

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, February 12, 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 Benson, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn, City Clerk Kmet

Absent: Treasurer Stancik

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 January 22, 2020 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 February 12, 2020: \$1,045,887.67.

I move to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 22, 2020 and to approve the Statement of Bills through February 12, 2020 in the amount of \$1,045,887.67.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Jasinski, Alderman Finn. Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

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

1. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of an Ordinance decreasing the number of Class K and Class V Liquor Licenses.

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

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

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 20-03-O.

2. Presentation of the 2020 Countryside St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and Recognition of Parade VIPs. Mayor McDermott recognized Parade Chairman, Alderman John Finn, and Sharon

Peterson, Asst. City Administrator, for doing a terrific job in Parade planning; to date there are 41 entries. Proceeds from the Parade this year will go to the Center for Independence, dealing with disabled children, and to District #105 School Foundation - two local causes Chairman Finn recognized the Grand Marshal, Pat Schwartz' he thanked all Sponsors listed on the City Banner –

Presenting Sponsor for the 5th year in a row – Jack Phelan Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep /Ram who sponsored the original parade and continues to do so. Many thanks also to:

Pot O'Gold Sponsors -- Countryside Leadership Party, Frederick C. Quinn Corporation, Friends of Sean McDermott, George Keporos, Ledo's Restaurant, Merging Technologies, Novotny Engineering and Township of Lyons.

Emerald Sponsors –Chariot Automotive & Towing, Countryside Chamber of Commerce, Driftwood Lounge, Flagg Creek Golf Course, Kenny's Pub, Local #134 IBEW Union, Odelson & Sterk, Park District of LaGrange, Rafferty's Irish Pub, Spot on '66, Time Out Sports Bar, Tressler, LLP, Vulcan Materials, Westfield Ford.

Shamrock Sponsors – Blue Sky Home Care, Countryside Veterinary Center, Designer Event Chicago, Infinity Communications Group, Inland Bank, Kane, McKenna & Assoc. Napleton Countryside Mazda, NIMEC, Schwartz Excavating, Sinnott Tree Service and Hooters.

Chairman Finn introduced the 2020 Countryside St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal, Pat Schwartz – a long-time resident and business owner – the epitome of community involvement; not only is she the Treasurer of the Countryside Chamber of Commerce, she has run the Best of Countryside Carnival for the past two years; she is the mainstay of the Concerts in the Park. She is present at almost every Countryside event involving volunteerism. The City is grateful to Pat Schwartz for her service to the community and honored to have her as Grand Marshal. Mayor McDermott echoed the sentiments and thanked Pat for all her volunteer work and service to the community over many, many years; thanks for all your efforts. Pat Schwartz received a bouquet and sash to be worn at the Parade. Photos were taken.

Mayor McDermott announced that Faith Benson is our Parade Queen this year. Colleen Sullivan, last year's Queen, will present the crown to the new Queen. Faith was just accepted to Purdue University, Engineering School. Faith has been a constant volunteer in many areas, she is a sophomore at LT and is involved in a variety of activities. Thank you for your service to the community. Faith received the crown, a bouquet and the Irish tri-color flag and gift card. Photos were taken.

Mayor McDermott announced the Queen's Court – Nicole Annella, Catie Ramicone, and Lilja Waliewski – who received their flowers and sashes; photos were taken with the Mayor, Ald. Finn and the entire Court. Fiona Webb is the Parade Princess; she graced us with a rousing performance of the Irish Jig accompanied by John Fitzgerald on his mandolin. Photos of the entire City Council and the entire Queen's Court were taken. After the ceremony, Mike Cotiguala from Homer Glen, led the procession out of City Council Chambers by playing the Wearin' O' the Green on his bagpipes. It was a very colorful ceremony. Mayor McDermott wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and invited all to attend the Parade on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

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**

- a. Alderman Von Drasek stated that the next EDC meeting will be on Thursday, February 20, 2020. The Aging Well Committee will meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m. downstairs; new volunteers will be present.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE – NO REPORT**3. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – NO REPORT****4. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

- a. Alderman Benson stated that a meeting was held earlier this evening. They will bring a number of items to the City Council at its next regular meeting.

5. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – NO REPORT**6. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

- a. Alderman Jasinski stated that a meeting was held earlier this evening. The committee will address matters related to the Chamber of Commerce for the Carnival this year.

7. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – NO REPORT**8. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD**

- a. Alderman Von Drasek stated that the Golf Course Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 19, 7 p.m. at the golf course.

I. LEGAL REPORT – no report**J. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. a. Ms. Paul sought consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the "NIMEC" Collaborative and Authorizing the City Administrator to approve a contract with the low cost bidder for a period up to 36 months. Ms. Paul seeks authority to lock in energy cost savings in the Water Fund. NIMEC will make a recommendation to Staff, who will review the matter and sign off for up to a 3-year contract for energy cost for the Water Plant. It will be brought to the City Council at the following meeting.

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

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

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as RESOLUTION 20-01-R.

2. b. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Real Estate Property Transfer Tax. Ms. Paul stated that property owners must receive a transfer stamp from the City when selling their property. The only City requirements are final water readings and sewer rates; there is no language requiring back taxes to be brought current. This ordinance will clarify the language. The Clerk's Office will not issue a transfer stamp for any property until all fines, fees, licenses and taxes are paid in full.

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

Nay: 0

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 20-04-O.

3. c. Ms. Paul stated that Staff is getting information on the 2020 Census out to residents. The City's Website has a new Resident Tab under which the Census process is explained. It contains all the information the City has received from the government. A Staff meeting will be scheduled re: how to get the word out to residents that completing this survey is very important. Now the Census can be completed online and is available in 12 different languages. Hard copies will be mailed out both in English and Spanish language. Mayor McDermott stated that CDBG block grant funding and other City funding is very dependent on complete census numbers.

K. STAFF REPORTS

1. CHIEF OF POLICE

- a. Chief Ford reminded residents to keep their vehicles locked when parked on driveways and near their houses. There were two incidents on the 5400 block of Ashland – one car was stolen; the other was burglarized; please lock your cars. It's an ongoing issue – be aware.

2. CITY ENGINEER – NO REPORT

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

M. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Mayor McDermott sought a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation under Section 2(c)(11) and to review City Council Executive Session Minutes of December 11, 2019, under Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting RECESSED at 7:55 P.M. p.m.

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N. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The regular City Council returned to Open Session with the same members present at 8:13 p.m.

Consideration to approve City Council Executive Session Minutes of December 11, 2019 as Presented.

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 Mikolyzk, Alderman Musillami, Alderman Benson, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson

Nay: 0

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

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ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK