

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 25, 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. Clerk Andy Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan and Perkins. Aldermen Ulmer and Hay were absent. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. of Public Works Kruckenberg, Supt. of Utilities Grant, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 11/11/08 - APPROVED**

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Session City Council Meeting of November 11, 2008, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan and Perkins. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CASTLE BANK LOAN/CITY HALL – APPROVED**

Mayor Nolan reported he spoke with the bank and Item #5, Bank fee of \$350 has been waived. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer to sign the loan documents with Castle Bank to purchase and remodel the current bank facility located at 201 W. Diggins Street, with the following terms:

1. Loan amount - \$650,000 to be drawn in full immediately upon loan closing.
2. The loan will be amortized over a 20 year period with a five year balloon.
3. Quarterly Principal and Interest payments amortized over 20 years.
4. Interest rate of 6.65% locked in for the first five years of the loan period.
5. Bank fee of \$350 – WAIVED BY THE BANK
6. The loan is unsecured with the payments supported by the general revenue fund.

Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye and Perkins, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

**CITY HALL SIGN**

Mayor Nolan reported that pursuant to City Council direction, he contacted another sign company for a proposal for the new City Hall sign. Hughes Sign Co. was supposed to submit a proposal prior to tonight's City Council meeting but they have not brought in a proposal as of yet. Mayor Nolan recommended that the City Council approve the proposal as submitted by Aurora Sign Co. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the proposal as submitted by Aurora Sign Co. for the new City Hall signs. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

**TAX LEVY – TABLED**

Alderman Logan brought up discussion on the headings in the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance. After further discussion on the ordinance and levy, the ordinance was tabled until the December 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**ABATE TAXES SERIES 2000 AND 2004 BONDS - TABLED**

The proposed Tax Abatement Ordinance was tabled until the December 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS STATE POLICE – APPROVED**

Chief Kazy-Garey reviewed the Interagency Agreement Between the Illinois State Police and the City of Harvard Local Liquor Control Commissioner which provides for fingerprint based criminal history record information for local liquor licenses. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the agreement as submitted. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

**IDOT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – APPROVED**

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Adams to approve the IDOT Engineering Agreement for the Ayer Street

Over Mokeler Creek project, Project Number: BRM-8003(717). Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE EMERGENCY BUDGET ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve a resolution in objection to Governor Blagojevich's proposed "Emergency Budget Act of Fiscal Year 2009. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Szczap, Logan, Adams and Perkins. Resolution approved six to zero. The Mayor noted that the resolution would be sent to Senator Althoff and Representative Franks.

**METRA AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUTER PARKING FACILITY – APPROVED**

Mayor Nolan clarified this is a different agreement than the Union Pacific Agreement which was discussed at the last City Council Meeting. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the Metra Agreement which provides for the operation and maintenance of the Metra provided parking facility located to the north and east of the grade crossing at Metra's Union Pacific Northwest Line and Ayer Street at an annual fee of \$10.00. Roll call vote: Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye and Adams, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

**CONSENT AGENDA: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED**

Moved by Logan, seconded by Adams to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$340,506.27. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye and Logan, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

**ALD. LOGAN – EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Alderman Logan reported on the Events Committee Meeting held earlier in the evening to discuss final plans for Christmas in Harvard which will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Events Committee would like the aldermen to participate in the parade and ride on the City float with the Milk Day Queen. Scott also noted that the Events Committee is conducting a Holiday Cash Raffle with the proceeds to benefit the Events Committee; tickets are \$10 each.

**ALD. MARZAHN**

Alderman Marzahl and Utilities Supt. Grant reported that tests were being conducted on the new well with the intent to connect next spring.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nolan reported on the following:

- With the exception of a few small items, the Downtown Ayer Streetscape Project is completed; the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was conducted on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. There are a few outstanding bills, but it looks like the project, including the Eastman Street Parking Lot, will come in at about \$40,000 under budget. Resolutions will be on the next City Council agenda to participating companies along with a key to the City.
- The Mayor introduced Supt. of Utilities Jim Grant
- The final leaf-pick up is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**CLERK'S REPORT & UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

December 2 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting CANCELLED

December 16 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. (only City Council Meeting in December)

The 2009 City Council Meeting Dates will be on the December 16<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda.

**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**

City Attorney Arévalo, and Aldermen Leyden, Szczap, Adams and Perkins had no specific report at this time.

At 7:20 p.m., moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan and Perkins. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Wells,  
City Clerk

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Date