

# City of Darien

Minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee

July 11, 2011

The Meeting was called to order by Alderman Ted Schauer at 6:30 pm. Committee Member Alderman Tina Beilke was also present. Alderman John Poteraske was absent. Staff member Assistant City Administrator Scott Coren was also present.

## **Verizon Antenna Agreement**

Assistant Administrator Coren said the City of Darien owns a communications tower at 1041 S. Frontage Road that was turned over to the City by the University of Chicago in the early 1990s. The City inherited a lease from the University of Chicago that currently pays the City of Darien \$1,175 per month from Verizon for the right to utilize space on the tower and a shed on the ground. Since this lease was originally signed with the University of Chicago, telecommunication demand for these types of towers has increased significantly in the area. The City of Darien has signed five agreements over the past four years with vendors to lease space on water towers for \$2,000 per month. The lease negotiated by staff with Verizon Wireless includes a rent increase from the \$1,175 per month to \$2,000 per month, with Verizon agreeing to pay a \$25,000 upfront fee in the new contract. These items are not accounted for in the current year budget, as these terms were declined by Verizon until very recently. The new rent and contribution will begin on January 1, 2012.

Alderman Beilke made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Schauer. Motion carried 2-0.

## **Vehicle Fine Increase**

Assistant Administrator Coren said the City of Darien lists a number of vehicle infractions, including speeding, in Section 9-5 of the Darien City Code. The City of Darien has reflected the State of Illinois fine schedule for these offenses. The State of Illinois has increased their fines to \$120 - \$1000 for general offenses listed, from a minimum of \$95 to \$140 for speeding between 21-30 mph over the speed limit, and from a minimum of \$105 to \$160 for speeding 31 mph or more over the speed limit. This ordinance would keep the City of Darien even with the State of Illinois fine schedule.

Alderman Schauer made a motion to approve this recommendation, with a second by Alderman Beilke. The motion carried 2-0.

## **Clarendon Hills Stormwater Project**

Alderman Schauer described the project to the Committee and mentioned it had passed the Municipal Services Committee. He said that while the project was not budgeted, it was critical to approve to maintain City infrastructure in a safe way and to improve stormwater drainage in the area.

Alderman Beilke made a motion to approve, with a second from Alderman Schauer. The motion carried 2-0.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business Alderman Schauer made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Alderman Beilke. The motion carried 2-0 at 6:53 pm.

Approved:

John Poteraske, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Ted Schauer, Member \_\_\_\_\_

Tina Beilke, Member \_\_\_\_\_