

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 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, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Police Chief Kazy-Garey, Supt. Parks & Recreation Burkart, Supt. Public Works Kruckenberg, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Randy Donley, McHenry County Board, District 6 Representative updated the City Council on what's going on at the County level and inquired if there any issues that the City would like assistance from him at the County level. Mayor Nolan indicated that the County has been cooperating with the City reference the Route 14 construction.

TAX LEVY HEARING

Mayor Nolan called the Tax Levy Hearing to order. Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. Clerk Wells stated that the public notice was published in the Northwest Herald on October 18, 2010, with the estimated total property tax levy for 2010 at \$3,214,513.49. Mayor Nolan asked for comments from the audience and City Council. There were none. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. The regular City Council meeting was reconvened.

CRYSTAL MUSGROVE APPOINTMENT WARD 2 ALDERMAN – APPROVED

Moved by Ulmer, seconded by Opper to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Crystal Musgrove as Ward 2 Alderman. Roll call vote: Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Opper, aye. Motion approved seven to zero. Clerk Wells administered the Oath of Office and Crystal Musgrove was sworn in as Ward 2 Alderman.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 09/28/2010 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 28, 2010, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF GERDES WHOLESALE NURSERY, INC. - APPROVED

Mayor Nolan read the resolution in recognition of Gerdes Wholesale Nursery, Inc. for their donation of trees and shrubs to the City of Harvard. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to approve the resolution as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried. The resolution was presented to Jason Gerdes. At Alderman Marzahl's inquiry, Supt. Burkart noted this is the 5th year that Jason has donated trees and shrubs for the City's parks.

SURPLUS PROPERTY BID (SQUAD CAR) – NO BIDS SUBMITTED

Administrator Nelson reported that no bids were submitted for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria. Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to authorize staff to dispose of the vehicle in any way seen fit. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Musgrove, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye and Leyden, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

APPOINTMENTS TO EVENTS COMMITTEE - APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to approve the appointment of Mike Vest and Mark Lancaster to the Events Committee to fill the positions that were created at the last City Council Meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove 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 4th, 2010, with Items #6 and #11 stricken from the request and adding the parking

of the James Bus in front of the municipal building, 201 W. Front St. and to add a temporary “no parking” zone on the south side of Front St. from Eastman St. to Page St.

Moved by Adams, seconded by Opper to approve the Events Committee’s request as amended. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY DIRECTORY CHANGES TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES - APPROVED

Mayor Nolan reviewed the changes to City Council Committees as follows:

- Water, Sewer & Sanitation: Marzahl, ~~Ulmer~~ Musgrove, Opper, Adams
- Zoning, Planning, Ordinance: Opper, Logan, Leyden, ~~Szezap~~ Ulmer
- Streets & Alleys: Leyden, Logan, Perkins, ~~Szezap~~ Musgrove
- Parks & Recreation: Perkins, Adams, Leyden, ~~Szezap~~ Musgrove

Moved by Opper, seconded by Perkins to approve the changes to the City Council Committees as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

PARC-3 RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION - APPROVED

Administrator Nelson reported he is writing a grant through the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources for park improvements to either fix up the park property the City is hoping to purchase or to enclose the swimming pool. Moved by Ulmer, seconded by Perkins to approve the PARC-3 Resolution of Authorization to authorize City Administrator Nelson to write the grant. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Musgrove, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye and Marzahl, aye. Resolution approved eight to zero.

TOWING ORDINANCE – REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Opper called an Ordinance Committee meeting for Wednesday, November 3rd, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a towing ordinance, to review Chapter 25, Alcoholic Liquor and the Call Center with Marengo Fire and Rescue.

BUDGET AMENDMENT \$775,000 FOR ROUTE 14 CONSTRUCTION - APPROVED

Administrator Nelson indicated this is in reference to money that the City received from both Wal-Mart and the State of Illinois for the Route 14 construction which is already underway. Moved by Logan, seconded by Marzahl to amend the budget in the amount of \$775,000 for Route 14 Construction both as a revenue source and associated expenses. Roll call vote: Musgrove, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Sanction Approval of Benefit for Josiah Pollard Raffle Request 10/23/2010
- Harvard Moose Lodge #1289 Raffle Request 11/01/2010 – 11/01/2011
- Salvation Army “Red Kettle” Campaign 11/19/2010 – 12/24/2010
- Ben’s Christmas Tree Farm Sign Request 11/18/2010 – 12/31/2010
- St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and School Raffle License 12/01/2010 – 11/30/2011

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Adams to approve the Consent Agenda. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove, 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 list as presented in the amended bills list in the amount of \$629,832.74. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Opper, aye; Leyden, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Musgrove, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The City has received the funding from the State on the West Diggins Project which was previously awarded. The City has contacted the contractor who has agreed to honor the bid price with construction to start next spring.
- The Harvard Radio Station has inquired if any member of the City Council would like to be on the board for the new radio station. If anyone is interested in sitting on that board, contact Mayor Nolan.
- Mayor Nolan presented Debra Szczap with a plaque in recognition of her service as Alderman Ward 2 from December 12, 2006 until September 29, 2010. The Mayor noted that Deb has been working with Bev over the last couple weeks. The Mayor reminded the City Council of the Open House for Bev Meseck's retirement on Thursday, October 28th from 4:30 – 7 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR NELSON

Administrator Nelson thanked Mayor Nolan for filling in for him during his sick leave.

CLERK'S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

October 28 TIF Joint Board of Review Meeting, 10 a.m.
 November 2 Events Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m. POST TO CANCEL
 November 3 Ordinance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 November 9 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. POST TO CANCEL
 November 16 Regular Events Committee Meeting 5 p.m.
 November 23 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

NO REPORTS

City Attorney Arévalo, City Administrator Nelson and Aldermen Opper, Perkins, Adams, Musgrove, Ulmer, Marzahl and Leyden had no specific report.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

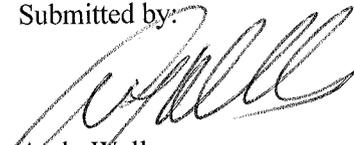
SEC Group, Inc., an HR Green Company and Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

Supt. Kruckenberg stated there would be a storm brush pick up beginning Monday, November 1st, 2010.

Chief Kazy-Garey reported that employees have been attending training the past week.

At 7:25 p.m., moved by Perkins, seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Musgrove, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Opper. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:



Andy Wells,
City Clerk

11/03/10

 Date