

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF SANDWICH, ILLINOIS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 E. Railroad Street
February 1, 2010**

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

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Thomas, Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Robinson

Liquor License for Freedom Days & Walgreens: Mayor Thomas advised that Walgreens has requested a liquor license for sale of packaged beer and wine. He added that the paperwork and fingerprinting is already underway. Freedom Days has requested a liquor license for a beer tent. Discussion followed to determine the type of license that would benefit Freedom Days. Alderman Robinson noted that the State of Illinois has a special events license, and that the same rules would apply as that of a tavern. Further discussed was a Class H license for private parties, and that there has never been request for use of this license. Walgreens will be put on next week's agenda for a C-1 license, and Attorney Paul will draft an ordinance amendment on Freedom Days' request to be further discussed in two (2) weeks.

Mayor Thomas requested Executive Session to discuss personnel under Section 2(c)(1).

Tenant & Property Owner Notification on Railroad Street Projects: Engineer Horak distributed a draft letter for review by the City Council notifying affected property owners on the upcoming Railroad Street projects. The letter outlined what is expected to happen and the possible sequence of repair work. Alderman McMahon questioned if the construction would be completed by July 4th for the Freedom Days festivities. Engineer Horak said the construction may not be completed because one of the contractual completion dates is August 20th. Council suggested alternative sites for the festivities to be held because of the Railroad Street closure.

Nicor Gas - System Modifications: Engineer Horak reported that Nicor has submitted plans to modify their distribution system pressure with construction possibly beginning in April.

Chief Olson reported that ordinance violation letters have been mailed. He further reported that the storm warning sirens are being tested this week.

Superintendent Hake advised the Council that the utility billing from Hudson Energy is slightly higher than that of ComEd. City Clerk Li added that the billing is very confusing, and because of questions regarding savings, it is her recommendation that the representatives for Progressive Energy come before the Council so that the Council can

direct their questions. Alderman McMahon said he will make arrangements for them to be at the February 15th Council meeting.

Alderman Dannewitz reported that the Finance Committee will meet immediately following this evenings meeting to review bi-monthly bills for February.

Alderman McMahon reported that he and Alderman Moran met with residents representing Sandy Bluff Dutch Acres Homeowners Association. Some residents were present at the Council meeting to voice concerns about incomplete and/or needed repairs within their subdivision. The Council advised that their questions and concerns should be directed to the developer explaining that the subdivision improvements have not been completed or accepted by the City and the maintenance guarantee had not been acquired. Mayor Thomas offered to sit with the developer and concerned residents to discuss their punch list.

Alderman Moran request Executive Session on litigation under Section 2(c)(11).

Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Keene and seconded by Alderman Beverley to go into executive session at 8:25 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 probable or imminent; Section 2(c)(1), The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran, and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8-0

Motion to return from Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Moran and seconded by Alderman Beverley to return to regular session at 8:35 PM. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Robinson. Nay:0 Motion carried 8:

New Business: Council agreed to meet briefly after next week's meeting to start reviewing for the 2010/2011 budget.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, **motion made by Alderman Dannewitz and seconded by Alderman Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Denise li, City Clerk