Mr. Herrera has received a couple citations to clean up the property.
- ☞ high levels of noise from the band at the Sportsman's Club on July 4th; The Mayor noted that the Sportsman's Club is outside of the City's jurisdiction. Alderman Hay suggested that Mr. Bickle contact the Sheriff's Dept. and file a noise complaint for future incidents.
- ☞ thanked the City Council for their support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway Motorcade's use of Milky Way Park.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 06/24/08 - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of June 24, 2008, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEAL OF HIGH WATER BILL/402 CHURCH ST.

Jim and Patricia Goecks, 15810 Carbrey Ave., South Beloit addressed the City Council to appeal a high water bill for their property located at 402 Church Street. The subject property has been vacant for over a year with bills in the \$20-\$27 range. The homeowners have no explanation for the most recent bill for usage from 3/1/08 to 05/01/08 in the amount of \$565.80 and are requesting relief from the City Council. The homeowners indicated they shut the water off in December and drained the pipes to prevent freezing and did not turn the water back on until May. As a result of a neighbor dispute, the property is under camera surveillance which reports no suspicious activity that would evidence tampering with the water. The last actual reading prior to the high reading was in January, 2008 with the subsequent bill in April estimated. Mayor Nolan noted that the water meters are mechanical devices which require something moving through the meter in order for it to register. The meter was tested and found to be okay. The homeowners proposed paying for the water consumption but not the sewer charges. After further discussion, moved by Marzahl, seconded by Hay requiring that the water bill be paid in full. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, no; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Motion approved seven to one.

BOYS LEAGUE ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE 07/26/08 & RAFFLE LICENSE - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Hay to approve the Boys League request for a one-day liquor license on July 26th, 2008, from 11 a.m. – 12 a.m. for their annual picnic and a Raffle License from April 1st thru July 26th, 2008. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST/CIRCUS @ MILKY WAY PARK SEPT. 15 - APPROVED

Barb Rowe, 307 Thompson St., presented the Chamber of Commerce's request to use Milky Way Park on Monday, September 15th, 2008, to host the Kelly-Miller Circus; performances will be at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. with capacity for 2,000 at each show. The Chamber also requests the following:

- ☞ permission to post banners of sponsors at Milky Way Park the day of the performance
- ☞ waiver of the fee for police service and the water usage fee for the circus to hook to the fire hydrant

Chief Kazy-Garey noted they dealt with some animal activists in previous years but had no major concerns with the request. Supt. Burkart noted concern over the proposed placement of the circus tent which is on top of a soccer field and recommended that the set up be to the west of the west pavilion. The circus requires 300 sq. ft. for the tent.

Moved by Hay, seconded by Ulmer to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request, with a waiver of fees for police service and water usage as long as the tent is not set up on any of the existing soccer fields. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, abstain; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved seven to zero, with one abstention.

173rd AIRBORNE BRIGADE HIGHWAY MOTORCADE USE OF MILKY WAY PARK - APPROVED

Mayor Nolan reviewed the request for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Highway Motorcade Use of Milky Way Park on August 23rd, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a Thank You Ceremony. Moved by Hay, seconded by Marzahl to approve the request, with a waiver of fees. 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.

AWARD CONTRACT WELL #10 WATER MAIN EXTENSION - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Ulmer to award the contract for the Well #10 Water Main Extension to Hartwig Plumbing & Heating for their low bid amount leaving the preference up to the staff in terms of whether to use the Primary Bid/Ductile Iron (\$108,776) or the Alternate Bid/C909 Plastic (\$85,742). 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.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED 07/17/08

Mayor Nolan requested that Chairman Hay call an Ordinance Committee Meeting to discuss fences and resale shops. Chairman Hay called a Ordinance Committee Meeting for July 17, 2008 at 7 p.m.

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to approve Proclamation 2008-P-020 designating August 5th, 2008, as "National Night Out" in the City of Harvard. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY OF CHICAGO'S BID FOR 2016 OLYMPICS - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve Resolution 2008-R-021, Supporting the City of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION: CDBG UPDATE

Administrator Nelson noted the memo from the McHenry County Dept. of Planning and Development advising that the CDBG funds allocated for the 2007 Rollover and 2008 program years have not been released by HUD and recommending that the City not begin any project. This will affect the Howard/Metzen Street continuing project with storm sewer/curb/gutter which was budgeted for the current fiscal year. Dave noted that it is unclear when the funds will be released, and there may not be enough time at the staff level to put together bid specs for fall construction. Most likely, the project will wait until the next fiscal year if the federal government releases the funds.

CONSENT AGENDA:

☞ Chamber of Commerce Raffle Request: July 9 – August 20, 2008

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the Consent Agenda. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, 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 \$192,917.53.

Alderman Logan inquired about payment to Harvard Milk Days for fireworks and noted that the City is still waiting for payment for police services in the amount of \$3,000. Administrator Nelson noted that Milk Days has been invoiced for said amount. Roll call vote: Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye and Adams, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

ALD. LOGAN – COUNTRY FAIR

Alderman Logan reported on the Events Committee’s 1st Annual Old Fashioned Country Fair on Saturday, June 28th, at Milky Way Park from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Nolan updated the City Council on the status of the Ayer Street project and commended Community Development Director Santeler for an excellent job with the project.

ADMINISTRATOR NELSON’S REPORT

Administrator Nelson noted his written report in the aldermen’s folders.

CLERK’S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

July 15	Events Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
July 17	Ordinance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
July 22	Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

NO REPORTS

City Attorney Arévalo, Treasurer Meseck and Aldermen Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Perkins and Hay had no specific report at this time.

At 7:45 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins 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

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