

Minutes - August 16, 2004

A WORKSHOP SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR CARMEN D. SOLDATO FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING A PRESENTATION ON LOT COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS FOR POOLS AND TO REVIEW AGENDA ITEMS. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

AUGUST 16, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Carmen D. Soldato.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Soldato 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 Joseph Marchese

Absent: David Hagen James Tikalsky Kathleen Moesle-Weaver

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police Gregory Dreyer, Community Development Director Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works

4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM — There being four Aldermen present, Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 2, 2004

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2004 as presented.

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

Nays: None

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3 MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICE: ANTON HRUBY

Mayor Soldato introduced Chief of Police, Bob Pavelchik. Chief Pavelchik announced that Anton Hruby, a 18 year Darien resident, was a new addition to the Police Department. He then introduced Frank Noverini, Chairman of the Fire and Police Commission. Chairman Noverini introduced the other members of the commission; Carol Gierut, Mark Piccoli, and Secretary Diane Summers. Chairman Noverini proceeded to swear in Anton Hruby after which Officer Hruby received congratulations from the City Council and a resounding round of applause from those in attendance.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

...announced that a Special Meeting for the Police Pension Board has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Darien Training Facility.

...noted that the Coffee with the Mayor will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2004 beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the City Council Chambers.

...reminded that the Administrative/Finance Committee has been rescheduled for Monday, August 30, 2004 at 6:30 P.M at the City Council Chambers.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Attorney Kolman indicated that there have been some concerns regarding the property at 9005 Darien Wood Court. She indicated that the Illinois municipal code states that in order to demolish a property that is uninhabitable, Darien is required to send a notice to all of the property owners and anyone who has a lien against the property advising them that they have 15 days to clean up the property and bring it up to compliance, otherwise the City will file a complaint in the Circuit Court in order to demolish it. Attorney Kolman indicated that notices have been mailed out and the City has been working with the bank that holds the mortgage. There has been some progress, but not enough to bring the property up to code. Therefore, the City is in the process of drafting a complaint that will be filed in DuPage County Court requesting permission to demolish the property.

Mayor Soldato thanked the neighbors in the area for their patience with this project that has not been completed and appears to have been abandoned.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Bob Mengarelli

...updated on the Meter Replacement Program in the Marion Hills area. Approximately five weeks ago, the Public Works Department began the process of replacing all of the water meters and outside readers in this area. Initially 500 notices went out to residents. The meter replacement notices that were left at homes produced many calls from residents to arrange for the replacement. After two weeks, a second notice was distributed to the homeowners who had not scheduled an appointment with Public Works. The second round of notices produced some appointments but not as many as were hoped. Two weeks after the second notice was distributed, the department mailed a Water Shut-Off/Final notice to those who had

still not responded indicating that they needed to call for an appointment within a specific period of time to avoid having their water shut off. To date approximately 350 meters have been replaced.

Mr. Mengarelli encouraged the homeowners to make the appointment to avoid having their water shut off. There is a \$100 turn-on fee for homes that result in a water-shut off. Mengarelli explained that the department can accommodate most schedules in order to make the replacement and he urged people to call. Bob Mengarelli also explained that the new meters will provide the department with the ability to read meters via radio. He further advised the Council that 4 homes are scheduled to have their water shut off this week.

...reported that the 2004 Street Rehabilitation Program has been completed.

...announced that Downers Grove notified him that the work on Williams Street will begin within 2-3 weeks. The Police Department has been advised that residents may be parking on the side streets due to the construction.

...reported that most of the summer employees hired this year have returned to school and only two summer employees will remain for next week.

In response to Alderman Poteraske's question, reported that the bid for the Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Program will be prepared for the next Council Meeting.

Alderman Cotton inquired about Ash trees in his area and indicated that they are drying out. Mengarelli reported that he'd have the arborist contact him to discuss this concern.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 04-05-07

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve payment of Warrant Number 04-05-07 in the amount of \$143,616.10 from the General Fund; \$132,324.42 from the Water Fund; \$97,031.10 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$1,022.35 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$12,518.19 from the Joint Use Facility Fund; \$1,916.87 from the D.A.R.E. fund; \$186,935.23 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/05/04; \$26,448.46 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/05/04; \$25,139.65 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/05/04; for a total to be approved of \$626,952.37.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky, Weaver

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2004

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of July 2004 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$2,806,821; Water Fund \$241,725; Motor Fuel Tax Fun \$454,146; Darien Towner Centre Sales Tax Fund \$163,164

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning/Development Committee – Alderman Cotten announced that the next scheduled meeting will be on August 23, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee – Alderman Biehl announced that the meeting scheduled for August 25, 2004 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were no Questions and Comments to come before City Council.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

Two items originally listed under the Consent Agenda were moved to New Business.

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve

ORDINANCE NO. 0-25-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky, Weaver

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE SAVE THE BARN, A SUB-COMMITTEE OF DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve a waiver of the Raffle License Bond Requirement for the Save the Barn, a Sub-Committee of Darien Historical Society.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Marchese

Nays: None

Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky, Weaver

Abstain: Poteraske

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3 MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (UNITED HOMES/WOODMERE PUD)

It was moved by Alderman Cotten and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve

ORDINANCE NO. 0-24-04 A MINOR AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (UNITED HOMES/WOODMERE PUD)

as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Hagen, Tikalsky, Weaver

Results: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Absent 3 MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Marchese thanked the Darien Police Department for assisting the Brookeridge Creek Subdivision with their block party held this past Saturday. The Police Officers were invited to attend and lead a bike parade for the children in the community. Two Officers participated and spent time with the children answering their questions.

Alderman Poteraske thanked Nancy Campagnolo, Darien Park District Board member, and the Park District staff for providing the City with a tape of a recent meeting that was held early in the day and hindered the availability for many who may have wanted to attend. The airing of the tape provided residents the opportunity to watch the meeting on television.

Mayor Soldato apologized on behalf of the City Council for the unavailability to have the Council Meeting from August 2, 2004 aired on television. He explained that the City relies on volunteers to videotape the meeting and the volunteer scheduled for that evening was unable to attend due to another commitment. As a result, the City will train staff as a backup should this situation arise again.

Mayor Soldato provided information to the City Council relating to the Darien Town Center. He indicated that one area should have been addressed, was signage. The two signs at 75th Street could have been improved. Mayor Soldato contacted Inland Management Company, who recently purchased that land, and he asked them to look at improving the signs. The Mayor also offered that he would ask the City Council to consider waiving sign fees or contributing to the cost of signage that is smaller and more upscale.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Mayor _____ City Clerk

JFC/rf All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 08-02-04.