

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott
City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet
Treasurer, Courtney Bolt

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor McDermott who 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 Benson, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, City Clerk Kmet, City Treasurer Bolt

Also Present: City Administrator Paul, Police Chief Klimek, City Attorney Peck, City Engineer Hernandez, Deputy Clerk Cordova, Recording Secretary Prokop

Absent: Alderman Mikolyzk

2. **OMNIBUS AGENDA**

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025.

- b. Approval of the Statement of Bills submitted for payment through April 9, 2025: \$518,264.19.

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: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Mikolyzk

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - none**

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a. Presentation of Life Saving and Honorable Mention awards to Officer Kelly Kalker, Officer Ryan Jakubowski and Officer Kevin Cerny. Police Chief Klimek stated that all three Officers were involved in both incidents and each received an Award for their heroic actions taken at the time. The Chief provided a brief summary of both incidents –the first, for Honorable Mention, occurred on March 8, 2025. Officers responded to a battery in progress call involving a butcher knife-wielding offender. The offender was seeking his victim in the parking lot of a shopping center. Officer Kalker located him, still armed with the knife; he fled and all three Officers worked together without hesitation, chasing the offender through traffic on a busy Saturday afternoon and safely took him into custody without injury to anyone.

The second Life Saving Award incident occurred on March 22, 2025. Officer responded to a single vehicle crash into a fence post. The driver was found slumped over in the vehicle completely unresponsive. They learned that the driver had ingested heroin prior to the incident and they quickly administered life-saving measures including 7 shots of NARCAN to the subject and performing CPR until paramedics arrived on scene. They saved the person's life and he survived the incident without complications. Officers provided exemplary public service; their efforts are hereby acknowledged. Each Officer received both Awards. Photos were taken with the Mayor and Police Chief. City Council congratulated the Officers on a job well done.

- b. Consideration of a Block Party Request from Rachael Gantt at 9700 W. 56th Ct. on April 13, 2025 from 12 noon till 5:00 p.m.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Mikolyzk

c. Mayor McDermott congratulated the three Aldermen who ran successful campaigns and were reelected to continued four-year terms as Alderman for the City of Countryside – those are Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Benson and Alderman Finn. The Mayor congratulated and thanked all the candidates that ran for elected office whether it be for School Board or City Council. It takes a lot of time and effort; we thank them for putting their names on the ballot.

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 - no report

1. FYI – Thanks to my colleagues and everyone that helped, especially my Residents who have supported me for a long time; thanks to all.

b. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Alderman Finn --no report

1. FYI – Thanks to everyone for their help and thanks to the residents for their votes.

c. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Alderman Mikolyzk --no report

d. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Alderman Benson --no report

1. FYI – Thanks to colleagues on the Council who worked for our reelection; we Look forward to another four years.

e. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS –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

a. Consideration to Approve an Agreement for an Annual Payment in Lieu of Sales Tax (PILOT) by and between the City of Countryside and 430 E. Plainfield, LLC. In September 2024, City Council passed an Ordinance which approved a Special Use for a Craft Grower in the M-1 Zoning District on the property commonly known as 430 E. Plainfield Road. One of the conditions required by the PC/ZBA was the payment in lieu of sales tax. Assistant City Administrator Dave Schutter has worked with the Craft Grower and they reached a decision re: the PILOT fee which would be \$20,000 for Year One; \$40,000 for Year Two; and \$60,000 for Year Three – payment to the City and to increase yearly per the Consumer Price Index. The Agreement is in the same form as used in the past.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Mikolyzk

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of .028 Acres of property commonly known as 6363 Joliet Road and Approval of a Temporary Easement in the total amount of \$14,400 to the State of Illinois. This is the last piece of property the State needs to begin intersection improvements.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Mikolyzk

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as RESOLUTION 25-06-R.

10. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Police Chief – no report
b. City Engineer – no report

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Benson that this meeting be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Frohlich,
Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Mikolyzk

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK