

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Countryside, IL 60525
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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Members

Mayor, Sean R. McDermott

City Clerk, Elizabeth Kmet

Treasurer, Caryn Stancik

**Aldermen James Jasinski, Thomas Mikolyzk, Scott Musillami,
John Von Drasek, Mark Benson and John Finn**

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor McDermott asked Cub Scout Zack Schwarz to Call the First Meeting of the City of Countryside New Municipal Complex to Order. Then American Legion Post #1941 will post the Colors. Afterwards Cub Scout Pack #3177 and BSA Troop #216 will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.**

B. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Kmet called the Roll of those physically present as follows:

Present: Mayor McDermott, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, City Clerk Kmet

Also Present: City Administrator Paul, Police Chief Ford, City Attorney Peck, City Engineer Fitzgerald, Finance Director Schutter

Absent: Treasurer Stancik, Asst. City Administrator Peterson

C. OMNIBUS AGENDA

1. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2019 were previously distributed to the members of the City Council. Mayor McDermott asked if there were any corrections to be made to said Minutes. There were none.
2. The Statement of Bills was submitted for payment through September 25, 2019: \$659,142.11.

I move to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 11, 2019 and to approve the Statement of Bills through September 25, 2019 in the amount of \$659,142.11.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Finn, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

D. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Tim Strubin with Boy Scouts of America, LaGrange, IL., is here as a resource to surrounding communities. As District Executive he supports Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts and Explorer Scouts. He is here tonight with a message from Cook County Commissioner Tobolski, who has agreed to chair the Scouting Campaign event he is hosting on October 17. The City is invited to an event he is hosting on October 17; further information is detailed in the packet left with the City. He thanked the Council for the time allotted. Congratulations on the beautiful facility.

E. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code to Increase the Number of Class B and Class M Liquor Licenses.

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

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

Nay: 0

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-25-O.

2. Consideration of a Class B and Class M Liquor License Application for M & D Liquors located at 6512 Joliet Road.

A motion was made by Alderman Mikolyzk, seconded by Alderman Finn, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

3. Mayor McDermott announced that on October 19 there will be a community-wide ribbon-cutting ceremony here at the new Municipal Complex. All Countryside residents are invited to participate. Trolleys will run from the old City Hall site to move people here. Photos will be taken of the ribbon cutting on the east side of the building; hopefully everyone can join us.

F. CITY CLERK'S REPORT - NO REPORT**G. TREASURER'S REPORT – NO REPORT****H. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:****1. Ad Hoc Committee – Recreational Cannabis**

a. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City Code by the Addition of Chapter 19, Title 3, imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax. The Committee voted to impose a 3% tax on any recreational or medical sales that may occur in the City of Countryside in the future, if a dispensary ever came to the City. Ald. Von Drasek opposes what the State of Illinois is doing and he opposes the sale of marijuana. The Mayor stated that last August Congress voted to not prosecute any state that legalizes recreational marijuana.

A motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Finn, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn

Nay: 1 Alderman Von Drasek

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-26-O.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

a. Alderman Von Drasek – FYI – Saturday, November 16, the City will participate in Senior Leaf Raking on behalf of Aging Well. Volunteers meet at City Hall at 9 a.m. and disperse to assist Senior residents by doing yard work – raking leaves; 35 Seniors were helped last year. There are many Boy Scouts here tonight; there was great participation last year, at least 90 enthusiastic volunteers. We really do need the help, and the Seniors appreciate your efforts.

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. Alderman Finn sought consideration of a contract with Building Stars Commercial Cleaning Solutions of Downers Grove, IL in the amount of \$59,976.00 per year for the custodial services at the new Municipal Complex. Several companies were interviewed; this company has a great track record, plus they use “Green” products, which complements the theme of this building.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Jasinski, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

b. Consideration and approval to purchase two Prisoner Transport Systems and three Center Consoles for 2020 Ford Interceptor SUVs from MPC Electronics in the amount of \$6,130.60. The specs changed on the interceptors so the City cannot reuse the current equipment.

A motion was made by Alderman Mikolyzk, seconded by Alderman Musillami, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

c. Consideration to waive the formal bidding process and purchase a new hardware package for the Municipal Complex in the amount of \$22,967.81 through CDW Government Purchasing. New hardware is needed in the server room; CDW warranties their products.

A motion was made by Alderman Jasinski, seconded by Alderman Benson, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

4. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a. Alderman Mikolyzk requested that the City begin the recruitment process to hire a Building Manager (Commissioner) – not a person who oversees this building. The position is for a person who oversees buildings in the City of Countryside. The City currently does not have a position as Building Manager for the Community Development Department. There is a very detailed job description and we would like to begin that process.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami, seconded by Alderman Finn, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

5. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – no report

6. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- a. City Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance approving a Planned Unit Development Special Use at 7061 Willow Springs Road. At the hearing held on September 3, 2019, Applicant Joseph Polino appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a Special Use variance to permit a mixed-use PUD on the above real estate. The PC/ZBA heard all testimony and evidence and found that all the requirements for the requested Special Use were met; there were no objections noted. It was the recommendation of the PC/ZBA to approve the Special Use subject to the following (11) conditions that are listed in the Board packet. Ald. Von Drasek commended Mr. Polino for working with the adjacent resident re: flooding issues; please continue to be a good neighbor.

A motion was made by Alderman Jasinski, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-27-O.

- b. Consideration of an Ordinance granting a Special Use Variation at 6060 S. LaGrange Road – Napleton’s Countryside Mazda Dealership. At the hearing held on September 3, 2019, the Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a Special Use to permit the operation of a new automobile retail sales dealership with appurtenant service facilities, not including major body repair or painting, but including outdoor displays in sales. They are making substantial changes to the property so this is really a housekeeping recommendation so that they meet the requirements of the City Code. The PC/ZBA heard all testimony and evidence and found that all the conditions for the Special Use permit were met; there were no objections to the request. It was the recommendation of the PC/ZBA to approve the Special Use subject to the following (11) conditions that are listed in the Board packet.

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

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

Nay: 0

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-28-O.

- c. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Special Use on the application of Mr. Mazen Rahman. At the hearing held on September 3, 2019, the Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a Special Use to permit the operation of an electrical equipment appliance business (sales, service and warranty for vacuums) within the Arterial Road Corridor Overlay District on 5540 S. LaGrange Road. The PC/ZBA heard all testimony and evidence and found that all the conditions for the required Special Use were met; there were no objections to the request. It was the recommendation of the PC/ZBA to approve the Special Use subject to the following conditions: 1) Any additional businesses to the Adam Plaza would need to seek a variance to address on-site parking; 2) A sign permit shall be submitted for any proposed signage subject to review/approval of the CDD; 3) If there is a dumpster on site, then a refuse and recycling enclosure shall be installed; 4) All construction and operation permitted by such variance is subject to all applicable City Codes.

A motion was made by Alderman Jasinski, seconded by Alderman Musillami, that this matter be APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-29-O.

7. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

- a. Alderman Jasinski announced that the Children's Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 7. Over the Martin Luther King Weekend the City will host its 2nd Annual Winterfest at Flagg Creek. Please read the Fall Newsletter which will be out in a couple of weeks.

8. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

9. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD

- a. Alderman Von Drasek – FYI -- there were 6,558 rounds of golf played during August – up 591 rounds from last year. The Drive-Around was held on Monday, September 16 to review golf course conditions. The concrete is all poured; the dead trees are all gone. He spoke to Doug, the groundskeeper, who said he hired three LTHS young men who worked really hard during the summer and helped with those trees. Ald. Von Drasek complimented the men on their efforts. Any kids looking for summer jobs, keep the golf course in mind.

I. LEGAL REPORT – no report

J. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – no report

K. STAFF REPORTS

1. CHIEF OF POLICE

- a. Consideration and approval of an Ordinance to Withdraw from Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD) – and consideration and approval of an Ordinance to Withdraw from SWCD

9-1-1 System. Chief Ford stated that in 2012 the City's dispatch system was out-sourced at a substantial savings to the community. In 2015, the State of Illinois passed H.B. 99006, which required every small dispatch center in the state to consolidate and serve a minimum of 25,000 people. Southwest Central became the City's dispatch center. The 2015 law changed the environment for dispatch centers; many consolidated and provided more options for the City to review. Currently the City is on a radio network with the Village of Lemont, over 12 miles distant. The current primary radio network is isolated at this point. In the past year the City has been looking at a variety of dispatch centers. To do so, it is necessary for the City to step away from the agreement with Southwest Central by notifying them by October 1, 2019 that the City will leave SWCD by April 30, 2020. Chief Ford proposed a plan to purchase digital radios. By 2021, Federal law will require law enforcement to leave the 400 UHF spectrum band. SWCD is not making any move to get off that band. Digital Network will provide the ability to communicate with our dispatch center anywhere within the State of Illinois. At this time Chief Ford seeks approval of these two Ordinances to begin the process of moving to another dispatch center.

A motion was made by Alderman Benson, seconded by Alderman Von Drasek, to Withdraw from SWCD; this matter is APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-30-O.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Jasinski, to withdraw from the SWCD 9-1-1 System; this matter is APPROVED as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 19-31-O.

- b. Chief Ford stated that City Officers were involved in a tragic incident and did a remarkable job in assisting. Those officers will be coming up for life-saving awards. In another incident a pedestrian was struck by a car on Joliet Road and Officers went above and beyond the call of duty – using life-saving techniques gained from being a certified medic in the military. Mayor McDermott stated that he had a conversation with Mayor Hinshaw of Indian Head Park who was very appreciative of all the assistance our Police Department provided under very difficult circumstances. Kudos to them!

2. CITY ENGINEER – no report

- a. City Engineer Fitzgerald – FYI – the tennis court project in Countryside Park is under way.

L. BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON: NONE

M. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK