

Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 20, 2008 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the City Council of the
CITY OF DARIEN
OCTOBER 20, 2008

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 Clerk Coleman was as follows:

Present: Halil Avci Joseph A. Marchese John Galan Sylvia Mclvor Carolyn A. Gattuso John F. Poteraske, Jr.

Absent: William R. Durkin

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer John B. Murphey, City Attorney Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 6, 2008

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Abstain: Marchese

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galan informed the City Council Members that an issue, which was brought to his attention a week ago by Jim Tikalsky regarding the Darien Historical Society, is being researched.

Alderman Mclvor received communication from a resident in Farmingdale Village requesting the Darien Park District consider establishing a Community Garden in the park area behind the playground on Beller Drive. Alderman Mclvor advised that this item is on the Park District's Committee Agenda of October 27, 2008, which is to be held at the Community Center at 7:00 P.M. Residents are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions.

Mayor Weaver inquired if Park District Board Meetings are still conducted at City Hall.

Administrator Vana responded that the Park District Board Meetings are held at City Hall, and their Committee Meetings are held at the Community Center.

Mayor Weaver entered into the record a letter received this past June from Melvin Brochocki of 7502 Farmingdale Drive, representing the Farmingdale Terrace Condominium Association #1, praising the Public Works Department, Ashley, and Rich, for their excellent service in the delivery of mulch for use at the condominiums at 7510 and 7502 Farmingdale Drive, and for their fine efforts in cleaning the debris from the creek near Walnut Street after the heavy rains.

Mayor Weaver advised that she had the pleasure and honor of attending the Filipino American Association of South DuPage Induction Ball and Coronation of FAASD Queen for the 2008-2010 period. Mayor Weaver expressed gratitude to Past President, Ruben Salazar, incoming President Edwin Obien, and everyone involved, for the kindness extended to her that evening.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Mclvor to approve the following motion:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO REAPPOINT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE: KATHY ABBATE, DEBBY HENIFF, KATHY LYONS, AND FRAN MAZZOLINI

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Weaver announced that Alderman Gattuso would act as the City's Liaison again this year.

Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Kathy Abbate, Debby Heniff, and Kathy Lyons. Fran Mazzolini was not in attendance.

Mayor Weaver and the Council Members thanked the Committee Members for their service. Mayor Weaver advised that there is currently an open position on the Citizen of the Year Committee since one member had to withdraw. Interviews of possible candidates will be conducted to fill the open position.

Mayor Weaver announced that, Clare Bongiovanni will be acting as the Chamber of Commerce's liaison to the Citizen of the Year Committee, and will assist in the preparations for the event. This year's Citizen of the Year and Employee Recognition events will be a combined celebration to be held in March, 2009.

B. Mayor Weaver introduced Louis Karrison, representative of Sikich, who provided an overview of the City's Annual Financial Report and Management Letter for the Year Ended April 30, 2008. The opinion of the independent auditing firm is that the city's financial statements are fair and reasonable, and fairly present the city's financial position, and results of operation for the year ended April 30, 2008. Mr. Karrison advised that this is the highest form of assurance an auditor can provide.

In response to Mayor Weaver's inquiry, Administrator Vana advised that the city intends to submit for the GFOA award again this year.

Treasurer Coren commented the city continues to strive for the opinion that all the numbers are presented fairly and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Alderman Poteraske added that the Council Members spent quite a bit of time discussing the report at the work session, and that the audit was very straight forward.

In response to Alderman Mclvor, Administrator Vana advised that the City's Annual Financial Report is available to the public.

Alderman Mclvor requested the audit be posted on the city's website.

Administrator Vana responded that the report would be posted, but recommended that since the document is complex, questions should be directed to City Staff.

Mr. Karrison will send the city an updated PDF file for posting on the city's website.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that the Planning and Development Committee Meeting of October 27, 2008 has been cancelled.

...advised that the Aldermanic Candidate Packets for Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7 for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election will be available at City Hall during normal business hours beginning tomorrow, October 21, 2008. The first day to circulate petitions is October 28, 2008. The filing period is from January 19 – 26, 2009.

... announced that letters were sent out regarding the vehicle sticker lottery which will be conducted at the November 3, 2008 City Council Meeting.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana thanked the City Council Members and City Staff for their assistance with the audit.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

Chief Pavelchik stated that the city does not legislate or restrict the practice of trick or treating on Halloween. The Lions Club will be hosting a Halloween Party at the Sportsplex on October 31, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. There will also be a hockey tournament at the Sportsplex that evening. Chief Pavelchik recommended carpooling since parking will be at a premium. Chief Pavelchik also recommended that parents have children trick or treat right after school in order to have them home early.

Director of Community Development/Municipal Services Gombac...

...announced the city's last free brush pick-up of the season is October 27 – 31, 2008. Brush needs to be put out by the evening of Sunday, October 26, 2008.

...advised that double ground chips are now available. If interested in obtaining delivery of landscape mulch, please call Ashley at 630-353-8105.

...announced the Free Leaf Pick-up Program began October 6, 2008 and continues through November 28, 2008. The leaves must be in yard waste, brown, paper bags and/or 32 gallon or less refuse containers with a Yard Waste Only sticker affixed. The stickers may be obtained at City Hall. Director Gombac reminded residents not to put leaves into curbs, gutters, and/or ditches as this causes the storm sewer systems to become clogged. Director Gombac requested residents call Municipal Services to report clogged gutters and ditches.

...asked residents to check and, if necessary, replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Expiration dates are listed on the backs of units.

...noted that there have been a couple of fires in town which were caused by attic fans. Director Gombac urged residents to check or hire an HVAC company to inspect the attic fans and house vents to prevent fires.

Administrator Vana clarified that the "Yard Waste Only" stickers are used for identification purposes only and are available at City Hall at no cost.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 08-09-11

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve payment of Warrant Number 08-09-11 in the amount of \$47,414.56 from the General Fund; \$140,057.56 from the Water Fund; \$8,081.75 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$3,175.82 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$814.85 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$520.00 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$93,742.73 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$1571.00 from the Debt Service Fund; \$235,687.00 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/25/08 & 10/9/08; \$32,442.67 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/25/08 & 10/9/08; \$45,975.17 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 09/25/08 & 10/9/08; for a total to be approved of \$609,483.11.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2008

Treasurer Coren reviewed all year-to-date sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of September, 2008: General Fund Revenue \$5,942,327; General Fund Expenditures \$5,969,408; Current General Fund Balance \$3,436,201; Water Fund Revenue \$1,058,935; Water Fund Expenditures \$1,118,661; Current Water Fund Balance \$539,010; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$260,460; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$347,401; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$(13,887);

Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$28,095; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$545,532; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$713,465; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$2,714,452; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$943,564; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$2,869,962; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$20,787; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$654,121; and a current fund balance of \$817,908.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese submitted, for the record, the minutes of the Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meetings of August 18, 2008 and September 15, 2008, and advised that the next Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meeting will take place at 6:00 P.M. rather than 6:30 P.M. on Monday, November 17, 2008 in the upstairs conference room.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor announced that the Planning and Development Committee Meeting of October 27, 2008 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske advised that the next Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were none.

14. OLD BUSINESS

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

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-39-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF DARIEN

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A LEVY DETERMINATION AND ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

D. ORDINANCE NO. O-40-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1-10-2 OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERM AFTER THE ELECTION TO THE FIRST REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING IN MAY

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-91-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A JOINT PURCHASING REQUISITION THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO NORTH AMERICAN SALT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT FOR ROADWAY DEICING OPERATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$289,650.00

F. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) NEW COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO REPLACE OUTDATED SYSTEMS CURRENTLY IN USE AND ONE COMPUTER MONITOR

G. RESOLUTION NO. R-92-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY TO \$19.00 PER HOUR TO MS. ELIZABETH A. LAHEY, FOR SECRETARIAL SERVICES TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

H. RESOLUTION NO. R-93-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DUPAGE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

I. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CONSULTANT IN SUB AREA 3 THROUGH 6 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: Durkin

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

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

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Mayor Weaver pointed out that one of the items on the Consent Agenda, which was a surprise to all, was the cost of rock salt for the upcoming winter season. The rates per ton went up 200%. There was no way for the city to anticipate an increase of this proportion.

Administrator Vana advised that the city goes out to bid through the State's joint bid program. The increase in cost is region-wide.

Mayor Weaver added that Director Gombac secured two additional bids which were even higher than the joint bid.

Director Gombac commented that the cost this year is \$115 per ton versus the \$43 per ton paid in the past.

In response to Alderman Mclvor's inquiry, Director Gombac said the increase in cost can be attributed to fuel costs and supply and demand. Last year, many municipalities ran over normal salt usage due to the cold winter. In addition to the overages, weather conditions hampered the production of extra salt. In order to try to secure the lowest cost, the State went out for bid on two separate occasions.

Alderman Galan has had numerous inquiries regarding the number of organizations soliciting at the intersection of 75th and Cass. Alderman Galan asked how residents would determine if these organizations have a permit.

Clerk Coleman responded that organizations must apply for permission to solicit in the city. A letter is issued once the permit is approved. Each solicitor is required to carry a copy of the permission letter. If solicitation is being conducted without a permit, residents should contact the Police Department.

At the request of Alderman Pateraske, Chief Pavelchik explained that the City Clerk provides copies of approval letters and permits to his office, where they are distributed to the patrol supervisors and records staff. If there is no evidence of a permit being issued, the patrol supervisor will send someone out to verify the organization has a permit.

Alderman Avci provided an overview of the 8th Annual Public Transit Discovery Conference he attended which was sponsored by the DuPage County Public Transit Committee, Illinois Department of Transportation, and DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference. The theme of the conference was fuel costs, traffic congestion, transit options, and innovative vehicle technology. Most presentations were very general in nature. Discussions were predominantly centered around budgets. There were minimal discussions about future plans to improve the public transportation network, and alleviate congestion problems in and around DuPage County. A few subjects, which relate to Darien were mentioned very briefly. The representative from RTA mentioned that Innovation, Coordination Enhancement (ICE) Program grants are available to units of local government for public transportation. A new bus route called DuPage Local Circulators, which goes through Addison, Downers Grove, Lombard, and Wheaton might be something that can be made available to Darien residents. Brief comments were made regarding the I-355 Corridor Development Project, and a north/south commuter rail line which would run from Joliet to Hoffman Estates, parallel to I-355 and curving east towards O'Hare. The city may choose to follow-up on some of these programs in the future.

Alderman Gattuso mentioned that the Citizen of the Year Committee will be accepting nominations until January 7, 2009.

Alderman Marchese announced that on Halloween, there will be Sportsplex overflow parking at Hinsdale South, Indian Prairie Library, and Ashton Place. The City of Darien will be providing trolley service from those locations to the Sportsplex.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Mayor

_____ City Clerk

Id All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 10-20-08. Minutes of 10-20-08 CCM October 20, 2008