

MINUTES OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF SANDWICH, ILLINOIS – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 E. Railroad Street
August 17, 2009

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

Roll call was taken:

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

Auditor's Report: Fred Lantz of Sikich LLC presented the Council with copies of the Annual Financial Report along with a copy of the Management Letter. He commended the Council on its financial position compared to other municipalities in the surrounding communities, and acknowledged City Accounting Clerk, Beth Searl, for her recording keeping performance. Mr. Lantz noted that the City is "presently holding its own", but cautioned that sales revenues were down in 2008 and will continue to decline in 2009 due to local businesses downsizing or closing. Alderman McMahan noted that the treasurer, Sally Kolb, did a fine job with the City's investments.

City Clerk li distributed copies of the amended July 27th minutes and copies of the August 10th minutes noting discrepancies in the motions made on August 10th.

Engineer Horak was on vacation, and no formal report was given in his absence. Superintendent Hake advised that the portions of Railroad Street would be closed on Tuesday for the road coring tests.

Chief Olson reported that he has found a favorable candidate for the crossing guard position that is currently open. This matter will be put on the agenda for next week.

Superintendent Hake advised that the microscope at the Sewer Plant needs to be replaced at a cost anywhere from \$1600 to \$6000. The current microscope is 25 years old, and is no longer functional. The microscope is used for checking for bugs in the waste water. This matter will be presented for a vote at the August 24th meeting.

Hake also reported that the waste water pump at the Sandy Bluff lift station needs to be rebuilt. It is about 20 years old, and had never had a major repair. He has received a quote of \$6,400 from Metropolitan Pump Service. Mayor Thomas directed Superintendent Hake to have the pump repaired.

Alderman Beverley delivered a DVD to the City Clerk of the residential wind turbine presentation that will be shown on Saturday, August 22nd, at 8 PM (Comcast Channel 17). He added that Alderman McMahan assisted with the editing, and the final credits. The DVD will be kept at City Hall.

Alderman Beverley also provided the City Clerk with a brochure on an upcoming workshop hosted by the DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission. The free workshop will be held on Saturday, September 19th. Topics to be covered include new approaches for stormwater management and green infrastructure. He requested the City Clerk to make copies for

distribution to all Council and Committee members and to take a head count of those wanting to attend.

Alderman Dannewitz reminded the Council that the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday, August 18th, at 5:30 PM.

Alderman Moran expressed desire to hire Ryan Beverley to clean City Hall pending a background check. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda.

Alderman Robinson asked that the proposed property maintenance code be tabled until further notice.

New Business: Melia Ford, representing the Sesquicentennial parade, was not present. School officials were not present to request permission for fireworks displays at upcoming football games.

Local farmer, Clarion Swenson, was present and thanked the City Council for allowing him to sell corn this summer, and was seeking permission to continue to sell on City property through the remainder of the season. It was noted that Mr. Swenson has been selling at the same location on County Line Road for the past 10-15 years. After discussion, Council agreed to allow Mr. Swenson to continue his produce sales on County Line Road. No time frame as to a termination of this agreement was finalized, although Alderman McMahon voiced that Mr. Swenson should be "grandfathered in".

Attorney Paul requested an executive session on land acquisition and collective bargaining.

Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Beverley and seconded by Alderman Hyatt to go into executive session at 7:52 PM, pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; and 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; Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran, and Robinson. Motion carried 8-0

Motion to return from Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Keene and seconded by Alderman Hyatt to return to the regular session of the Committee-As-A-Whole meeting at 8:35 PM. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran, and Robinson. Motion carried 8-0

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 8:37 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

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Denise Li, City Clerk