

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 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, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Community Development Director Santeler, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. Public Works Kruckenberg, Supt. Utilities Grant, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Employee Anthony DeRose, 8802 Reese Rd., Harvard, IL addressed the City Council with respect to the letters he sent to the City Council about an incident that occurred in December, 2008. Mr. DeRose stated that he anticipated the incident going through arbitration which it didn't and requested that said items be pulled from his personnel record. Mayor Nolan reported that said incident was processed per contract through the Teamsters Union. At Mr. DeRose's request, Mayor Nolan polled the City Council for their opinion. The following aldermen agreed with the City's position: Adams, Logan, Perkins, Opper, Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer and Szczap. Those opposed: none.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 02/23/2010 - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 23, 2010, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

WAIVER OF FEES/MCHENRY CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE/SPECIAL OLYMPICS - APPROVED

Moved by Ulmer, seconded by Logan to approve the McHenry County Sheriff's request for a waiver of fees for the use of four softball fields at Milky Way Park on May 22nd, 2010, for their 5th Annual Special Olympics Tournament Fundraiser. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK/VENDING LICENSE WAL-MART – APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the vending license application submitted by National Entertainment Network for coin operated machines at the Harvard Super Wal-Mart. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Opper, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REQUEST TO WAIVE/REDUCE BUILDING PERMIT FEES – DENIED

Tom Jones, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity addressed the City Council with respect to their request to waive or reduce the building permit fees for the house they are building in Harvard this year. The City's portion of the proposed permit fees is \$13,945.57. The proposed home will be the seventh home built in Harvard. City Administrator Nelson noted that the City has not waived the fees in the past. The City Council discussed the City's finances and proposed layoffs. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to deny Habitat for Humanity's request to waive/reduce the permit fees. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion to deny was approved eight to zero.

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING – RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED

Chairman Logan reviewed the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2010, at which time, the Committee met to discuss the 2010/2011 budget. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to approve the Committee's recommendations to eliminate part time help in Public Works, eliminate one full time position in Public Works, leave a position open in the Police Department and to eliminate the Building Inspector position. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET

Moved by Logan, seconded by Ulmer to conduct the public hearing for the FY2010/2011 Budget on April 27, 2010, at 7 p.m. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

IDOT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ON A STATE HIGHWAY - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the IDOT Resolution for Construction on a State Highway. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Adams, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

AMEND SECTION 23.06 TO INCREASE MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX – ORD. 2010-103 APPROVED

Administrator Nelson noted that the City has the opportunity to increase this revenue source up to the maximum allowed by state law which is 6%. The increase would generate about \$60,000 and would become effective January, 2011. Moved by Logan, seconded by Opper to approve Ordinance 2010-103, Amending Section 23.06 Increasing the Tax on Persons Engaged in the Business of Transmitting Messages by Means of Electricity in the City of Harvard. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye, Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Ordinance 2010-103 approved eight to zero.

ZONING MAP UPDATE - APPROVED

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

➤ Harvard Snow Gophers Snowmobile Club Raffle Request 6/1/2010 – 2/6/2011

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Opper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. 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 \$243,826.98. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to authorize the Mayor's execution of the Funding Agreement from IDOT for McGuire Rd and Route 14 in the amount of \$425,000. Roll call vote: Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye and Adams, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

Moved by Ulmer, seconded by Perkins to authorize the Mayor's execution of the Funding Agreement from Wal-Mart for McGuire Rd. and Route 14 in the amount of \$575,000. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye and Logan, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

Mayor Nolan noted that the City's finances aren't getting any better which may pose a struggle throughout 2010 and may result in a reduction in services.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Nelson clarified that the Funding Agreement from IDOT for McGuire/Route 14 is federal funds.

CLERK'S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

April 6 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting POST TO CANCEL
April 13 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. POST TO CANCEL
April 20 Regular Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.
April 27 Public Hearing for Budget, 7 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Year End City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

SEC Group, Inc., an HR Green Company and Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

Chief Kazy-Garey reported that a two week training session has been secured for Detectives Bauman and Leard for Victim Sensitive Interviews at no cost to the city; the training will be paid by the McHenry County Child Advocacy.

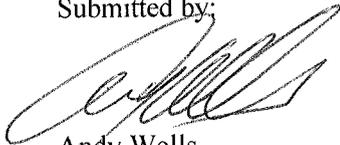
Chief Kazy-Garey reported that he submitted an article to the Harvard Main Line outlining a change in policy for sounding the tornado sirens. The police department will no longer sound the second, all clear siren because people don't understand what its for. At Alderman Logan's inquiry, Chief Kazy-Garey indicated that both the initial alert and all clear will go out through Nixle system.

NO REPORTS

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

At 7:20 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

7-31-10

Date