

MINUTES OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF SANDWICH, ILLINOIS – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 E. Railroad Street
September 8, 2009

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

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Thomas, Aldermen Hyatt, Keene, Killey, & Robinson

Absent: Aldermen Dannewitz, McMahon & Moran

Aldermen Beverley arrived at 7:05 PM.

School Parking Along Pleasant Avenue: Residents were present and described parking problems along both sides of Pleasant Avenue when parents pick up their children after school. They expressed concern over the children's safety, and added the Principal of Prairie View School has made numerous attempts to instruct parents of the proper procedure to pick up their children via maps and sent-home correspondence. Chief Olson suggested an ordinance similar to that used for Cindy Street near the high school prohibiting parking on both sides of Pleasant Avenue during school hours. Attorney Paul will prepare the ordinance.

High School Fireworks: Mitch Nystedt, Principal of the High School, requested the Council approve a fireworks display at all home games this year. He added that should the team make it to the playoffs, he will come before the Council again to request another fireworks display. Mr. Nystedt noted that the fireworks promote school spirit, and the students look forward to the fireworks. This will be put on the agenda next week for a vote.

Sesquicentennial: Boots Hoffman and Becky Clemons were present and spoke briefly about the upcoming events. They provided the Council with a checklist of concerns including the street closures. They asked that any vendor fees be waived, and encouraged the Council to be present for the opening and closing ceremonies. Motions will be made at the next regular meeting for street closures and vendor fee waivers.

Olde Tyme Inn Beer Garden: Todd Wyatt was present and discussed having a beer garden during the Sesquicentennial celebration. He has sponsored a beer garden in the past for Freedom Days. Mr. Wyatt is requesting the Council waive the liquor license fee and also waive any vendor fees to enable his business to remain open during the festivities. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda for a vote. Mayor Thomas requested that the proof of insurance be made to the City.

Fire Department – Station #2: Mayor Thomas explained that Station #2 located on Center Street is in need of new roof. The fire department is requesting the present shingled roof be replaced with a metal roof. The City owns the building, and most of the building is located on leased railroad property. The fire department will pay for the cost of the roof replacement. This matter will be voted upon at the next regular Council meeting.

Mayor Thomas requested an executive session for land acquisition under Section 2(c)(5), and litigation under Section 2(c)(11).

Mayor Thomas explained the outcome of the liquor license hearing for Edgebrook, noting Edgebrook was found in violation.

The Mayor reported that Allan Bagg recently fell from his wheelchair near the corner of Randolph Street and Church Street. A police report was filed, and the matter has been turned over to the City's insurance.

Taste of Sandwich: Mayor Thomas announced that the Taste of Sandwich will be held on September 23rd. He noted that Alderman McMahon was in charge for the past two years, and was looking for a volunteer for this year's event. Alderman Hyatt volunteered.

Engineer Horak requested 14 hours vacation carryover. Mayor Thomas advised that carryovers do not require Council approval, and Council agreed.

Horak reported the Zoning Board of Appeals approval of a front yard variance for 504 N. West Street by a vote of 6-0, and a denial of a rear yard variance for 504 N. West Street by a vote of 6-0. The next regular meeting for the Plan Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Annex.

Horak advised that the letter of credit for Avery Subdivision (Water Park) can be reduced. Attorney Paul questioned the availability of the punch list for Fieldcrest, and Horak said it should be ready in another week.

2009 General Maintenance: Engineer Horak said that he should have the final billing for Aurora Blacktop next week. He also noted that there is approximately \$135,000.00 remaining in the fund that could be used for curbing on Railroad Street.

Fairwind Boulevard / US Route 34 Project: Horak reported that 517/519 and 841 W. Church Street requested wider driveways that exceeded IDOT standards. IDOT granted the 35' driveways but requested that the property owners pay the difference in costs. Mayor Thomas noted that the City is holding a check from LDL Transfer. Horak is seeking direction from the Council as to disbursement and billing.

Chief Olson requested 150 hours payout. This matter will be brought before the Council at the next regular Council meeting on September 14th.

Superintendent Hake questioned how to get heat for the electronics located in the lift station on Hall Street. It was noted the Morris easement is still valid, and that Commonwealth Edison is running 10-15 weeks out on their work schedule.

Alderman Dannewitz was absent. Mayor Thomas said he has received a letter from the Freedom Days Committee requesting \$4000.00 for the July 4th celebration. This matter will be placed on the agenda for next week.

Alderman Keene said he was acting on behalf of Alderman Moran, who was absent, regarding the employment of Ryan Beverley. Alderman Keene understood that a criminal background check and fingerprinting had been completed but questioned why Ryan Beverley had not started his employment. Mayor Thomas said the motion made on August 24th did not include a

start date or a salary amount, and that the motion should be corrected. Alderman Beverley requested the City Clerk maintain a job description for the janitorial position, and that a new motion be made to include the starting date, the salary rate, and description of tasks. This matter will be continued at the next regular Council meeting.

Alderman Killey had requested more information about the Sikich management report on the recent audit. She reported that she had spoken with Beth and Lisa in the office, and that a 'checks and balances' is already in place. Alderman Killey said she is satisfied, and that the office staff is doing a fine job.

Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Beverley and seconded by Alderman Hyatt to go into executive session at 7:57 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, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, and Robinson. Motion carried 5-0

Motion to return from Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Hyatt and seconded by Alderman Beverley to return to regular session of the Committee-As-A-Whole meeting at 9:15 PM. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, and Robinson. Motion carried 5-0

Alderman Robinson questioned about the recent 'stop work' order placed on Club Sandwich. Mayor Thomas explained that a 3-cavity sink had not been plumbed correctly, and this became a County health department issue. Further, Club Sandwich had not applied for a permit, and did not meet City code.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Hyatt to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Denise Li, City Clerk