

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held on Monday, July 6, 2020
Via electronic communications from 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

Bob Siebert, Albright Court, said the storm water drainage in the area east of Route 59 near Albright Court has been changed due to the construction of the Everton project. He said he now has standing water on his property that is killing his trees.

Mike Hoffmann, Second Street, said the Mayor's statement in the June 2020 Hometown Happenings that there was no flooding to homes or businesses is not true. He said he got six to eight inches of water on his property when the Fawell Dam gates were closed during a recent rainfall.

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor

In-Person City Council Meetings

Mayor Brummel said as the City learns to function within Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan, he realizes that in-person meetings are not yet feasible. For now the City Council, board, commission, and committee meetings will continue to be conducted virtually, however, depending on the number of staff members present, up to 17 members of the public can be in attendance at City Hall to view these

meetings. 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.

Community Relations Commission

Mayor Brummel announced he is working with staff on the creation of a Community Relations Commission. The intent is to expand the City's effort to implement the City's Strategic Plan Goal #6, Diversity, with a mission to promote

inclusiveness, fair treatment and human dignity for all residents, and to ensure that Warrenville is a welcoming and open community for all people. Residents may submit ideas, suggestions, questions, or concerns to his email at davidbrummel@warrenville.il.us. It is his intention to have something to present to the City Council by this coming fall.

City Hall is Now Open

Mayor Brummel announced that City Hall and the Police Department buildings are now open to the public on a limited basis. Face coverings and social distancing are required and 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.

Mayor's Fitness Challenge

Mayor Brummel announced that the Mayor's Fitness Challenge ended on July 4th. He urged participants to log in their minutes for the past eight weeks. T-shirts will be awarded to those who completed 1,200 minutes, and special awards will be given to those who beat the Mayor's minutes, and logged the most minutes in their age and gender groups.

Fireworks Enforcement

Chief Turano reported that 58 calls for fireworks complaints were received at DuComm and 11 citations were issued.

B. Clerk

Happy Birthday

Clerk Larson thanked her family for helping her celebrate another birthday with a 50-car drive-by parade, led by the Fire Department and Police Department.

C. Treasurer

Neighborhood 4th of July Parade

Treasurer Brenner said he enjoyed being a part of the Curtis Avenue 4th of July parade.

D. Aldermen

Illegal Fireworks

Ald. Barry said there was a large amount of fireworks shot off on the 4th of July across the river from Emerald Green and people should be more considerate of others who might suffer from PTSD and animals who are stressed by loud noises.

E. Administrator

No report

F. Attorney

Council’s Remote participation

City Attorney Lenneman reported that in accordance with social distancing requirements, Governor Pritzker’s Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44, and Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (see Public Act 1010642), this meeting is being held virtually.

In accordance with Public Act 101-0642, at least one representative from the City will be at City Hall. Members of the public who do not wish to call in and listen to the virtual meeting from another location may listen to the meeting at City Hall. Pursuant to Governor’s Disaster Proclamation and Executive Orders 2020-43 and 2020-44, the total number of people who may gather at City Hall for the meeting is now set at 50 or 50 percent of room occupancy, using social distancing that would allow for approximately 17 members of the public to attend tonight meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion:

VI. E. Ald. Goodman removed for discussion

ALD. WEIDNER MOVED, second by Ald. Wilson, to approve the items on the agenda for the July 6, 2020, City Council regular meeting, as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- A. Minutes of the June 15, 2020, City Council regular meeting
- B. Minutes of the June 15, 2020, City Council closed session #1
- C. Minutes of the June 15, 2020, City Council closed session #2

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

- A. Accept Mayor Brummel’s recommendation and pass resolution R2020-39 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
- B. Accept Mayor Brummel’s recommendation and pass resolution R2020-40, approving and ratifying an agreement with AVI Systems for the purchase and installation of additional microphones in the City Council Chambers
- C. Accept Mayor Brummel’s recommendation and approve the appointment of Amy Murphy, commissioner of the Environmental Advisory Commission for a three-year term set to expire April 30, 2023
- D. Accept Mayor Brummel’s recommendation and approve the appointment of Kirk Tate, commissioner of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a three-year term set to expire April 30, 2023
- E. Removed by Ald. Goodman for discussion
- F. Receive and file minutes of the Board of Fire and Police Commission regular meeting held on March 26, 2020
- G. Receive and file minutes of the Board of Fire and Police Commission special meeting held on March 30, 2020
- H. Receive and file minutes of the Tourism and Arts Commission meeting held on May 14, 2020
- I. Receive and file report of invoices paid up to July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$171,938.53
- J. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before July 20, 2020, in the amount of \$251,776.62

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Aye: Ald. Davolos, Aschauer, Krischel, Weidner, Wilson, Barry, Goodman, and Bevier
Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

E. Electrical Aggregation Program

ALD. BARRY MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to authorize staff to allow the current electric aggregation contract to expire and evaluate the alternative aggregation program as described as option #3 in Assistant City Administrator White’s June 11, 2020 memorandum.

Discussion: Ald. Goodman said the way the current motion is framed, a letter would be sent to everyone in the community announcing that the current electrical program is ending and the City will be returning to ComEd and which would not include the 100 percent renewable energy option for the six months that it will take staff to come up with a new program. She would like to do a short-term extension of the existing program, because letting the program expire would be moving backwards. She said the Council’s priority should be to take the time to work on a new contract rather than move backwards.

ALD. GOODMAN MOVED, second by Ald. Davolos, to amend the original motion and authorize staff to move forward with getting bids for a 12 month flat rate term to allow time for staff to evaluate the alternative aggregation program as described as option #3 in Assistant City Administrator White’s June 11, 2020 memorandum.

Discussion: The Council discussed how the rate would change through ComEd, the pros and cons of a fixed rate contract, going out for bid on the rate again before extending the current contract with NIMEC, and looking at alternative programs.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE AMENDEMENT:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION:

Aye: Ald. Barry, Weidner, Krischel, Wilson, Aschauer, Goodman, Bevier, and Davolos
Nay: None MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA
None

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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Krischel, Wilson, Bevier, Barry, Goodman, Davolos, Weidner, and Aschauer
Nay: None MOTION ADOPTED

The same members of the Council returned to open session at 8:16 p.m.

XI. ADJOURN

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Ald. Aschauer, Weidner, Davolos, Goodman, Barry, Bevier, Wilson, and Krischel
Nay: None MOTION ADOPTED

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Approved: _____

Emily J. Larson, City Clerk