

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 17, 2011 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

JANUARY 17, 2011

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 Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Weaver 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:	Halil Avci	Sylvia McIvor
	John Galan	John F. Poteraske, Jr.
	Carolyn A. Gattuso	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Marchese	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services
John Cooper, Deputy Chief of Police

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** — There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 20, 2010

Member, will be moving into the Chestnut Court Shopping Center in the near future. A report on the recent and upcoming programs and events of the Darien Chamber of Commerce was provided. Five and ten year milestone Darien Chamber Members were recognized. Ms. Bongiovanni announced that Mary Kay Slowikowski is a new Darien Chamber of Commerce Board Member. Ms. Bongiovanni advised that there will be just one business highlighted this evening, and introduced Charlotte Perry of Off-Site Office Assistance.

Charlotte Perry, an eighteen year resident of Darien and owner of Off-Site Office Assistance, provided information on her credentials and the services offered by her company.

Mayor Weaver extended gratitude to St. Johns Lutheran Church for hosting Coffee with the Mayor this past Saturday. There was an excellent crowd in attendance with very good questions. Mayor Weaver feels that St. Johns Lutheran Church, in their efforts to give back to the community, will prove to be a wonderful resource. Currently, St. Johns has invested in a comfort dog which will be offered to any family or individual who will benefit from a visit.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Coleman...

...advised that although vehicle stickers are not required in the City of Darien, they are available for a \$3 donation at City Hall and the Police Department. This year the vehicle stickers were provided by the Rotary Club and all proceeds benefit their organization. Clerk Coleman advised that the stickers were designed by a student of Lace School.

...invited all to attend Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at Dunkin' Donuts located at 7516 Cass Avenue.

...the ballot for the Consolidated Election of April 5, 2011 has been certified and the referendum question filed with the DuPage Board of Election Commission.

Alderman Avci advised that a contest for vehicle sticker design was conducted amongst the third graders. The proceeds from the vehicle stickers will be shared by both the Rotary Club and School District 61. Alderman Avci added that, in addition to City Hall and the Police Department, vehicle stickers are also available at Citizens and Republic Banks.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

In response to Alderman Gattuso, Director Gombac advised that the city has a good supply of salt.

In response to Alderman Poteraske, Director Gombac advised that streets will be salted this evening.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 10-11-15

It was moved by Alderman Galan and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve payment of Warrant Number 10-11-15 in the amount of \$300,834.79 from the General Fund; \$138,485.39 from the Water Fund; \$88,103.57 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$35,674.15 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$209,941.96 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$478,714.06 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/30/2010 & 01/13/2011; \$46,399.86 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/30/2010 & 01/13/2011; \$62,539.01 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 12/30/2010 & 01/13/2011 for a total to be approved of \$1,360,692.79.

Discussion: Alderman Poteraske inquired why the city is using an outside source for sidewalk snow shoveling and salting. Director Gombac responded that when snow plow operations are in effect, additional man power is sometimes needed for these tasks. Administrator Vana pointed out that there are times when sidewalk shoveling and salting duties are performed by employees. In response to Alderman Poteraske, Director Gombac advised that the services of the outside company are generally prearranged by the Municipal Services Superintendent.

Alderman Poteraske asked for an explanation of the payment to Donald Schultz for Wage and Benefit Analysis. Administrator Vana responded that the expense was for the assemblage of salary and benefit information from a number of comparable communities for police negotiations.

Police Committee — Alderman McIvor submitted the minutes of the Police Committee Meeting of December 7, 2010 and announced that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske announced that the next meeting of the Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

13. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED**

Mayor Weaver inquired about Clarke Mosquito's competition. Assistant Administrator Coren responded that there is a competitor who currently works for the City of Chicago, Lake County, and several other large contracts. At the present time, they are not servicing the suburbs. Administrator Coren advised that the pricing under the new contract remains the same as the previous agreement.

Alderman Poteraske commented this item was reviewed by the Administrative and Finance Committee, and the reality of the situation is Clarke Mosquito has no competition.

A discussion took place regarding the various types of mosquito abatement treatments.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the City Council.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Weaver announced that Item B under the Consent Agenda has been removed from the agenda, Item C has been moved to New Business as Item A, and Item D is now Item B.

Mayor Weaver reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN LIONS CLUB

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-1-11

CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARKE MOSQUITO FOR THREE YEARS

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Marchese to approve the following motion.

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR AUDITING SERVICES

Discussion: In response to Alderman Avci's concerns with continuation of auditing services from Sikich, a very lengthy discussion took place. It was noted by Treasurer Coren that, if dissatisfied, the contract may be broken by the city at any time.

Roll Call: Ayes: Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer

Nays: Avci

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL**

Alderman Marchese announced that the Darien Historical Society is hosting their “Sunday Dinner” on January 30 at Alpine Banquets from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. The presenter will be discussing Marshall Fields.

Jim Tikalsky of 8301 Woodland...

...congratulated Bob Klein as the 2011 Citizen of the Year.

...thanked the 2011 Citizen of the Year Committee for their hard work in the selection process.

...thanked the Municipal Services Department snow plow drivers for their fine work.

...on behalf of the Lions Club, Mr. Tikalsky thanked the City Council for waiving the raffle bond requirement.

...as Chairman of the Environmental Committee, feels the City of Darien has the best mosquito abatement program available, and thanked the City Council for all their fine efforts.

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 8:40 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

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All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 01-17-11.
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