

## Minutes

THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN FOR 2008 WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WEAVER AT 7:12 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 1, 2008 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:19 P.M.

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

DECEMBER 1, 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 William R. Durkin Sylvia Mclvor John Galan John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer Judith N. Kolman, City Attorney Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Municipal Services Police Chief Pavelchik Scott Coren, Assistant to the City Administrator

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

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2008

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 meeting, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galan noted that he and Mayor Weaver received an anonymous letter regarding a downed sign on Rogers Road. In response to the letter, Alderman Galan requested Director Gombac provide the viewing audience with a status update.

Director Gombac advised that the sign is under the jurisdiction of DuPage County. A DuPage County work order has been issued, and the sign will be put up shortly.

Mayor Weaver inquired if the city has heard from the county regarding the blue street signs.

Director Gombac responded that a decision has not been reached to date.

Mayor Weaver advised that Chairman Schillerstrom is in the process of contacting the DuPage County Board Members to determine if there are any objections. She noted that County Board Members Curran and McMahon had no objections.

Director Gombac advised that the cost of the street signs will be coming to the City Council during budget review.

Alderman Poteraske received a couple of telephone calls from residents concerning the ripped up grass and mud on the easements at the corners of the blocks caused by trucks that turn the corners too sharply. Alderman Poteraske advised that reflective spots would help alleviate the problem, especially during the snow season. Alderman Poteraske recommended that residents who are experiencing this problem contact City Hall to have the reflectors installed.

Alderman Durkin received a telephone call from Jeff Coole on Regency Drive inquiring as to why his curbs and gutters were not done. Alderman Durkin brought Mr. Coole's concerns to Director Gombac who advised that work on Regency Drive is tentatively scheduled for next year pending budget approval. Residents are welcome to contact Director of Community Development/Municipal Services, Daniel Gombac, at 630-353-8106 with any questions.

Mayor Weaver received a copy of a letter addressed to Administrator Bryon Vana from the Darien Historical Society requesting financial assistance for concrete work which needs to be performed at the Old Lace Schoolhouse and Museum. Mayor Weaver noted that a commitment to provide aid cannot be addressed until budget review. It was determined that the request be forwarded to the Administrative/Finance Committee for review.

Mayor Weaver advised that the city has received notice of a public hearing from the Department of Energy for the proposed Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Program (GNEP) at the Holiday Inn in Bolingbrook on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 P.M.

Alderman Mclvor requested the public hearing information be placed on Direct Connect and on Cable.

Mayor Weaver inquired if the U. S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is available on their website.

Scott Coren advised that he is uncertain if the 300 page document is available on the U. S. Department of Energy's website, but a copy is available at City Hall for viewing.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Weaver read into the record a Proclamation declaring December, 2008 as "DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION MONTH" in the City of Darien and called upon the all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools, and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs this December holiday season and throughout the year.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

...announced that the Darien Historical Society is having a fundraiser at Buona Beef on December 12. Part of the proceeds will go toward the concrete repairs that need to be performed at Old Lace Schoolhouse and Museum.

...invited all to attend the Darien Historical Society's Tree Lighting which is to take place at Old Lace Schoolhouse & Museum on Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Residents are invited to come early for a tour.

...in response to Alderman McIvor, Scott Coren advised that all Holiday Decorating Contest nominations should be submitted by Friday, December 12. Nominations may be phoned in to City Hall at 630-852-5000. Mr. Coren advised that seats are still available for the free Holiday Lights Trolley Tours on December 16, 17, and 18 at 6:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Reservations are required.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There was no report this evening.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS

In response to Alderman Avci, Administrator Vana advised that the representative of PACE contacted Rosanna Furman with additional information. Administrator Vana will check with Ms. Furman as to the information provided.

Alderman Avci noted that the PACE representative was going to look into items such as a bus stop in Darien on the I-55 route.

Alderman Avci suggested that public meeting and hearing information be displayed more prominently on the city's website.

Scott Coren advised that there is a section entitled "Hot News" on the city's website home page that contains current information of interest to the public.

Alderman Avci recommended the public meeting and hearing information be added to the "Hot News" section.

Administrator Vana noted that public hearing notices are sent to those who have signed up for the Direct Connect program.

