

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held on Monday, August 2, 2021
At Warrenville 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, and Aldermen: Stu Aschauer, Clare Barry, Kathy Davolos, Leah Goodman, Jeff Krischel, and Bill Weidner
Alderman Jay Anderson attended electronically due to employment purposes.

Absent: Robert Wilson

Also Present: City Administrator John Coakley, Assistant City Administrator Cristina White, Finance Director Kevin Dahlstrand, Community and Economic Development Director Ron Mentzer, Public Works Director Phil Kuchler, Police Chief Ray Turano, Attorney Andrew Fiske, and City Clerk Julie Clark

Also Absent: None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brummel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Oath of Office Administered to City Treasurer Ann Behrens

Ann Behrens was unable to attend.

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bob Siebert, Albright Court, shared a summary of the attempt to save the Leonard store home by a citizen group in February 2001. Unfortunately, the home was not saved, but Mr. Siebert hopes that if anything like this should come up in the future, it would be worth taking the thirty day delay to try to save a piece of history. Mr. Siebert concluded with his belief that the statute for video attendance does not include changes to permanent employment.

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor

Mayor Brummel reminded everyone of two upcoming events. Tuesday, August 3, at 5:00 pm is National Night Out at Cerny Park. The other event is Summer Daze, which is Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7. Both events are free. Mayor

Brummel also acknowledged the new updates from the Center for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding masks.

Mayor Brummel reported the results from the Mayor's Fitness Challenge are in. Those who logged at least 1,500 minutes of activity will receive a t-shirt. Special category winners will also receive a certificate for their accomplishments.

B. Clerk
No report

C. Treasurer
No report

D. Aldermen
Alderman Davolos invited those who want to learn more about video gaming to tune in to the next meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 and listen to the discussion.

E. City Administrator (CA) Coakley
CA Coakley relayed the information he was briefed on at the virtual DuPage County Health Department meeting, regarding the new mask policy. Which was, mask-wearing is now strongly recommended within City buildings for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. CA Coakley emphasized the need for more people to be vaccinated, due to the virulent nature of the Delta variant.

Mayor Brummel added that wearing masks, regardless of vaccination status, shows consideration and is needed at this time, because even vaccinated people can carry and pass this virus.

F. City Attorney Andrew Fiske
Attorney Fiske expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome, and had no other report.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to approve the agenda for the August 2, 2021, City Council regular meeting.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021, City Council regular meeting, and the minutes of the July 26, 2021, Public Safety and Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

- A. Accept Plan Commission recommendation, waive second reading, and pass ordinance O2021-32, approving the Westmaas Plat of Resubdivision at 3S505 Burk Avenue and waiving public improvement requirements of the Subdivision Control Ordinance
- B. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and approve the revisions to the Employee Mission Statement and the City's Vision and Values statements
- C. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and designate Alderman Barry to serve as the City Council Liaison to the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- D. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and approve the appointment of Harlan Davis as Chairman of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2022
- E. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and approve the appointment of Mark Kasprzyk as Commissioner on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2024
- F. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and approve the appointment of Jessica Tullier to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring May 20, 2024
- G. Accept Mayor Brummel's recommendation and approve the appointment of Mark Taylor to fill the Plan Commission Ward 4 vacancy for a term expiring May 20, 2024
- H. Receive and file minutes of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness Commission meeting held on June 9, 2021
- I. Receive and file minutes of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on July 22, 2021
- J. Receive and file report of invoices paid up to July 28, 2021, in the amount of \$80,162.14
- K. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before August 16, 2021, in the amount of \$379,901.46

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to approve the Consent Agenda items as read.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Alderman: Anderson, Krischel, Davolos, Weidner, Aschauer, Barry, and Goodman

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2021-50, approving an amended policy concerning electronic attendance at City Council, City Council Committee, Plan Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings

Discussion:

Community and Economic Development Director (CEDD) Mentzer explained the need for this resolution. Currently, there is a longstanding member of the Plan Commission who is unable to attend meetings in person, and CEDD Mentzer feels electronic attendance can be implemented effectively.

Alderman Goodman asked if any other modifications had been considered to the electronic attendance policy, such as the repetitive procedure of filling out the physical paperwork rather than allowing electronic notification.

CA Coakley replied that the notification has to be in writing and asked the City Attorney to clarify this point.

Attorney Fiske concurred, adding, a written notification is necessary because it is part of the Open Meetings Act requirements.

Alderman Goodman asked if electronic notification could suffice if a member is unable to attend in person.

Attorney Fiske said that a written statement is always the most defensible, but some do allow electronic notification.

Alderman Goodman stated her preference to allow electronic notification.

CA Coakley suggested the Council pass this amendment as presented, and ask for clarification and further amendments if need be.

Alderman Goodman added that she is not opposed to the resolution, and feels that acceptance of electronic notification is a reasonable request.

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to accept staff recommendation and pass resolution R2021-50, approving an amended policy concerning electronic attendance at City Council, City Council Committee, Plan Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Alderman: Weidner, Aschauer, Anderson, Barry, Davolos, Krischel, and Goodman

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. CLOSED SESSION

XI. ADJOURN

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodman to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED VIA VOICE VOTE

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

Approved: _____

Julie Clark, City Clerk