



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting

March 19th, 2018 @ 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, Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, O'Sullivan, Redden & Robinson

Also present: Attorney Harrill, Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak & Chief Bianchi

EMA Director Ciciora arrived at 7:47 PM

Absent: City Treasurer Webber

Mayor Olson:

Opera House / ARCH Liquor License Discussion: ARCH is seeking approval and creation of new liquor license allowing beer and wine to be sold when performances are held at the Opera House. They have tried selling beer and wine in the past with good results. The license would be solely for the Opera House as a not-for-profit organization.

Report on DeKalb County Tourism Board: The May 17th meeting will be held in Sandwich, and Mayor Olson requested that some of the aldermen be available to promote the City. Timber Creek recently benefited from the NIU Wrestling Playoffs by letting 20 rooms.

Report on Tourism Committee: The Committee met on Wednesday, March 21st. Aldermen Robinson and Chief Bianchi are reaching out for summer activities for the community.

Foster, Buick, Conklin, Lundgren & Tritt, LLC: No report

City Clerk Ii reminded Council that board members should have received their Economic Interest Statement from the County, and if not, she has forms in her office. Filing deadline is May 1, 2018.

City Treasurer: Absent

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak

2017 5th / 6th Street Sanitary Sewer Lining Project: The project is completed. Pay Request #1 and final has been received from Hoerr Constructions in the amount of \$75,293.90. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

Joint Purchasing Requisition for 2018-2019 Road Salt: The City's rebid / renewal contract is due April 1, 2018. The City has received 450 tons this season, and will be requesting 540 tons for next year.

Resolution 18-02 entitled "Resolution Causing to be Published the Official Zoning Map of the City of Sandwich: The zoning map is available for viewing in the Council Chambers. No changes have been made apart from approved special use(s) at 5 N. Main Street, 122 Indian Springs Drive (Unit 4), and 1210 E. Church Street.

2018 Brush Pickup Program: The proposed brush pickup program will be limited to one pickup per month per Ward. Ward 1 will be the first Monday of the month, Ward 2 will be the second Monday of the month, and so forth. The exception will be brush pickup resulting from storms. Question was raised when a resident misses the pickup date and leaves brush curbside for a month. Chief Bianchi reminded the Council that residents could be cited under the City's adjudication program.

Sidewalk Maintenance Programs: The 50/50 program was discontinued in the past due to funding. The City would contract with Tri-County Cement and the homeowner would be responsible for the installation and framing of the sidewalk. There is renewed interest in the community to resume the program, and the City has set aside funds for sidewalk repairs. With the strict ADA (Americans Disability Act) requirements, the fear is the burden for installation of the sidewalk by the homeowner will not be compliant. A suggestion was made to have the City install the sidewalk to assure ADA compliancy and have the homeowner purchase the cement.

Chief Bianchi reported that he has received data for the upcoming census.

EMA: No report

Alderman Chiemlewski : No report

Alderman Dell: No report

Alderman Kelleher inquired the status of the solar energy propositions. Progressive Energy has been in contact with the City's attorney, and different locations are being investigated. For the sewer plant, the location of the solar field in the flood plain is the sole choice. The City will also be investigating if solar energy savings can be passed along to the residents by installation of solar fields in the detention areas.

Alderman Killey advised that the finance committee will meet immediately following the COW meeting tonight.

Resident Julie Thompson was not present; however, Aldermen Kelleher and Killey have spoken with her regarding the line of sight issues at the intersection of Elmwood Place and N. Main Street that will be addressed once the weather improves.

Alderman McMahon questioned the City Clerk if the City is charging for afterhours shut on /off. City Hall does but she suggested he contact Water Superintendent Brian Voelkel to confirm.

Alderman O'Sullivan: No report

Alderman Redden stated support to approve an additional Class K liquor license that would allow a new gaming lounge to open. There are currently two licensed gaming lounges in Sandwich. Pointing out that approval of the license would mean additional income to the City, Mayor Olson voiced his support for free enterprise. Those board members in opposition noted that with 44 machines in town, the market appears to be saturated with no increase in revenue since September, 2017. Average monthly revenue to the City is \$5,600.00.

Alderman Robinson provided an update on his and his daughter's participation in the annual For Kid's Sake Bowl. They raised over \$1,000.00.

New Business: None

Audience Comments: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Council meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk