

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2010 - 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 Oppen. Alderman Adams was absent. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Code Enforcement Officer Brennecke, Community Development Director Santeler, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. Public Works Kruckenberg, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 01/26/2010 - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2010, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Oppen. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND FINDING OF FACTS

Marc Hathaway/Property Located at 504 Diggins St. – Ord. 2010-101 Approved

Chairman Szczap noted the recommendation submitted by Terry Smith, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission which met on February 2, 2010, for a hearing in the petition submitted by Marc Hathaway, M & A Investment Group LLC to reclassify property located at 504 Diggins St., Harvard, Illinois and upon rezoning, to grant variations from Section 17.20.080 Lot Area, Yard and Bulk Regulations of the Harvard Zoning Code. The Planning and Zoning Commission makes the following recommendations to the City Council:

1. Approval of reclassification of subject property from B2 Central Business District to R1B Single Family Residence District contingent upon the successful completion of the contract with the property owner to the contract purchaser Marc Hathaway.
2. Approval of variations as requested contingent upon the successful completion of the contract with the property owner to the contract purchaser Marc Hathaway:
 - (a) Section 17.20.080 (A) Lot area requirement of 8712 sq. ft. reduced to 3,213 sq. ft.
 - (b) Section 17.20.080 (C) Front yard requirement of 25' reduced to 12'
 - (c) Section 17.20.080 (D) Rear yard requirement of 30' reduced to 2'
 - (d) Section 17.20.080 (E) Side yard requirement of 6' reduced to 5'6"

Moved by Szczap, seconded by Logan to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations and Ordinance 2010-101. The petitioner was present to address any questions. At Alderman Ulmer's inquiry, Clerk Wells noted there is sufficient room to accommodate two off street parking spaces per City code. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Oppen, aye. Ordinance 2010-101 approved seven to zero.

CHAMBER REQUEST TO CLOSE E. BLAINE ST. AND COVER NO PARKING SIGNS ON MARCH 27, 2010 FOR EXPO – APPROVED

Mayor Nolan noted this is the same request as last year to close E. Blaine Street and to cover the "no parking" signs on Garfield St. to allow additional parking for visitors and exhibitors. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the Chamber's request to close E. Blaine Street between Lincoln and Garfield for the Chamber Expo on Saturday, March 27th, 2010, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and to cover the "No Parking" signs on Garfield St. during the event. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Oppen. All ayes. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT HARVARD CHEVROLET, BUICK GMC - APPROVED

Mayor Nolan stated that the City of Harvard is working in partnership with the Harvard EDC to retain the Chevy Dealership in Harvard and that GM has given their go ahead to keep the dealership in Harvard. The incentive agreement provides funds for remodeling and expansion of the existing facility and will result in

an increase in sales tax and jobs for 10-12 new employees. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk's execution of the Economic Incentive Agreement by and between the City of Harvard and Harvard Chevrolet Buick GMC, Sean Sivore, James Bozich, Mark Geiger and Leon Geiger. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

RESOLUTIONS HARVARD MILK DAYS 2010 - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve a Resolution Declaring the 69th Harvard Milk Days, June 4th -6th, 2010, A Legal Holiday. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Ulmer to approve a Resolution to Close Route 173 between Jefferson & Division Street for the Milk Days Parade on June 5th, 2010. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDER – APPROVED

Chief Kazy-Garey noted the deadline to purchase the squad cars is March 1st. At Alderman Logan's inquiry, the Mayor clarified that the expenditure will be from the 2010/2011 Budget. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Opper to approve the purchase order for the purchase of (2) 2010 Chevy Marked Squad Cars/Police Package in the amount of \$37,500.48. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGE MEETING

Chairman Logan reviewed the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2010, at which time, the Committee met to discuss the 2010/2011 budget. No action required at this time.

Chairman Logan called a Finance Committee Meeting for March 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. to continue budget discussions.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.02, PARKING, GENERAL PROVISIONS – ORD. 2010-102 APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve Ordinance 2010-102, Amending Section 15.02, General Provisions Regarding a Tow Zone on West Brown Street. At Alderman Ulmer's inquiry, Administrator Nelson indicated that written notification would be sent to area residents. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye, Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

RATIFY MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF OSLAD GRANT AGREEMENT - - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to ratify the Mayor's execution of the OSLAD Grant Agreement; the Grant Award is \$227,000 for the purchase of park land. Roll call vote: Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT GOOGLE GRANT - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Opper to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Request for Information to Participate in Google's Fiber For Communities Trial Project. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Harvard Post Prom Class of 2011 Raffle Request March 6th, 2010
- Harvard Boys League Raffle Request March 16th – July 24th, 2010

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED

Alderman Logan reported there were two sets of bills to be approved: one in the amount of \$304,070.88

and the other in the amount of \$83,993.43 for a total amount of \$388,064.31. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye and Logan, aye; Motion approved seven to zero.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nolan commented on the budget process which should put the City in a better position next year.

Mayor Nolan invited the aldermen to help man the City's booth at the upcoming Chamber Expo on Saturday, March 27th from 9 am – 4 pm.

CLERK'S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- March 2 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting POST TO CANCEL
- March 9 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. POST TO CANCEL
- March 16 Regular Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.
- March 23 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Clerk Wells noted that the annual updated zoning map will be on next month's agenda for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Meseck noted that the monthly treasurer's report for February, 2010, was in the aldermen's folders.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering and Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

NO REPORTS

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

At 7:16 p.m., moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:



Andy Wells,
City Clerk

02/25/10
Date