

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Nolan called the City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag. Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. Alderman Marzahl was absent. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, Administrator Nelson, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. Public Works Kruckenberg, Supt. Utilities Grant, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 09/22/09 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 22, 2009. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF RED'S TAVERN AND PIZZERIA - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the resolution as read by Mayor Nolan in recognition of Bonnie and Red Gates/Red's Tavern and Pizzeria's achievement of 50 Years in Business. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

### HARVARD COMMUNITY RADIO 88.5 FM PROPOSAL – TABLED UNTIL SPRING

Jay Schulz, 1503 Pheasant Run Rd., Harvard, reviewed Harvard Community Radio 88.5 FM's proposal to play community announcements generated by Harvard Radio 88.5 FM on the Ayer Street speaker system. This could either be done at set times throughout the day with the Chamber programming their system to switch to the radio or downloaded to the City's iPod and played randomly throughout the week. There would be no advertising on the community announcements other than identification of the radio station. The radio station will already be recording the announcements to be played on the radio station. The Mayor noted that as part of the West Diggins St. project, plans are to run conduit to allow the system to be run from City Hall which will make the process easier. Alderman Logan noted his concern on whether or not it was appropriate for the downtown area. After further discussion, the general consensus was to wait until next spring when the sound system is centered at City Hall.

### RUSS PREJNA/TAXICAB LICENSE APPLICATION – NEXT AGENDA

Russ Prejna, 1313 6<sup>th</sup> St., Harvard, addressed the City Council reference his taxicab license application. Chief Kazy-Garey indicated that he couldn't recommend approval because Mr. Prejna hadn't returned any phone calls so the background investigation hasn't been completed. Mr. Prejna noted that he has a new cell phone number and was advised to provide that number to Detective Leard with the Police Dept. Item to be put on the next agenda. Mayor Nolan requested that Mr. Prejna also submit his rates for the council's review.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT #50 ROAD CLOSINGS/NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve Harvard Community Unit School District #50's request to place barricades at the intersections of Marengo Rd. and Airport Rd. and just north of Heritage Lane on Marengo Road during the construction process to assist with traffic control. Administrator Nelson noted that the roads would be closed for a couple of months while it is under construction. The road will require a total reconstruction at the intersection. Administrator Nelson noted that closing the road will save taxpayers money by saving on traffic control and the time that the contract takes place. The school has spoken with Rexroat's located at 5007 Marengo Rd., which is the only residence affected on the roadway. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

### MCHEMRY COUNTY GANG TASK FORCE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT– APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Opper to authorize the City Administrator's execution of the McHenry County Gang Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

**MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW/REQUESTS FOR CHANGE IN ASSESSED VALUE**

Administrator Nelson reviewed the McHenry County Board of Review Requests for Change in Assessed Value for the following properties:

- Property Located at 875 W. Diggins St./01-35-151-025/026 (old Butcher Boy) An appraisal was been submitted with the request. This will have a direct effect on the Industrial TIF.
- Property Located at 710 E. Metzen St./01-35-351-009 (Sr. Citizens building)
- Property Located at 1201 Division St./06-02-451-007/008/009 (Sullivans)
- Property Located at 1701 S. Division St./06-11-228-006 (Harvard Inn Motel)

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to file the necessary documents to appeal the requests for change in assessed value. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Alderman Logan reviewed the request letter from the Events Committee for Christmas in Harvard which will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

1. Block Washington St. from Jackman to Hutchinson from 11 a.m. to the end of the parade
2. Block Hutchinson St. from Thompson to Washington from 11 a.m. to the end of the parade
3. Block Washington St. from Hutchinson to Ayer from noon until the end of the parade
4. Block Ayer St. from Washington to five-points from noon until the end of the parade
5. Block Diggins St. from Highway 14 to Second St. from noon until the end of the parade
6. Use of Mary's Park as a staging area for any horses in the parade.
7. Use of barricades.
8. Use of city float.
9. Use of Council Chambers to host Santa's Gift Shoppe and City Hall to host award ceremony and entertainment.
10. Request that Mayor Nolan and any available aldermen be in the parade.
11. Allow horses in the parade to use Diggins Street to Ratzlaff back to the park to return to the staging area after the parade.
12. Allow for free parking in all the City lots, including Metra, for that day.
13. Block parking spaces on the north side of West Sumner Street from Ayer Street to the alley and the north side of East Brainard Street from Ayer Street to the alley from 9 a.. – 5 p.m.
14. Permission to conduct 50/50 Cash Raffle from October 26<sup>th</sup> – Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Opper to approve the Events Committee's request. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – APPROVED**

Moved by Adams, seconded by Perkins to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Heather Vierck to the City Library Board to fill the vacancy. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MARY D. AYER BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS – APPROVED**

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Ulmer to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Brenda Gratz and Barbara Weidner to the Mary D. Ayer Board of Trustees to fill the vacancies. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WEST DIGGINS STREET RECONFIGURATION – APPROVED**

The City Council reviewed the proposed drawing for the reconfiguration of West Diggins Street to fix the intersection of Sumner, Eastman and Diggins St. to make an easier flow of traffic. The proposal would be subject to IDOT approval. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the proposal as presented. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Police Benevolent & Protective Assoc., McHenry Co. Sheriff Raffle Request 11/07/2009
- Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 from 5-8 p.m.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ALD. LEYDEN – STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE MEETING – 11/09/09**

Alderman Leyden called a Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 7 p.m. to discuss truck routes.

**ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED**

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$323,143.48. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A letter was received from Union Pacific Railroad requesting permission to close the crossing on Jefferson St. from November 9-17, 2009, for repairs. There were no objections. Businesses in the area will be notified.
- Update on status of layoffs. This Friday will be the last day for two more men, with a minimum of four months each.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Administrator Nelson noted his written report in the packet.
- The end of the second fiscal quarter is Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Administrator Nelson will e-mail the report to the City Council at which time Chairman Logan can determine whether or not to call a meeting to discuss.

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

October 30 TIF Joint Review Board 9 a.m.  
November 3 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting POST TO CANCEL  
Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.  
November 9 Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting 7 p.m.  
November 17 Regular Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.  
November 24 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Meseck noted that the monthly treasurer's report for September, 2009, was in the aldermen's folders.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS**

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

Chief Kazy-Garey noted that Officer Hilligoss has submitted his resignation. The Police Dept. received the Justice Assistance Grant that was applied for earlier in the year to be used to replace portable and mobile radios in the squad cars; this will update our radios to be compatible to the narrow band.

Supt. Kruckenberg noted his department is doing the best they can with the manpower shortage.

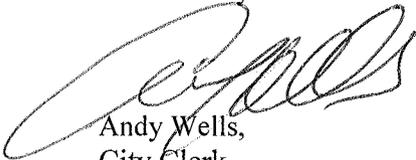
Supt. Grant updated the City Council on the status of Well #7.

**NO REPORTS**

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

At 7:35 p.m., moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:



Andy Wells,  
City Clerk

11/03/09  
Date