

# CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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## **Meeting Minutes** **Regular Meeting of the City Council**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

7:30 PM

City Hall

### **City Council Members**

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott

City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet

Treasurer, Courtney Bolt

Aldermen Thomas Mikolyzk, Scott Musillami, John Finn  
John Von Drasek, Mark Benson and Tom Frohlich

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor McDermott. Alderman Musillami led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call:** City Clerk Kmet called the Roll of those physically present as follows:  
**Present:** Mayor McDermott, Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Mikolyzk, City Clerk Kmet, Treasurer Bolt  
**Also Present:** Police Chief Klimek, City Attorney Peck, Assistant City Administrator Schutter, City Engineer Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk Cordova, Recording Secretary Prokop  
**Absent:** City Administrator Paul

## 2. OMNIBUS AGENDA

- a. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024.
- b. Statement of Bills submitted for payment through May 22, 2024 in the amount of \$455,948.82.

**Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Musillami that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk  
**Nay:** 0

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

## 4. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Mayor McDermott wished everyone a Happy and Safe Memorial Day. It is important to NEVER FORGET the ultimate sacrifice made by the brave men and women of the Armed Forces to secure the freedom of this great country that we all enjoy today.
- b. The traffic situation on East Avenue will be coming to an end on Friday; two lanes will be opened, one in each direction; we look forward to that completed project. Also, the City received word that in the coming weeks 55<sup>th</sup> Street from East Avenue to LaGrange road will be closed for approximately one week – a real traffic concern for the First Ward; please be patient as you travel through the City and the Region.

## 5. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Clerk Kmet congratulated our own Deputy Clerk Liz Cordova – the 2024 Recipient of the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry – 30 Under 40 Award –in recognition of exceptional contributions in the Region. Congratulations Liz – the City appreciates all you do.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT – no report

## 7. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED ACTION UPON:

- a. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Alderman Von Drasek – no report
- b. **FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Alderman Finn - no report
- c. **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** – Alderman Mikolyzk
- d. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE** - Alderman Benson

1. Consideration to amend the City's Water Rate Ordinance to be Effective upon its Passage. Chicago raised their rates to McCook; McCook is raising their rates and passing it along to the City. Countryside is raising its rates to Indian Head Park and LaGrange Highlands.

**Motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Finn that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk

**Nay: 0**

**City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 24-13-O.**

- e. **PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - City Attorney Peck - no report**
- f. **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – Alderman Musillami – no report**
- g. **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - Alderman Musillami – no report**

**h. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD – Alderman Frohlich**

1. Consideration to purchase six 2024 EZGO Model Year Carts in the amount of \$53,822 from Textron Specialty Vehicles, Inc.

**A Motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Finn that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk

**Nay: 0**

2. Consideration to enter into an Agreement with Beverly Environmental, LLC, in the amount of \$21,315 to complete the Proposed North Pond Renovation Project.

**A motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Musillami that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk

**Nay: 0**

**8. LEGAL REPORT – City Attorney Peck – no report**

**9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Dave Schutter**

- a. Consideration to enter into an Agreement for UPS Battery Replacement with EATON Corp. in the amount of \$16,901.40.

**A motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Frohlich, that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk

**Nay: 0**

- b. Consideration to accept the Notice of State Award from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in the amount of \$120,000 and to authorize execution of Grant Documents to Secure Award. It will be used for the pavement project.

**A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek, that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk  
**Nay: 0**

**10. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Chief of Police – no report**
- b. City Engineer Fitzgerald**

1. Consideration of Engineer's payment estimate No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$38,789.49 to Austin Tyler Construction, Inc., Elwood, IL for the 2023 Drainage Improvements. The job is closed, inspected and finalized.

**A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Benson, that this matter be APPROVED as presented; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Musillami,  
Alderman Finn, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk  
**Nay: 0**

**11. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF DETERMINED, ACTION UPON: none**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Alderman Von Drasek, seconded by Alderman Musillami that this meeting be ADJOURNED; motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 6** Alderman Musillami, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Finn,  
Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich  
**Nay: 0**

**Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK