



# City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex • 128 East Railroad Street

## Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting

January 18, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken:

**Present:** Mayor Olson, City Clerk Ii, Alderman Dell, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Redden

**Also present:** Attorney Buick, Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, Chief Bianchi & EMA Director Ciciora

**Absent:** Aldermen Fraser, Robinson & Scheidecker and City Treasurer Webber

### Mayor Olson

Enterprise Zone Update: Paul Borek, Executive Director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) provided an update on the newly created Enterprise Zone. The Zone was certified by the State in late December. The program will be administered by the DCEDC leaving the City with the only obligation of providing an approved building permit. Mr. Borek anticipated the application process would be available within days. Program incentives for qualifying participants include sales tax exemption on building materials, 5-year local property tax abatement, and utility tax exemptions, if applicable. An advisory board will be created, and the initial meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at the DCEDC office in Sycamore.

METRA Update: The Mayor explained that he has attended several meetings on a proposed expansion of METRA service into western Kendall County. Approximately \$7.5 million has been allocated for research and development. The feasibility of METRA coming to Sandwich is bleak due to costs. Mayors from the Kendall County area feel that money used for the study should be used to research alternative choices to move traffic. The Mayor from Plano and Mayor Olson have jointly issued a letter to Martin Aberman from METRA and Kirk Dillard from the RTA requesting that monies not be used to continue studies and to encourage more Amtrak stops in Plano.

Building Official Application: An ad for a building official will be in the paper for two (2) weeks. All applications and resumes are due by 5 PM on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Foster & Buick Law Group: Attorney Kevin Buick was present and commended the City of Sandwich and the Sandwich Park District for their combined efforts to develop an ice rink for local citizens.

**City Clerk:** No report

**City Treasurer:** Absent

**Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak:**

Executive Session at the end of the meeting was requested by Director of Public Works Horak under Section 2(c)(11) "litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

NPDES Permit Renewal: The City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit #L0030970 will expire December 31, 2016. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that applications for renewal be due 180 days prior to the expiration date. The City will be enlisting the aid of Strand & Associates regarding industrial monitoring of grease interceptors.

Resolution 16-01 entitled "Resolution Causing to be Published the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sandwich". The map is available for inspection noting there has been little modification from the previous year with the exception of some addresses. The resolution will be presented for adoption at next week's meeting.

ADA Violation / Settlement Agreement #2010-DRC-3925: Correspondence has been received from Vickie Simpson, policy advisor for the Disability Rights Bureau in the Office of the Attorney General. Case 2010-DRC-3925 stemmed from ADA violations and the subsequent settlement agreement in 2010. The City has provided a progress report to Lisa Madigan's office dated January 4, 2016. The remaining violations consist of completion of sidewalks and curb ramps at Latham / Railroad Streets and Railroad / Main Streets. The City obligated itself to have both projects completed by 2020.

Announcement: Public works employee Brad Eade has passed his exam for a Class 4 Wastewater Treatment Works Operator.

**Chief Bianchi:** No report

**EMA:** No report

**Alderman Dell :** No report

**Alderman Fraser:** Absent

**Alderwoman Killey** advised that the finance committee will meet 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 19, 2106, at City Hall.

**Alderman McMahon:** No report

**Alderman Moran:** No report

**Alderman Redden:** No report

**Alderman Robinson:** Absent

**Alderman Scheidecker:** Absent

**New Business:** None

**Audience Comments:** None

**Executive Session**

**Motion made by Alderman Moran and seconded by Alderman McMahon to go into executive session at 7:38 PM, pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is pending. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried 5:0**

**Motion to return from Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderman Moran to return to regular session at 7:46 PM. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried 5:0**

**Adjournment:**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderman Moran to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Council meeting at 7:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

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Denise Li – City Clerk