

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held on Monday, June 15, 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

In-Person City Council Meetings

Mayor Brummel announced that, for now, City Council meetings will continue to be conducted virtually, however, up to nine members of the public may also be present for the Council meeting at City Hall during meetings depending on the number of officials present. Public comments from persons present will be heard at the appropriate time on the agenda. Emailed comments received prior to the meeting will also continue to be accepted.

City Hall is Now Open

Mayor Brummel announced that starting June 15, 2020, City Hall and the Police Department building will be open to the public on a limited basis. Face coverings and social distancing are required. Only the Manning Avenue entrance is open at

City Hall. The hours for each facility may vary, so please check the City website for updates.

2020 Census

Mayor Brummel announced that the City has a 78 percent response rate, which means 22 percent of the households have not yet responded. Residents many still respond online, by phone, or by mail. Go to 2020census.gov to find the best way to respond.

Volunteers Needed

Mayor Brummel announced there are openings on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission and the Environmental Advisory commission. These are three-year terms that began May 1, 2020.

B. Clerk

No report

C. Treasurer

Thank You

Treasurer Brenner thanked the Police Department for their service.

D. Aldermen

Accident

Ald. Goodman said there was a recent construction accident in another community while workers were cleaning a water tower and asked that all workers be careful.

E. Administrator

City Hall Open to Public

City Administrator Coakley said City Hall is now open to the public and all employees and visitors are required to wear face masks and keep six feet apart. He noted that protective screens have been placed at every counter. City Hall hours are posted on the Manning Avenue entrance.

F. Attorney

Council's Remote Participation

City Attorney Lenneman reported that Governor Pritzker signed Senate Bill 2132 on June 12, 2020, amending the Open Meeting Act to add a new Section 7(e), 5 ILCS 120/7(e), allowing one representative from the City to be at City Hall for the virtual meeting to be able to be viewed at City Hall for members of the public who do not wish to view the virtual meeting from another location. Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, the Governor's disaster Proclamation and Executive Order 2020-38, no more than ten people may gather at City Hall for the meeting. Attorney Lenneman noted that, because there are four representatives from the City in the Council Chambers for tonight's meeting, only six members of the public would be allowed to attend the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items to be removed for discussion:

VI. F. Removed by Ald. Goodman for discussion

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Bevier, to approve the items on the agenda for the June 15, 2020, City Council regular meeting, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020, City Council regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

- A. Accept staff recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2020-25, granting extension of Major PUD Amendment approvals for Little Friends Center for Autism at 27255 Diehl Road
- B. Accept Mayor Brummel’s recommendation and pass resolution R2020-36, 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 Senior Civil Engineer Hocking’s recommendation and pass resolution R202-37, approving the reduction of the public improvements performance security for the Riverview West subdivision
- D. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2020-38, waiving competitive bidding, and awarding a contract to Suez Water Well Solutions in the amount of \$26,407.15, to replace a motor at Well #12 on Timber Drive
- E. Receive and file minutes of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting held on May 12, 2020
- F. Removed by Ald. Goodman for discussion
- G. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before July 6, 2020, in the amount of \$434,954.57

H. Receive and file report of Master Debit Card Expenditures for the month of May 2020, in the amount of \$4,429.79

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Aschauer, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. F. June Invoices

ALD. GOODMAN MOVED, second by Ald. Bevier, to receive and file report of invoices paid up to June 10, 2020, in the amount of \$134,392.58.

Discussion: Ald. Goodman questioned why \$36,944.17 is being sent to the DuPage Convention Bureau when all events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She would like to hear from DuPage Convention Visitors Bureau about what plans are being considered.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. FY 2021 Financial Update

City Administrator Coakley reported to the Council that, in an effort to help the data be more timely, this report has been converted to a cash basis report.

Finance Director Dahlstrand reported that staff projects the City could lose approximately \$2.433 million across all funds, which includes approximately \$1.6 million in the General Fund. Director Dahlstrand noted that the new building inspector, Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, and the Fleet Management positions have not been filled.

Discussion: Ald. Goodman noted that the Emergency Management Agency is still active and felt that the coordinator position should be filled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistant City Administrator White said the City is still advertising the position but have not received any candidates.

Treasurer Brenner asked if the Fleet Management position has had any candidates apply. Assistant City Administrator White noted the position has been vacant for one year so staff has found alternative resources. Deputy Public Works Director Kuchler said staff is evaluating filling the position versus farming out projects.

Ald. Goodman questioned the numbers for the Hotel Tax and Motor Fuel Tax. Director Dahlstrand said the Motor Fuel Tax numbers are from Illinois Municipal League and will be updated regularly, but in the meantime, the numbers have to be estimated and will be incorporated in the projections.

City Administrator Coakley said the numbers will be adjusted as the hotels remit the monthly taxes. Since a large percentage of local hotel business is business travel, we anticipated it will increase in coming months.

Ald. Weidner asked how often the Council would get an update and would there be a report on how to cut costs. City Administrator Coakley said the revenue numbers would be updated monthly. Additionally, all expenditures over \$25,000 are being reviewed by staff. He noted that many hotel tax-funded events have already been cancelled and a report on the savings is forthcoming.

Chief Turano noted that the Police Department records position would realize a savings of \$7,000.

Electrical Aggregation Program

Assistant City Administrator White reported to the Council that the City's current agreement with Dynegy Energy, at a supply rate of 7.666 cents per kilowatt-hour, expires in October. The current ComEd rate is 6.19 cents per kilowatt-hour. She said the City has three possible options to consider:

Option 1 – renew the program with a fixed-rate contract

Option 2 – suspend the program, which would return all residents in the program to ComEd for supply

Option 3 – temporarily suspend the program while staff evaluates the alternative program which include a rate match with ComEd, the option to elect 100 percent green energy, and an option to receive an annual civic contribution during the term of the agreement.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of each option. Based on the discussion, Assistant City Administrator White offered Option 3B that would allow time to involve residents to give their opinions at public hearings. The discussion concluded with five aldermen in favor of Option 3 and two aldermen in favor of option 3B.

ALD. ASCHAUER MOVED, second by Ald. Bevier, to direct staff to proceed with Option 3 and put on the July 6, 2020, Consent Agenda for approval.

** 7:58 p.m. Ald. Wilson explained that he had technical difficulties, but that he has been listening to the entire discussion. Due to his not responding verbally on the initial roll call, his name was not called for each of the roll call votes until this vote. He stated that he voted with the majority on all previous roll call votes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: Ald. Barry and Goodman

MOTION ADOPTED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. CLOSED SESSION

ALD. BARRY MOVED, second by Ald. Bevier, to enter into closed session to discuss the following:

- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees
- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity
- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. (Note: the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

XI. ADJOURN

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Approved: July 6, 2020

Emily J. Larson
Emily J. Larson, City Clerk