Alderman Avci requested the notices of public hearing also be placed on cable.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 08-09-14

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Galan to approve payment of Warrant Number 08-09-14 in the amount of \$28,189.04 from the General Fund; \$277,326.46 from the Water Fund; \$56,115.08 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,467.50 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$39.10 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$1,204.16 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$120,111.83 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/20/08; \$15,826.76 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/20/08; \$19,738.22 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/20/08; for a total to be approved of \$521,018.15.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor submitted the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meetings of May 20, 2008 and September 29, 2008, and advised that the next Planning and Development Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers pending agenda items.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poteraske submitted the minutes of the Administrative Finance Committee meeting of November 10, 2008 for the record, and advised that the next Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese advised that the next Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 15, 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

Mayor Weaver announced that Item D under the Consent Agenda has been moved to New Business as Item A.

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

A. ORDINANCE NO. O-42-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2008, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2009, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-43-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2008, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2009, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL

C. RESOLUTION NO. R-96-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,250.00 (PAVEMENT CORINGS 2009 STREET MAINTENANCE)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

#### 16. NEW BUSINESS

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-97-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC BANK TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF DARIEN

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Poteraske

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

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

Alderman Galan advised that a significant power outage occurred last night. His home was without power from 2:30 A.M. until approximately 7:00 A.M. The power went out again around 11:30 A.M. and came back on around noon. ComEd representative Katie Maier reported to city staff that a downed tree was responsible for the interruption of service.

Mayor Weaver stated that she received a pre-recorded message from ComEd advising that her area may experience some problems. Mayor Weaver's power went out for short periods around 2:30 A.M. and again at 6:30 A.M.

Administrator Vana commented that he received the same message as Mayor Weaver via e-mail.

Alderman Galan requested Scott Coren further investigate the cause of the power outages.

City Clerk Coleman noted that she received a postcard from ComEd notifying of tree trimming to be performed in her area.

Alderman Poteraske requested Scott Coren make sure trees are trimmed in the area of the downed tree.

Alderman Mclvor requested a year end report from ComEd at a City Council Meeting.

Administrator Vana reminded all that Tim Seaton is still in the process of obtaining information, and that it would be more beneficial to wait for his report, which should be received sometime in January.

Alderman Avci recommended that the city develop a "tool kit" to address the various speeding issues.

Mayor Weaver pointed out that the city has received traffic reports from consultants in the past but that the recommended remedies, such as striping and speed humps, have not been well received by the residents.

Alderman Avci suggested a City of Darien traffic policy be developed and discussed at the Administrative/Finance Committee. The traffic policy should define the processes to follow and options available for each traffic and speeding violation issue.

Mayor Weaver suggested that perhaps the Darien Chamber of Commerce might be interested in donating one of the LED signs which display the speed of passing vehicles.

Chief Pavelchik agreed that a formalized process to handle speeding complaints could be established. The "tool box" should incorporate data collection. Chief Pavelchik has found that the newer traffic counters, which cost approximately \$5,000, can collect data and transmit the information electronically to the police station. Chief Pavelchik offered to work with Alderman Avci to develop a policy plan that can be brought to the Administrative/Finance Committee for review. Alderman Avci agreed that this would be a good starting point for further discussions.

Mayor Weaver confirmed that Alderman Avci and Chief Pavelchik will create a "tool box" to present to the Administrative/Finance Committee.

Alderman Mclvor inquired about obtaining cameras for intersections.

Mayor Weaver advised that most streets that run through Darien are not the city's, and cameras could not be placed in those locations.

Chief Pavelchik confirmed that cameras cannot be installed on county roads and state highways. Chief Pavelchik advised that under Illinois law, speeding in a construction zone and red light violations are the only photo enforcement allowed.

Mayor Weaver noted that Willowbrook is doing camera enforcement at the corner of 75th and Route 83.

Chief Pavelchik responded that they are doing it at 63rd Street as well due to the number of accidents at those locations. The cameras were installed through IDOT. It is easier for municipalities to obtain red light cameras through the Illinois Department of Transportation than the county.

Mayor Weaver announced that three special events will take place at the next City Council Meeting. They are the retirement of Sergeant Falco, the swearing in of another sergeant, and the announcement of the winner of the Home Decorating Contest.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Mclvor 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 12-01-08. Minutes of 12-01-08 CCM December 1, 2008