

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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**

- A. 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 Musillami, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek, City Clerk Kmet, City Treasurer Bolt
Absent: Alderman Mikolyzk
Also Present: City Administrator Paul, Police Chief Ford, Asst. City Administrator Peterson, City Attorney Peck, Finance Director Schutter, City Engineer Fitzgerald, Rec. Sec. Prokop

B. OMNIBUS AGENDA

1. Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2022.
2. The Statement of Bills submitted for payment through February 9, 2022: \$731,977.38. I move to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 26, 2022, and the Statement of Bills through February 9, 2022, in the amount of \$731,977.38.

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

Aye: 5 Alderman Musillami, Alderman Finn, Alderman Benson, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Von Drasek
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Alderman Mikolyzk

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - NONE

D. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor McDermott sought consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code to Reduce the Class U2 Liquor Licenses by One.

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

Nay: 0
Absent: 1

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 22-11-O.

2. Mayor McDermott commended the City's Police Department in general and Officer Gage Brunke in particular, for apprehending a burglar who hit several establishments in the City in the last few weeks. He made a successful arrest and we congratulate him for doing an excellent job, along with the Detectives who participated in the investigation. He asked Police Chief Ford to pass the accolades along to the Police Department.
3. The City expresses its heartfelt condolence to Alderman Frohlich on the recent passing of his mother.

E. CITY CLERK'S REPORT - NO REPORT

F. TREASURER'S REPORT – NO REPORT

G. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND, IF SO DETERMINED ACTION UPON:

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a. FYI - Alderman Von Drasek announced that on February 23, an EDC Meeting will be held here at 6:30 p.m. prior to the next City Council meeting

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. FYI -- Alderman Finn echoed the sentiments made by the Mayor regarding the City's Police Force. He shared that story at the Legislative Breakfast with great pride – re: efficiency of our Police Department; great work.
- b. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in three weeks, March 5, 2022; at present there are 38 participants. Please get the word out to other groups if they are interested in participating; signs are also available.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE - NO REPORT

4. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

5. PLAN COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- a. Attorney Peck sought consideration of an Ordinance Granting an Amendment to the Existing Special Use to permit Removal/Replacement of the Existing Freestanding Sign and Installation of a new Freestanding Sign with Additional Signage at 5300 S. LaGrange Road. At the hearing held on January 25, 2022, the Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a permit to remove and replace the existing sign with a new sign with additional signage in the B-3 Zoning District at 5300 S. LaGrange Road. After hearing all testimony and evidence, the PC/ZBA found that all conditions for a Special Use had been met; there were no objections at the Hearing; it was their recommendation that the Special Use be granted subject to four conditions: 1) That all construction and use be in substantial conformity with Petitioner's Application; 2) That no additional signage or temporary signs be on or affixed to the subject freestanding sign; 3) All construction be in conformity to the City Code and 4) That the use be established within one year of the effective date of the Ordinance.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 22-12-O.

- b. The second matter is consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Variation to Permit the Placement of an Electronic Variable Message (EVM) Sign on a Freestanding Sign instead of a Monument Sign to be located less than 200' from a Residential Use at 5300 S. LaGrange Road. On January 25, 2022, The Applicant appeared before the PC/ZBA seeking a zoning variation for the placement of an EVM sign on the property commonly known as 5300 S. LaGrange Road. The PC/ZBA heard all testimony and evidence and found that all conditions were met for the requested variation. There were no objections written or oral at the hearing; it was the PCZBA recommendation to grant the variance subject to seven conditions: 1) That all construction be in substantial conformity with Petitioner's Application; 2) A sign Permit shall be

submitted subject to review/approval of the CDD; 3) The new free-standing sign shall be subject to review/approval of the City Engineer; 4) The hours of operation of the EVM sign will be limited from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 5) A Landscape Plan will be submitted to address perimeter landscaping subject to review/approval of the CDD; 6) All construction and operation shall be subject to all applicable codes of the City; and 7) That said variation be established within six months from the effective date of any ordinance granting the same. With those conditions the PC/ZBA approved the requested variance.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

City Clerk Kmet declared that this will be known as ORDINANCE 22-13-O.

1. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

2. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

3. FLAGG CREEK ADVISORY BOARD

- a. Alderman Frohlich sought consideration to increase the FCGC Fee Rates for Calendar Year 2022.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

H. LEGAL REPORT – NO REPORT

I. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. City Administrator Ms. Paul stated that the City has officially received the Resignation Notice from Doug Davis; he will be resigning in four weeks. An Ad has been placed for a Grounds Superintendent at Flagg Creek Golf Course. The City will take application over the next three weeks.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Police Chief Ford

- a. Chief Ford sought consideration to waive the formal bidding process and purchase one Ford 2022 Hybrid Interceptor SUV and one Ford Hybrid Administrative Vehicle from Westfield Ford and to up-fit both vehicles, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$127,500 from the FY 23 budget. The purchase process has been delayed; orders take 6-7 months to process; also there is a problem with the up-fit equipment taking longer while waiting for materials. Prices keep going up. We will order them now and may get one by July. Exact costs will not be known until the actual purchase.

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

- b. Paperwork has been submitted for a Merit Award for Officer Brunke along with awards for other communities involved in the aforementioned arrest.

2. City Engineer Fitzgerald – NO REPORT

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Frohlich, seconded by Alderman Finn that this meeting be ADJOURNED; motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Mayor McDermott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

ELIZABETH KMET, CITY CLERK

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