

## **Minutes - December 2, 2002**

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 2, 2002 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the City Council of the  
CITY OF DARIEN  
DECEMBER 2, 2002

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Mayor Carmen D. Soldato.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Soldato introduced Girl Scout Troop 1314 who led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL - The Roll Call of Aldermen by City Clerk Coleman was as follows:**

Present: Richard Biehl John F. Poteraske, Jr.

Morgan Cotten Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Joseph Marchese

Absent: David Hagen

James Tikalsky

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor

Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk

Attorney John B. Murphey

Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer

Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

Gregory Dreyer, Community Development Director

Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works

Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

### **4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM - There being five Aldermen present, Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.**

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 18, 2002**

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Marchese, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

### **6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Biehl reported that he had a verbal conversation with Mr. Gable of the Woodmere Subdivision regarding snowplowing.

Alderman Poteraske:

\* Spoke with Mr. J. Patel, 1600 block of Darien Club Drive, regarding fines imposed by the Homeowners Association.

\* Received email from Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, 7200 block of Whittier Drive, in regard to a drainage issue.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

### A. RECOGNITION OF GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

Mayor Soldato welcomed Girl Scout Troop 1314, who along with Troops 325, 123, 269, 496, 48 and 1331 decorated City Hall and the Police Department in preparation of the upcoming Holidays. Clerk Coleman displayed artwork created by the Scouts, which would be displayed within the City buildings. Leader Diane Ferrando introduced the Scouts from Troop 1314; all of the Girl Scouts received a "Certificate of Recognition".

Mayor Soldato...

... noted that the Tara Hill Wetlands were discussed at the November 18th Council meeting; he said that Mr. & Mrs. Knecht met with Administrator Vana, Director Dreyer, Engineer Lynch, Asst. Director Mengarelli, and himself to discuss the issue. He said the City would create a maintenance plan for the wetlands and would meet with Tara Hill residents to inform them of the plan.

... thanked Attorney Murphey for proactively pursuing the redevelopment of the triangle at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road as a business district.

... complimented the Darien Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce and Scouts for the beautiful Tree Lighting Ceremony held on December 1st.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

... advised that the Police Pension Board scheduled a meeting for December 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

... noted that the Environmental Committee rescheduled their December 18th meeting to December 11th at 7:00 P.M. to conduct a Public Open House for community review of the Bicycle Route Draft-Design proposed for the City of Darien.

... announced that the 2002 Darien Holiday Home Decorating Contest committee would begin viewing decorated homes between 7:00-10:00 P.M. from December 7th through December 13th. She commented that monetary awards and certificates would be presented to the winners at the December 16th City Council meeting.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana stated that he was notified that the City would receive a second grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the Brookeridge Streambank Stabilization Project.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Rodgers...

... thanked Asst. Director Mengarelli for his assistance over the past couple of weeks while he was on vacation.

... noted that the Snow Plow Rodeo, which was held on November 27th, was a success.

... reported that the hydrant flushing project was completed. He said that 1100 fire hydrants were flushed and that 18 hydrants needed repair.

... commented that, to date, there were thirty-nine watermain breaks; in 2001 there were twenty-nine; and

in 2000 there were twenty-three. He said that the increase was due to the system getting older and that it would require more maintenance every year.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-15

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-15 in the amount of \$71,135.60 from the General Fund; \$564.02 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$11,554.53 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$59.25 from the Special Service Area Tax Fund; \$1,229.91 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$14,573.26 from the Water Operations Fund; \$249,263.94 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/28/02; \$25,869.43 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/28/02; \$32,434.42 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/28/02; for a total to be approved of \$406,684.36.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Marchese, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky

Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2

MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - No report.

Planning/Development Committee - Alderman Cotten reported that the Committee met with representatives from Sokol to discuss concerns and expectations.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee - Chairman Biehl submitted, for the record, Minutes from the November 20, 2002 meeting.

## 13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no Agenda related questions or comments.

## 14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

## 15. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Soldato noted that Consent Agenda Item D had been removed from the Agenda.

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2599 ON BEHALF OF CONCRETE CLINIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,740.80 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CEMENT MIXER FOR REPLACEMENT OF OUR CURRENT MIXER

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-40-02 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2002, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2003, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

C. ORDINANCE NO. O-41-02 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2002, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2003, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 155/87th STREET WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Marchese, Poteraske, Weaver  
Nays: None  
Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky  
Results: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Absent 2  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 16. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the City Council.

#### 17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Alderman Biehl congratulated Public Works for another successful Snow Plow Rodeo.

Clerk Coleman complimented the Public Works Employees on their recent snow plowing efforts.

Alderman Poteraske stated that at the November 19th Goal Setting Session there was discussion about speed control. He commented that he had asked Administrator Vana to distribute copies of pictures and articles that he had accumulated in regard to traffic/street control from various sources. Mayor Soldato noted that traffic control was an on-going issue.

John Ganzi, 2228 Donegal Drive, brought forth concerns about the Tara Hill Wetlands. He said that the area was built as a water retention area and that all underground waterways tied into that area; that due to recent Supreme Court decisions, the area was not regulated by the Army Corps of Engineers for water retention and flood control; and that the City was responsible for the area.

Mayor Soldato stated that the area had a dual function: wetlands and storm drainage. He noted that the engineer had been directed to devise a plan and that a meeting would be scheduled with Tara Hill residents.

Tim Waz stated that a meeting was planned for December 3rd at 6:30 P.M. at the Darien-Woodridge Fire Station, 7550 Lyman Avenue, to discuss consolidation options between Darien-Woodridge, Tri-State, and Pleasantview Fire Protection Districts.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Cotten to adjourn.

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Mayor

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City Clerk

JFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 12-02-02.

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