

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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

Wednesday, October 9, 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. City Clerk Kmet led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor McDermott asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of retired Lieutenant Ken Brunke, who passed away last week; he was a 35-year veteran of the Countryside Police Department.

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, Trasurer Bolt
Also Present: Police Chief Klimek, City Attorney Peck, City Administrator Paul, Asst. City Administrator Schutter, City Engineer Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary Prokop
Absent: Deputy Clerk Cordova

2. OMNIBUS AGENDA

- a. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024.
- b. Statement of Bills submitted for payment through October 9, 2024 in the amount of \$293,435.16.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek
Nay: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

4. MAYOR'S REPORT – no report

- a. Mayor McDermott asked for thoughts and prayers for the Florida residents whose homes are being struck by Hurricane Milton tonight -- the terror and devastation wrought by this monster storm will be unimaginable.

5. CITY CLERK'S REPORT - no report

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

1. Consideration of a Redevelopment Agreement with Illinois Motorcycle Ventures, LLC d/b/a Illinois Harley-Davidson. Mayor McDermott thanked Ald. Von Drasek and Gail and Dave for their negotiation with IHD. There was a risk of Harley potentially leaving town. Through this agreement they will remain in Countryside, expand their dealership and look forward to potential increased sales and sales tax revenue for the City.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek
Nay: 0

b. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Alderman Finn - no report**c. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Alderman Mikolyzk – no report****d. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - Alderman Benson**

1. Alderman Benson sought approval to auction off old Public Works Equipment.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

2. Request to waive the formal Bid Process and award a contract to Peterbilt Motors Company Sourcewell in the amount of \$148,722.47 for the purchase of a new Dump Truck/Plow. There is a shortage of materials; the City had to go to a different manufacturer. International Trucks are no longer available; they only supply the chassis and “bare bones”. The next item will include the equipment needed to operate this vehicle

Motion was made by Alderman Mikolyzk, 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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

3. Request to waive the formal bid process and award a contract to Monroe in the amount of \$114,367 for the purchase of the hydraulic system for the Peterbilt Dump Truck/Plow.

Motion was made by Alderman Finn, 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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

4. Consideration of an Agreement with BSI Online for RPZ Backflow Data Collection. All homes and businesses with sprinkler systems have a device (RPZ) which requires an annual inspection. BSI Online will harvest that data so that the City can submit it to the State of Illinois -- at no cost to the City.

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

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

Nay: 0

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

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Ms. Gail Paul

a. Consideration to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Environmental Health Inspection Service between the City of Countryside and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) in the amount of \$20,000. The City is billed for \$100/inspection, done twice yearly; the price is the same as last year.

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

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

Nay: 0

b. Consideration to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the McCook Public Library. This Agreement allows Countryside residents to get library membership for \$100 from McCook; Countryside will reimburse residents for this expense.

Motion was made by Alderman Finn, 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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

10. STAFF REPORTS**a. Chief of Police**

1. Chief Klimek sought consideration and approval to purchase five (5) Ballistic Shields and Shield Carrying Bags from Great Lakes Water and Safety Products for \$13,860.00. These bullet-proof shields can be carried in patrol cars; currently the City only has two shields; they need to purchase the additional five so that all patrol cars are updated.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

b. City Engineer Fitzgerald

1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement with the County of Cook, Illinois. Earlier in the year the City applied for funding for 6th Avenue (from 55th St. to Plainfield Road); the City received \$145,000. The City must approve the Resolution and Clerk Certificate with signatures.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as RESOLUTION 24-08-R.

2. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Illinois and the City of Countryside for Improvements to the Intersection of Joliet Road and Brainard Avenue. This is for IDOT improvements at the intersection in front of City Hall. Mayor McDermott stated that this is the best news in some time. Ms. Paul stated that this does include the Funding Resolution which is attached to the IGA – the City’s share. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the illuminated signs were requested, to match those at LaGrange and Joliet Road. They will be lit on all four mast arms at a cost of \$26,234. The Mayor noted great cooperation from the State on this project. Mr. Fitzgerald anticipates a January 2025 letting.

Motion was made by Alderman Mikolyzk, 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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Von Drasek
Nay: 0

11. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

1. New Business - Alderman Von Drasek has a resident who has four chickens, per City Code only four are allowed regardless of lot size; he would like Staff to look into that. There have been no complaints; they would like to have more chickens – no roosters. Ms. Paul will investigate the matter.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK