

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

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 – Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor McDermott.

The meeting was 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 Von Drasek, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, City Clerk Kmet, Treasurer Stancik

Absent: Alderman Benson

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

C. OMNIBUS AGENDA

1. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 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 January 8, 2020: \$1,608,164.91.

I move to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 11, 2019 and to approve the Statement of Bills through January 8, 2020 in the amount of \$1,608,164.91.

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: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

D. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - none**E. MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor McDermott sought consideration to Reappoint Alderman John Von Drasek to the Flagg Creek Golf Course Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2020.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

2. Mayor McDermott sought consideration to Reappoint Resident Jerry Welch to the Flagg Creek Golf Course Advisory Board for Calendar Year 2020.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

Mayor McDermott thanked both residents for their willingness to serve. He administered the Oath of Office to both gentlemen as Members of the Flagg Creek Golf Course Advisory Board. The City Council congratulated them on their appointment; photos were taken.

3. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of appointing long-time resident Jon Gertsmeier to the PC/ZBA for a Term Expiring on May 1, 2024 – to fill the vacancy of Tyler Scherer; his resume is attached for review. Ald. Von Drasek has known him for a long time; he is a solid citizen and would be a good voice for the Zoning Board.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

4. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of a request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to waive the fees for their “Shamrockin’ for a Cure” Charity Event at Countryside Banquets on 2-28-20 at 7 p.m. This is the O’Connell Family yearly fundraiser for their son, Grady, who has Cystic Fibrosis. They were the recipient of the Countryside Parade proceeds two years ago.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

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. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - no report

- a. Alderman Von Drasek wished Assistant City Administrator, Sharon Peterson, and a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE – no report

3. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – no report**4. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

- a. Alderman Musillami reported for Alderman Benson – seeking consideration to Initiate an Ordinance Amendment to the Building Code; Section 8-5-9 (A): Electronic Variable Message Signs (EVMs). This is an update to the City Code and will be sent back to the PC/ZBA for a Text Amendment.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami,
Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

5. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – no report**6. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

- a. Alderman Jasinski stated this year is the 60th Anniversary of the City’s Incorporation; something to be proud of. He reminded residents that the 2020 Winterfest is coming up Friday January 17 and Saturday, January 18. Friday will feature wine tasting hosted by Main Street with live music by the band, Timeless. Saturday will have adult BINGO at 12 noon. Events for kids begin at 2:30 including face painters, Kids Bingo and an exotic animal show followed by music at 6 pm – something for everyone and free.

7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

- a. Alderman Musillami stated that the committee had its first meeting; they have a lot to learn. The City of Countryside has a lot happening; the committee is a good fit.

8. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD

- a. Alderman Von Drasek stated that the Advisory Board will meet next Wednesday at 7 p.m. December 2019 rounds outpaced December 2018 rounds. It helped to have good weather. There is movement on the course.

I. LEGAL REPORT

1. Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance Amending Title 3 (Business Regulations) of the City Code of Countryside Pertaining to Adult-Use Cannabis. The City Council previously enacted a Zoning Ordinance for such businesses. This is a housekeeping item which would create a business license required of anybody who wished to operate an adult-use cannabis dispensing organization business in the City. They would have to pass the business license requirement plus a fee of \$2,500. Alderman Von Drasek questioned the phrase “Pursuant to the Act” and stated that no specifics are noted. Establishments would still be required to get a Special Use regardless of where they are located. Atty. Peck stated that the City has already enacted specifics and those will not change; the City is not in conflict with the Act.

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

Aye: 4 Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski,
Alderman Finn

Nay: 1 Alderman Von Drasek

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 20-01-O.

J. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – no report

K. STAFF REPORTS

1. CHIEF OF POLICE – no report

- a. Chief Ford stated that there is an immediate opening for a crossing guard at Ideal School. If anyone knows an interested party, please advise the Police Department. The position pays \$25/day – two crossings, five days per week.

2. CITY ENGINEER

- a. City Engineer Fitzgerald sought consideration of Engineer's Pay Estimate #6 and semi-final in the amount of \$57,658.64 to Lindahl Brothers, Inc., for the 2018 Street Rehabilitation Program. The City is withholding \$15,000. The job is complete. Cook County has an issue with the guardrails at the bridge; the Tollway owns the bridge.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk,
Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

- b. Mr. Fitzgerald sought consideration of Engineer's Pay Estimate #3 and final in the amount of \$99,236.42 to Lindahl Brothers, Inc., for the 2019 MFT Street Rehabilitation.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk,
Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

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

- a. Mayor McDermott failed to thank Alderman Finn, as Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thanks also to Sharon Peterson, who is working very hard to get all the information out in a timely manner. We continue to look for the St. Patrick's Parade Queen; if anyone knows of a likely candidate, please advise the City staff. We hope to have a nice, warm and sunny day – not like last year. Again, thanks for your hard work.

M. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Alderman Benson

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK