

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2009 - 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, Logan, Perkins and Hay. Alderman Adams and Treasurer Meseck were absent. Also present were Administrator Nelson, Community Development Director Santeler, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. Public Works Supt. Kruckenberg, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 03/10/09 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 10, 2009, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED) - APPROVED

Chief Kazy-Garey noted this is the same agreement that the City signs each year and recommended approval. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Ulmer to authorize the execution of the Automated External Defibrillator Medical Oversight and Equipment Agreement between Caislean an Beithioch and the Harvard Police Dept. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

APPLICATION FOR SQUAD CAR GRANT/AUTHORITY TO SIGN AND SUBMIT - APPROVED

Moved by Hay, seconded by Perkins granting Chief Kazy-Garey the authority to sign and submit a grant application under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FFY06 for the purchase of a squad car. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

AMEND SECTION 21.12, TOBACCO SALES – REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor Nolan noted that staff is looking to amend Section 21.12, Tobacco Sales, to prohibit the sale of drug paraphernalia. Chairman Hay called an Ordinance Committee Meeting for Tuesday, March 31st, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Chief Kazy-Garey had an item to be included on the agenda reference parking.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET

The Budget Hearing for FY09/10 was set for April 28, 2009, at 7 p.m.

UPDATES

Community Development Director Santeler updated the City Council on the following:

- Garfield St. will be ready for a September letting. Approximately 1,200' of water main and 300' of sanitary sewer need to be looked at and most likely replaced prior to bid letting. A Water and Sewer Committee meeting will need to be set up to determine the best course of action with our engineers involved prior to the meeting. Chairman Marzahl called a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting for Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.
- Route 14 and McGuire Rd. Staff is in the process of securing easements. City engineers are working on issues with IDOT in the traffic signal division. Wal-Mart has put \$575,000 into a fund towards the project.
- Howard and Garfield St Retaining Wall should be ready to bid out by mid-April. Staff is working on some issues on Howard St. between Thompson and Metzen St. to determine whether or not the existing concrete storm sewer can be utilized. If it has to be removed, it will be made a part of the bid specs.

Mayor Nolan noted that there is about \$1 million in federal money that the City is receiving for these various improvements. The Garfield St. project will receive \$264,000 from the federal stimulus package. The Mayor thanked Administrator Nelson for attending the Mayors Caucus meeting when he wasn't feeling well and going to bat for Harvard. Neither Harvard or Marengo were plugged in to receive any funds. In the end, every community that had a project received \$264,000.

CONSENT AGENDA:

▪ Harvard Boys League Raffle Application, March 12th – July 25th, 2009
Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl 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 \$219,687.98. Roll call vote: Ulmer aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- The City will have a booth at the Chamber Expo on March 28th from 9 am – 4 pm
- The Open House for the new City Hall is Monday, April 6th from 4-7 pm

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Nelson thanked Community Development Director Santeler for updating the City Council on various projects.

CLERK’S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

March 31 Water and Sewer Committee Meeting. 6:30 p.m.
 Ordinance Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 7 Regular Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – CANCELLED
April 14 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mayor Nolan reported that Treasurer Meseck was absent as she was in the hospital last week with pneumonia and is back to work on a part-time basis. The treasurer’s report is in the aldermen’s folder.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

Chief Kazy-Garey updated the City Council on the remodeling of the police department which should be finished by May 1st.

Community Development Director Santeler reported on issues with Turtle Crossing, Phase 2 with respect to erosion and storm water running into people’s back yards. Steve met on site with the bank who holds the letter of credit, the developer, lawyers and the county to get something done this year, as early as next month.

NO REPORTS

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

At 7:14 p.m., moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan 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