

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 18, 2013 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

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 Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Tina M. Beilke	Sylvia McIvor
	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Joerg Seifert
	Joseph A. Marchese	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services  
Ernest Brown, Police Chief

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

5. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

Mohammed Uddin of 7536 Wilton Road provided a brief history of the creation of the buffer zone between the residents on Wilton Road and Home Depot. He requested authorization from the City Council to allow construction of a shed in the buffer zone area. Director Gombac advised this request will be reviewed by the Municipal Services Committee on November 25, 2013 at 6:30, and invited Mr. Uddin to attend the meeting. Alderman McIvor advised the agenda item will include all the residents on Wilton who back up to the buffer zone. Administrator Vana noted that the buffer zone is the City's property.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 4, 2013 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 4, 2013 as amended to correct the date of the Hinsdale South High School Hall of Fame event from November 22 to November 21, 2013.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer, Seifert
	Abstain:	Beilke, McIvor
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny received an e-mail from Rich and Marilyn Koszyk on 77<sup>th</sup> Street expressing pleasure with the tree planting and professional service of the tree vendor.

Mayor Weaver received an e-mail that was forwarded from staff from Guy Tanney of 7117 Clarendon Hills Road commending Municipal Services for their fine job in picking up a large amount of brush.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADVISE AND CONSENT THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA BOYER, CAREY GONCZY, BONNIE**

**KUCERA, CAROL MALLERS AND LINDA ZEMAN TO THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Seifert to advice and consent the appointment of Barbara Boyer, Carey Gonczy, Bonnie Kucera, Carol Mallers and Linda Zeman to the Citizen of the Year Committee.

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:     None

  Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Boyer, Carey Gonczy, Bonnie Kucera, Carol Mallers and Linda Zeman.

Bonnie Kucera acknowledged Kathy Lyons and Fran Mazzolini who served for twenty years on this committee, and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Weaver announced that the Citizen of the Year dinner/dance will be held on March 8, 2014.

Mayor Weaver gave a brief overview and summary of the Goal Setting Session which took place on November 13, 2013 as follows:

- Cass & 75<sup>th</sup> Street: Staff will continue to move forward with architectural and engineering services; the City will maintain ownership of the property.
- Crime-Free Housing Program: Discussion regarding establishment of a program to reduce crime in large, multi-family complexes, which will be reviewed by the Police Committee.
- Video Gaming: The City will continue to allow video gaming; the Sign Ordinance will be reviewed to not allow video gaming signage at the establishments.
- Alderman Service Survey: The survey reaped beneficial opinions of services.

**B. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Clare Bongiovanni provided an update as follows:

- The Darien Chamber of Commerce is designing a new website which should be completed in early 2014.
- Congratulated 2013 Darien Chamber Excellence Award recipients: Carmelite Carefree Village; Burr Ridge Veterinary Clinic; Vein Center at University Medicine and Cardiology; and The Keyboard Touch, Inc.
- Caldwell, Coren and Sceggel, located at 7900 Cass Avenue, will be celebrating their new location with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 21, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.
- The Darien Historical Society is sponsoring their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Old Lace School Museum on December 1, 2013 at 4:00 P.M.
- The Holiday Extravaganza will be held at Home Run Inn on December 7, 2013 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- Chestnut Court retail stores will be celebrating the Holiday Extravaganza with special offers throughout the mall.
- Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be at Oakridge Hobbies and Toys on December 7, 2013 from noon to 3:00 P.M.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Darien Dash will be held on May 18, 2013; Ted Schauer is the new Race Director.
- Reminded residents to Shop Local Shop Darien and to visit [www.darienchamber.com](http://www.darienchamber.com) to view preferred offers.
- Donations to assist communities most affected by Sunday's tornadoes, may be made through [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).
- On behalf of the Darien Chamber Board of Directors, Ms. Bongiovanni wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Ragona announced Darien City Offices will be closed on November 28 and 29, 2013 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana advised that the Municipal Services Committee will review video gaming signage.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac...

...announced that damage from Sunday's storm was minimal, and there will be no special brush pick-up.

...street sweeping will be conducted beginning on November 20 and will be completed on December 5, 2013.

...residents are welcome to drop off branches at the Public Works facility; no grass or leaves allowed.

...requested residents be diligent in keeping leaves out of street, ditches, and sewers to prevent flooding, and requested clogged sewers be reported during office hours to 630-353-8105 or after hours/weekends call 911.

Alderman McIvor reminded everyone that next week is the last week for the free leaf pick-up program.

12. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 13-14-13**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 13-14-13 in the amount of \$346,768.81 from the enumerated funds; and \$253,058.15 from payroll funds for the period ending 11/14/13; for a total to be approved of \$599,826.96.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

**B. TREASURER’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2013**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of October 2013:

General Fund: Revenue \$7,728,032; Expenditures \$6,134,269; Current Balance \$2,517,349

Water Fund: Revenue \$2,885,859; Expenditures \$2,513,318; Current Balance \$1,245,036

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: Revenue \$270,023; Expenditures \$226,112; Current Balance \$336,619

Water Depreciation Fund: Revenue \$61,451; Expenditures \$129,320; Current Balance \$674,849

Capital Improvement Fund: Revenue \$3,970,655; Expenditures \$2,554,617;  
Current Balance \$5,227,135  
Capital Projects Debt Service Fund: Revenue \$490,612; Expenditures \$86,838; Current  
Balance of \$411,635

Treasurer Coren provided an update on the quarterly review of the Police Pension Fund.

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police Committee** – Chairman McIvor submitted the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Police Committee. She announced the next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for November 25, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairman Schauer announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for December 2, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Alderman Beilke invited residents to the Bonfield Express 5K walk/run at 8:30 A.M. on November 28, 2013 in honor of Jim Bonfield, Downers Grove South High School

teacher, coach and dean. The event raises funds for scholarships benefiting students in Districts 86, 99, 201 and 202.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 11-18-13.  
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