

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 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: Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. Aldermen Leyden and Ulmer were absent. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, Administrator Nelson, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. Public Works Kruckenberg, Supt., City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 10/2709 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Adams to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 27, 2009. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

RUSS PREJNA/TAXICAB LICENSE APPLICATION – NO ACTION TAKEN

Russ Prejna, 1313 6th St., Harvard, was not in attendance reference his taxicab license application. Mayor Nolan noted that he passed the background check satisfactorily. Chief Kazy-Garey indicated that he has had a difficult time contacting the applicant to have his vehicle inspected and if he were present, he would recommend approval contingent upon having his vehicle inspected and having a d/b/a filed with McHenry County. After discussion, the general consensus was not to take any action because Mr. Prejna wasn't in attendance.

COLIN STEWART TRUCK ROUTE REQUEST - APPROVED

Administrator Nelson related a conversation with Colin Stewart who runs a business in the industrial park concerning the truck route. Colin Stewart, 4502 King Rd., Harvard addressed the City Council and noted that Orrin Kinney has entered into a new venture in the construction of gas buildings for Panogen Industries out of Woodstock, IL and stated there are problems getting a truck into Orrin's building on Front Street with the current truck route configuration and suggested that the City Council consider turning Brown St. into a designated truck route which would eliminate all the turns to get into Orrin's facility. Between 100-200 buildings will be built per year with a variety of sizes up to 16' wide x 40' long x 12' tall; the heaviest building will weight 18,000 lbs. Mr. Stewart related that he took a drive down Brown Street and there area some trees that would require trimming and a few lines that would need to be raised on the south side of the road and suggested the lines be put at 14' to ensure clearance.

The Council discussed whether or not the roadway could accommodate the weight as a designated truck route and suggested an alternative of a permit only truck route, moving the building after 2 a.m. when the overnight parking ban is in effect. Chief Kazy-Garey brought up a concern if a vehicle is parked in violation of the overnight parking ordinance, City ordinance does not allow for towing of vehicles for 24 hours. City Administrator Nelson said Brown Street could be posted as a permit only special truck route implementing a tow-a-way zone between 2-5 a.m. City staff will look into whether or not the utilities meet city code with respect to height of the wires. If they do not meet code, the utility would be responsible to raise the wires. Otherwise the businesses involved would bear the cost of modifications to trim trees and raise the lines.

After further discussion, moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins approving the general concept to post Brown Street as a permit only special truck route to allow the buildings to be moved from Orrin Kinney's Front St. facility and to authorize City staff to work out the particulars with Orrin Kinney and Colin Stewart. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Opper, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

PARATRANSIT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PACE FOR 2010 - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Opper to approve the Paratransit Grant Agreement with Pace for calendar year 2010. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

TAX LEVY – ORD. 2009-129 APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to approve Ordinance 2009-129, Tax Levy. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Marzahl, aye and Szczap, aye. Ordinance 2009-129 approved six to zero.

ABATE TAXES SERIES 2000, 2004, 2006 BONDS - ORD. 2009-130 APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve Ordinance 2009-130, Abating a Portion of Taxes Levied to Pay Principal of and Interest on Certain General Obligation Bonds, (Waterworks and Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2000, 2004 and 2006 of the City of Harvard. Roll call vote: Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye and Adams, aye. Ordinance 2009-130 approved six to zero.

RESOLUTION MCHENRY COUNTY MITIGATION COMMITTEE- APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve a resolution to participate in the McHenry County Mitigation Committee, to appoint City Administrator Dave Nelson as the City's representative and upon completion of the County's Mitigation Committee's work to review the recommended plan. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. Motion approved six to zero.

PROCLAMATION DECEMBER AS DRUNK & DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH – APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Opper to approve the IDOT Proclamation Designating December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL – APPROVED

Administrator Nelson noted that the labor organizations have been put on notice and he hasn't heard anything back. Dave recommended approval of the BC/BS of Illinois renewal as presented. Premium increases average 5.38% depending on the coverage. Moved by Logan, seconded by Adams to approve the health/dental/prescription drug and life insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois for calendar year 2010 as presented. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye and Logan, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

ICRMT LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL - APPROVED

Administrator Nelson recommended approval of Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) Liability Insurance Renewal for 2010 as presented in the amount of \$186,484. The City Hall building valued at \$1.2 million was added to our coverage with only a 2.8% increase in premium cost. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the ICRMT Liability Insurance Renewal for 2010 as presented. Roll call vote: Opper, aye; Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye and Perkins, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

FYI: MCHENRY CO. ZBA NOTICE OF HEARING WITHIN CITY'S 1½ MILE JURISDICTION

The City Council reviewed the McHenry County ZBA Notice of Hearing held on November 19, 2009, for the following property: reclassify property at 22408 Oak Grove Road from "A-1" Agriculture District to "A-2" Agriculture District. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Harvard Moose Lodge #1289 Raffle Request 11/01/09 – 11/01/10
- St. Joseph's "Night of Knights" Raffle Application: 11/24/08 – 04/24/09
- Sanction approval Ben's Christmas Tree Farm Sign Request 11/20 – 12/31
- Girl Scouts 2009 Cookie Sales: January thru April

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALD. MARZAHL

On behalf of the family, Alderman Marzahl thanked the City for the plant that was sent in the death of Wanda's mother.

Alderman Marzahl noted a streetlight out at the corner of Brown and Obrien St. Supt. Kruckenberg noted that it had been fixed.

ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED

Alderman Logan wished senior alderman Chuck Marzahl a happy 60th Birthday.

Alderman Logan reminded the City Council that Saturday, December 5th is Christmas in Harvard.

Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$128,839.91. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Opper, aye. Motion approved six to zero.

ALD. OPPER

Alderman Opper thanked Chief Kazy-Garey for the opportunity to ride along with him a couple weeks ago and noted it was time well spent and very informative.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor noted that it has been kind of slow at City Hall. City Hall is in process of being decorated for Christmas. Ben's Christmas Trees donated a 12' tree in exchange for the sign permit fee.
- Santa's Gift Shoppe which is part of the Christmas in Harvard event will be held in the City Council Chambers and will require that desks and mikes be moved to accommodate the shoppe. Set up will commence on Friday, November 27th at 9 a.m. if anyone would be interested in helping set up.
- The Mayor wished Alderman Marzahl a Happy 60th Birthday.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Administrator Nelson noted his written report in the packet.
- Administrator Nelson referred to letters in the aldermen's folders that were received from the 4th Grade Class as well as his response.
- Administrator Nelson wished Alderman Marzahl a Happy 60th Birthday.

CLERK'S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

December 1 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting POST TO CANCEL
Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.

December 15 Regular Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.

December 15 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering: No Report

Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

Chief Kazy-Garey noted his monthly report in the aldermen's folders.

NO REPORTS

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

At 7:40 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:



Andy Wells,
City Clerk



Date