

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Council
Held on Monday, February 1, 2010
At the Warrenville City Hall
28 W 701 Stafford Place

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

A. Call to Order

Mayor Brummel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Mayor David Brummel, Aldermen Stu Aschauer, Clare Barry, Fred Bevier, Christopher Halley, Dan Leonard, William Weidner, and Matthew Wiesbrock

Absent: Aldermen David Schultz

Also Present: City Administrator John Coakley, Finance Director Kevin Dahlstrand, Community Development Director Ron Mentzer, Police Chief Raymond Turano, Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McMahan, City Attorney David Freeman, Treasurer Robert Johnson, and City Clerk Emily Larson

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Members of Warrenville Boy Scout Troop 30 presented the colors and led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

D. Proclamation:

Mayor Brummel proclaimed February 7-13, 2010, as Scouting Anniversary Week in Warrenville. Troop 30 will plant a tree in Summerlakes Park on Arbor Day, April 24, 2010, to memorialize 100 years of scouting.

E. Introduction of New Employees:

Community Development Director Mentzer introduced Senior Civil Engineer Phil Kuchler and Code Enforcement Officer Sonya Shearer. He said both positions will provide better customer services to the residents and businesses.

**Community Director Mentzer left the meeting at 7:07 p.m. **

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Hoffman, Second Street, said he was endorsing Matt Fursting in the February 2 Primary because of his commitment to stormwater management and his pledge to help with the flooding problems in Warrenville.

Sandy Witmer, Warrenville Public Library District Director, invited residents to visit the Library on February 10 to celebrate “Love My Library Day”. Residents will have an opportunity to fill out a survey about how they use the library and may suggest new programs and services. Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor

Warrenville Historical Society

Mayor Brummel announced that the Warrenville Historical Society is holding their annual membership drive and urged residents to join and support the Historical Society. The City’s web site has a link to the society’s web site or call Martha Rogers at 393-3922 for membership information.

Condolences

Mayor Brummel noted the passing of John Bozonelos, owner of the Courtyard Restaurant, last Saturday. The wake will be held on Tuesday, February 2, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Williams-Kamp in Wheaton.

Primary Election

Mayor Brummel reminded residents to vote in the primary election is on Tuesday, February 2.

Coyote Sightings

Mayor Brummel said that there have been several sightings of coyotes in the Warrenville area. Residents who are threatened by any wild animal are asked to call 9-1-1 and report the information to Animal Control.

B. Clerk

Primary Election

Clerk Larson reminded residents that the primary election is Tuesday, February 2. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

State of the City Address

Clerk Larson invited everyone to attend the State of the City address, to be given by Mayor Brummel, at the Courtyard Restaurant, February 11, 2010, with lunch at 11:30 a.m., and the address at 12:30 p.m. Call the Warrenville Chamber of Commerce at 393-9080 for more information.

C. Treasurer

No report

D. Aldermen

Canadian National Railroad

Ald. Halley said he recently met with Congressman Foster to discuss the impact of the CN trains on the residents bordering the tracks.

Downtown Lights

Ald. Bevier thanked the City for changing the street lights to the new LED lights. He suggested asking the Fire District to consider changing the lights in front of the Batavia Road Fire Station.

Congratulations

Ald. Barry congratulated Sue Larson on her 25th anniversary Youth Services Librarian for the Warrenville Public Library.

E. Administrator

No report

F. Attorney

No report

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

VI. C. Removed by Ald. Aschauer for discussion

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ALD. WIESBROCK MOVED, second by Ald. Halley, to approve the agenda for the February 1, 2010, City Council regular meeting, as amended.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the minutes:

V. B. Closed Session #5 – change ending time to 9:19 p.m.

ALD. WIESBROCK MOVED, second by Ald. Halley, to approve:

A. Minutes of the January 18, 2010, City Council Regular Meeting

B. Minutes of the January 18, 2010, City Council Closed Sessions #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5, as amended

C. Minutes of the January 25, 2010, Finance and Personnel Committee Regular Meeting

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

A. Waive Fees and Raffle Managers Bond for all 24-Hour Liquor License and Raffle License Request from Not-for-Profit Organizations for the 2010 Calendar Year

B. Accept Finance Committee Recommendation and Approve a Contract with Waste Management for Refuse, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection

C. Removed by Ald. Aschauer for discussion

- D. Accept Finance Committee Recommendation and Approve a Request by the Bicyclists and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to Solicit Local Businesses for Item or Monetary Donations for the 2010 Bike Rodeo According to City Policy
- E. Accept Finance Committee Recommendation and Direct the City Attorney to Prepare an Amendment to the City Code Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 7-G, Creating Two Additional Class B-3 Liquor Licenses (Walgreens)
- F. Accept Finance Committee Recommendation and Approve an Increase in the Not-to-Exceed Funding Amount from \$11,000 to \$12,500 for the Purchase of a Canine Replacement
- G. Accept Finance Committee Recommendation and Approve a Five-Year Contract Extension with the Audit Firm of Sikich, LLP, of Aurora, IL Beginning with the Audit for Fiscal Year 2010 and Concluding with Audit for Fiscal Year 2014
- H. Accept Finance Committee Recommendation and Authorize Finance Director Dahlstrand to Execute a 12-Month Contract with the Successful Third Party Electric Supply Bidder Resulting from the 2010 Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) Bid Process
- I. Receive and File Draft Minutes of the Plan Commission/ZBA Regular Meeting of January 21, 2010
- J. Receive and File Draft Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting of January 19, 2010
- K. Removed by Ald. Aschauer for discussion
- L. Receive and File Report of Bills Paid During the Month of January 2010, in the Amount of \$139,432.59

ALD. WIESBROCK MOVED, second by Ald. Halley, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Wiesbrock, Bevier, Barry, Leonard, Halley, Weidner, and Aschauer

Nay: None

Absent: Ald. Schultz

MOTION ADOPTED

C. Hotel/Motel Tax Grant funding

ALD. ASCHAUER MOVED, second by Ald. Halley, to accept Finance Committee recommendation and approve the Tourism and Arts Commission recommendations and award \$156,450 in Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Funding of the 2010 Grant Cycle.

Discussion: Ald. Aschauer felt that adding new events and increasing the number of events would not be in the best interest of the City during the current budgetary restrictions. He would be voting no on the motion.

Ald. Halley agreed and would be voting no on the motion as well.

Ald. Weidner said the events are a way for the City to help people during hard economic times by offering a variety of programs encouraging people to stay in Warrenville. The funding for these events comes from the Hotel/Motel tax, not from the pockets of the residents.

Ald. Bevier said the City should be looking at cutting the Hotel/Motel funding by ten percent, not by increasing expenses, and he would be voting no as well.

Ald. Barry said the new events were filled by the Warrenville Arts Commission because several applicants from last year did not get their applications in on time. TAC wanted to offer the same number of events as last year. She said TAC chose events that would be interesting for all age groups and all interests, as well as encouraging people to stay in Warrenville this summer. The WAA and WGSA were chosen because they serve the whole community.

Ald. Aschauer said his concern is strictly monetary, stating that these programs should not be allowed to grow in importance to the point where taxes need to be raised in order for them to continue.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Leonard, Weidner, Wiesbrock, Barry, and Mayor Brummel

Nay: Ald. Aschauer, Bevier, and Halley

Absent: Ald. Schultz

MOTION ADOPTED

Discussion: Ald. Halley questioned the Mayor's vote in this instance. Mayor Brummel responded that the Mayor votes in a tie or when there are only four affirmative votes.

K. January Invoices

ALD. ASCHAUER MOVED, second by Ald. Halley, to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$107,956.25 for invoices due on or before February 16, 2010.

Discussion: Ald. Aschauer said he would abstain from voting as his business is included in the invoices.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Barry, Leonard, Weidner, Bevier, Halley, and Wiesbrock

Nay: None

Absent: Ald. Schultz

Abstain: Ald. Aschauer

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

None

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. CLOSED SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURN

ALD. WIESBROCK MOVED, second by Ald. Halley, to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

The regular council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved: _____

Emily J. Larson, City Clerk