



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex • 128 East Railroad Street

Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting

July 5, 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, Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey & Redden

Alderman Robinson arrived at 7:04 PM

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

Absent: City Treasurer Webber, Aldermen McMahon, Moran & Scheidecker

Mayor Olson

Discussion on proposed chicken ordinance: Mayor Olson requested the Council to consider requirements for a chicken ordinance to include type and size of coop, licensing and fees, number of egg-laying hens, and electrical issues. He added that many of the newer subdivisions have covenants that are more restrictive than the local ordinances that may prohibit farm animals. Alderman Fraser questioned the sale of eggs, and Mayor Olson advised that is restricted by the DeKalb County Health Department. Eggs can be given away, but there are restrictions that must be adhered to for the private sale of eggs.

Alderman Robinson admitted he was not ready to discuss regulations for backyard chickens and felt the drafting of an ordinance will be a long, drawn-out process to assure all rules and regulations have been considered thoughtfully. There were no pro-chicken representatives in the audience to offer suggestions or discussion. Alderman Redden, noting the absence of the aldermen that favored backyard chickens, felt there was no need to discuss an ordinance at this time until the Council made a decision which department will be responsible for enforcing the ordinance. He cautioned the Council it will be a challenge to draft an ordinance with so many differing opinions. Mayor Olson suggested the formation of a committee to address these concerns and review the proposed ordinance.

Foster & Buick Law Group: Attorney Palasiewicz announced that the law firm is now known as Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren, LLC.

City Clerk: No report

City Treasurer: Absent

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak:

Electronics Recycling Program: The e-waste collection will resume on Saturday, July 9th between the hours of 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at the water tower located on Duvick Avenue. DC Trash will be the new host and will accept television sets and monitors at a cost. Computer monitors are \$10, TV's less than 19 inches are \$20, and televisions larger than 19 inches are \$30.

Ward 1 brush pickup is complete. The next scheduled brush pickup for Ward 1 will be Monday, August 1st.

Bid Results Presentation: Bids for the 750,000 gallon spheroid, exterior overcoat, wet interior repaint, dry interior partial repaint, and miscellaneous repairs (2016 Water Tower Painting) were opened on June 28, 2016, and results as follows:

L&T, Shelby Township, MI	\$251,000.00
Seven Brothers, Shelby Township, MI	\$271,800.00
LC United, Sterling Heights, MI	\$299,000.00
Tecorp, Joliet, IL	\$384,300.00
Jetco, Hawthorn Woods, IL	\$426,300.00
Maxcor, New Lenox, IL	\$434,365.00
Amcoat, Homer Glen, IL	\$449,000.00
Maquire Iron, Sioux Falls, SD	\$587,224.00

The estimate cost on this project was approximately \$300,000.00. A letter of Recommendation of Award from Dixon Engineering & Inspection Services, the City's consultant on the project, endorsed L&T Painting, Inc. They are a pre-qualified contractor with Dixon Engineering and have completed many similar projects in the Chicago-land area. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda to award the project to L&T Painting, Inc.

Clark Street WTP (Water Treatment Plant) Emergency Generator: Engineer Horak met with Halm Electrical Contracting to discuss the generator type, and who have now requested Change Order #1 for a change in the final completion date. The final completion date has been changed from September 22, 2016 to December 9, 2016. The change in date affords the City additional time to get the generator completed and not impact the water tower project or vice-versa. The City will rent a generator during the time period the generator is down at the water treatment plant. On next week's agenda, the Council will approve Change Order # 1 followed by the Notice to Proceed.

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing is continued from June 28, 2016 to July 20, 2016. Applicant had failed to send notices to neighboring properties via certified mail. As part of the public hearing process, the applicant must present the green return receipt cards to the City as proof of notification.

Chief Bianchi: The police department will be purchasing through a leasing program two new units. Unit 1 has high mileage and will be exchanged for a new squad car for \$24,900.00. Unit 2 will be a new SUV for the K-9 program at a cost of \$29,500.00. Money has been raised for equipment for the K-9 unit. Alderman Dell expressed concern about the expanding fleet and the additional expense.

Alderwoman Killey reported that the principal at Dummer School, Lynette Ford, has requested an additional crossing guard. Chief Bianchi advised he had received an e-mail from Ms. Ford requesting two (2) additional crossing guards. Funding for the crossing guards is levied annually, and there is not enough funding at this time to honor the request.

EMA: Director Ciciora reported that two (2) warning sirens did not activate during testing Tuesday morning. On Wednesday, a contractor will be doing repairs on the Sandy Bluff and Duvick sirens.

Alderman Dell: No report

Alderman Fraser: No report

Alderwoman Killey advised that the finance committee would meet immediately following this evening's meeting to review July bills.

Alderman McMahon: Absent

Alderman Moran: Absent

Alderman Redden reported that the BUILD program will end in November, and asked the Council if they want to discontinue, modify or keep the program in place. He reluctantly acknowledged that the program had not stimulated housing growth as anticipated.

Alderman Robinson wanted to remind residents to keep sidewalks clear of debris and hanging overhead limbs as more and more residents are walking.

Alderman Scheidecker: Absent

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 7:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk