

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held on Monday, May 18, 2020
Via electronic communications and not at City Hall
28W701 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, Ald. Stu Aschauer, Clare Barry, Fred Bevier, Kathy Davolos, Leah Goodman, Jeff Krischel, Bill Weidner and Robert Wilson

Absent: None

Also Present: City Administrator John Coakley, Assistant City Administrator Cristina White, Finance Director Kevin Dahlstrand, Community and Economic Development Director Ron Mentzer, Deputy Public Works Director Phil Kuchler, Police Chief Ray Turano, Treasurer Larry Brenner, Attorney Brooke Lenneman, and City Clerk Emily Larson

Also Absent: None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor

Mayors Fitness Challenge

Mayor Brummel announced that the Mayors Fitness Challenge is now open and will run until July 4, 2020. Registration information is on the City's website.

B. Clerk

Congratulations

Clerk Larson congratulated the Class of 2020.

C. Treasurer

No report

D. Aldermen

Fawell Dam

Ald. Aschauer stated that DuPage County did not follow the procedure for operating Fawell Dam during the recent heavy rain event and caused flooding in the area.

Fawell Dam

Ald. Bevier stated the gates at Fawell Dam were lowered to the four foot level; which caused the flooding in the area.

Public Works Week Parade

Ald. Goodman announced that Public Works will hold a parade on Wednesday, May 20, and hold a food drive as part of National Public Works Week. The parade route is available on the City website, and will begin at 1:00 p.m.

E. Administrator

Work Group Meetings

City Administrator Coakley noted that staff will be reaching out to aldermen who are part of the special work groups for the fund balance and the enterprise fund.

F. Attorney

No report

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

VI. A. Removed by Ald. Aschauer for discussion

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to approve the items on the agenda for the May 18, 2020, City Council regular meeting, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Aschauer, Barry, Bevier, Davolos, Goodman, Krischel, Weidner, and Wilson

Nay: None MOTION ADOPTED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve:

A. Minutes of the May 4, 2020, City Council regular meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Aschauer, Barry, Bevier Davolos, Goodman, Krischel, Weidner, and Wilson

Nay: None MOTION ADOPTED

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

A. Removed by Ald. Aschauer for discussion

- B. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and pass resolution R2020-30, extending the duration of the March 16, 2020, Declaration of Emergency until the adjournment of the next regular, special, or emergency meeting of the City Council
- C. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-31, for the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax revenue in the amount of \$307,871, during Fiscal Year 2021, for the maintenance of streets and highways by municipality as required under the Illinois Highway Code
- D. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-32, waiving competitive bidding, and approving a contract with Layne Christensen in the amount of \$26,329, to abandon Well #8 on Country Ridge Drive
- E. Accept the staff recommendation and approve resolution R2020-33, rejecting the bid to purchase City-owned surplus property adjacent to 28W444 Rogers Avenue
- F. Receive and file minutes of the Police Pension Board regular quarterly meeting held on January 28, 2020
- G. Receive and file minutes of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting held on March 10, 2020
- H. Receive and file minutes of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting held on April 14, 2020
- I. Receive and file report of invoices paid up to May 13, 2020, in the amount of \$119,751.54
- J. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before June 1, 2020, in the amount of \$165,111.79
- K. Receive and file report of Master Debit Card Expenditures for the month of April 2020, in the amount of \$7,897.99

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Aschauer, Goodman, Weidner, Bevier, Wilson, Barry, Davolos, and Krischel

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. A. Ordinance O2020-23

ALD. DAVOLOS MOVED, second by Ald. Barry, to accept staff recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2020-23, amending section 8-12-1 of the City Code regarding cash contributions in lieu of the dedication of land for public use.

Discussion: Ald. Aschauer stated he is not in favor of the City taking Park District money for the acquisition and improvement of park and recreational land for City use.

Ald. Bevier said he is not in favor of the motion.

Ald. Davolos said she is in favor of allowing the Park District to use the contributions for improvements. Director Mentzer said this motion would allow the use of contributions to be more consist with how the funds from the City are used by the Park District.

Ald. Goodman noted the motion actually clarifies how the money would be used.

Ald. Weidner asked exactly what improvements are going to be made. Director Mentzer said the Park District has not provided that information. He said the Council can approve each donation on a case-by-case basis, but the current Intergovernmental Agreement allows the Park District to use the funds without being specific on each item.

Ald. Weidner said he is in favor of using the funds for structural projects but not for programs. He would like the Park District to clarify the term “improvements” before approving any contribution. He noted that the ordinance is dedicated to providing land space, not programs. He said as the City grows in population, there will be a need for more recreational space.

Ald. Wilson said his concern is with maintaining changes in the future and is in favor of the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Barry, Goodman, Weidner, Krischel, Davolos, and Wilson

Nay: Ald. Bevier and Aschauer

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Hotel Tax Grant

ALD. DAVOLOS MOVED, second by Ald. Barry, to accept staff recommendation and approve the temporary amendment to the hotel tax grant policy for reimbursement of approved expenses for cancelled or modified events.

Assistant City Administrator White reported that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, several events funded through the Hotel Tax Fund have been cancelled. Therefore, the Tourism and Arts Commission has asked for the authority to review and approve reimbursement requests for cancelled or modified events due to the COVID-19.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Davolos, Aschauer, Krischel, Weidner, Wilson, Barry, Goodman, and Bevier

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

B. Benefits for Part-time Crossing Guards

ALD. WILSON MOVED, second by Ald. Bevier, to accept staff recommendation and extend the paid sick time benefit for part-time crossing guards due to school closures for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, for a total of approximately \$3,500.

Assistant City Administrator White reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools will remain closed for the remainder of the current school year. She said staff is recommending extending the paid sick time benefit for part-time crossing guard's due to the closure through June 3, 2020.

Ald. Krischel asked if the additional funds are included in the budget. Assistant City Administrator White replied yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Barry, Weidner, Krischel, Wilson, Aschauer, Goodman, Bevier, and Davolos

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

C. City Finances Due to COVID-19

City Administrator Coakley reported that the City's finances will be effected in both the short term and long term. He noted that there will be no hard data for several months, possibly through October. This report is very preliminary and staff will continue to revise and evaluate projections over the next weeks and months as the date becomes available.

Finance Director Dahlstrand reported that staff's projections indicate the City could see a General Fund revenue reduction of \$1,936,476, from March 2020, through the end of FY 2021, April 30, 2021. He reported that the other funds that will be affected are:

- Capital Maintenance and Replacement Fund projected to lose \$394,821 through the end of FY 2021
- Hotel Tax Fund is projected to lose \$396,776 through April 30, 2021
- Motor Fuel Tax fund is projected to lose \$105,009 through April 30, 2021

In conclusion, staff is projecting a total combined loss of \$2,835,288 across all funds, from March 2020 through the end of FY 2021. Director Dahlstrand said the projections will be revised as more information becomes available.

Discussion: Ald. Davolos asked if the loss of expenses is included in the projections. City Administrator Coakley said those figures are based on revenue only and staff would provide those expense reduction figures at some point in the future.

Ald. Goodman asked if any adjustments would be made for the delay in collecting remittances from the County and State. Director Dahlstrand said those figures are not included at this time.

Ald. Goodman asked if there have been many closures of businesses in Warrenville. City administrator Coakley said the closures of California Pizza Kitchen and Chuy's were corporate decision and occurred before the pandemic started. Director Mentzer noted that the national chains were struggling before the pandemic struck and Red Robin and Rock Bottom might be the next to close. Finance Director Dahlstrand said a good sign is that Rock Bottom just renewed their liquor license.

City Administrator Coakley said two new businesses are still planning to open; El Toro Negro and the wine shop on Stafford Place.

Ald. Weidner asked if staff looked at the Schaumburg model for a year or for three to four months. City administrator Coakley said staff made changes and customized their model to be reflective of Warrenville's revenues. He noted that City staff has made adjustments, projecting material revenue losses throughout FY 2021.

Ald. Weidner said that while the numbers are dire, there is a need to maintain our spirit in the community while making tough decisions on spending. He said the City should also start doing some outreach to attract new businesses.

Ald. Wilson noted that the City has to make careful decisions on spending for the rest of the year, as there will be no help coming from the state.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. CLOSED SESSION

None

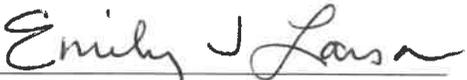
XI. ADJOURN

ALD. WILSON MOVED, second by Ald. Aschauer to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved: June 1, 2020


Emily J. Larson, City Clerk