



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting

April 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 li, Alderman Dell, Fraser, Killey, Moran, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker

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

Absent: Alderman McMahon & City Treasurer Webber

Public Hearing on City's tentative May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 Annual Budget

(a) Motion to open Public Hearing on City's tentative 2016-2017 Annual Budget: **So moved by Alderman Scheidecker, and seconded by Alderwoman Killey. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, Moran, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0**

(b) Explanation of the reasons for the budget and any proposed increase or decrease or additional or deleted programs: Mayor Olson provided a narrative on the proposed 2016-2017 budget highlighting areas of interest and concern. Projected revenues for the new fiscal year is \$4,303,300.00 with anticipated expenditures being \$4,572,186.00. This creates a deficit of \$268,886.00. The approximate carryover of funds from the current budget to the new budget will be \$1,500,000.00. The Mayor explained that \$2,541,584 has been earmarked for capital projects and equipment with additional funding to police pension (\$25,000.00), tort liability (\$134,000.00) and Pratt Road bridge (\$40,000.00). The City has invested \$2,000,000.00 in ladder accounts this past fiscal year with sewer funds. There was a carryover of MFT funds in the amount of \$1,316,123, and anticipated revenue to be received in the amount of \$202,000.00. MFT funds have been budgeted for projects totaling \$643,123.00.

(c) Persons desiring to be heard with opportunity to present testimony and examine witnesses: None

(d) Motion to close public hearing: **So moved by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Moran. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, Moran, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0**

Mayor Olson

Eric Fletcher / Petition to Allow Raising of Chickens: Clerk li said Mr. Fletcher had contacted her earlier in the day, and this matter will be placed on the May 16th agenda.

Cable Consortium Update: Mayor Olson reported that an agreement has not yet been reached due to language issues in the contract.

Committee Assignments: New committee appointments will be announced in the upcoming weeks. The Mayor encouraged the Council to let him know if there is an interest to serve on a different committee during the new fiscal year.

International Yoga Day: As sanctioned by the United Nations, June 21st has been designated as International Yoga Day. This past week Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Consulate General of India, visited Timber Creek that has been chosen as the Chicago area site for the festivities. International Yoga Day is a worldwide event celebrated through practicing yoga, medication, discussions and seminars. The objective of the event is to promote better mental and physical health through yoga practice in addition to drawing attention toward the benefits of yoga. It is estimated that 2,000 – 3,000 people will be attending the event at Timber Creek.

Foster & Buick Law Group: No report

City Clerk: No report

City Treasurer: Absent

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak:

Brush pickup in Ward 3 was completed. The next pickup date for that ward will be May 16th.

Strand Associates Task Order #16-02 is to conduct a local pretreatment limits review and propose language to revise the City's sewer use ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$30,300.00. Work covered under this Task Order would last through June 17th and will revise the limits to accept wastewater at the treatment plant and provide the mechanism to revise the ordinance to formalize those recommendations of the local pretreatment section.

Duvick Avenue Water Main Break: There was a water main break on Duvick Avenue Thursday evening. City crews were there until 2:30 AM, and additional work was completed on Friday. During repairs, a pipe was discovered that may become an issue in the near future and a decision will need to be made whether to replace the pipe or increase the number of valves in that area to isolate the problem. The pipe was installed in the late 90's and hydrant flushing may have been a factor.

Chief Bianchi: No report

EMA: No report

Alderman Dell : No report

Alderman Fraser: No report

Alderwoman Killey advised that the finance committee would meet immediately following this evening's Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. A budget meeting will also be held following the finance committee meeting.

Alderman McMahon: Absent

Alderman Moran: No report

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson advised that Nancy Holcomb has requested a carryover of 80 unused vacation hours. No motioned was required.

Alderman Scheidecker commended the Street Department for a job well done regarding the water main break on Duvick Avenue between Griswold Springs Road and Route 34 on Thursday and into the wee hours of Friday.

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 7:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk