



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting

October 1st, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Olson, City Clerk Ii, Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson

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

Absent: Chief Bianchi & City Treasurer Webber

Stakeholder Meeting #2 / Stormwater System Conveyance Analysis: Tim Paulson, project manager of Engineering Enterprises of Sugar Grove, gave a presentation on the City's flooding issues after heavy rains. In August, the City had mailed 1,855 surveys to residents asking to share their flooding experiences, if any. 385 residents responded, and 187 had experienced flooding issues. 72% of the stormwater issues was surface water flooding. The analysis was limited to the Knights Park, the downtown storm sewer system, Sandhurst subdivision, and Fieldcrest subdivision. Causes for the flooding issues included undersized or lack of storm drainage, watersheds and tributaries on the north side of town, and no depressional storage. 6th Street Improvement, that would separate the 2nd Street and 6th Street watershed, was a suggested top priority by installing approximately 13,000 feet of storm sewer at a construction cost of \$3.6 million. Issues concerning Sandhurst and Fieldcrest subdivision would be a secondary priority at a construction cost of \$3.68 million. A suggested solution for Sandhurst subdivision would include a berm along the northern subdivision boundary, a 5-acre dry basin with a 24" storm sewer, and a 13-acre dry basin with wetland expansion. A solution for Fieldcrest subdivision would be a berm along the north subdivision boundary and a 76-acre wetland basin. Both suggestions would necessitate the City purchasing farmland property to the north of both subdivisions. Overall, the construction cost to repair the City's stormwater flooding would be \$7.5 - \$8 million.

Audience comments included David Kurtz who has flooding issues in his backyard, Donald Crump who has flooding in the drainage easement at the rear of his property, and Karen Skinner who has experienced flooding in her backyard since 1996.

The next step will be a review of City Ordinance, an implementation of plan(s), and staff review of summary reports and recommendations. A final report should be available on November 30, 2018.

Mayor Olson

Discussion on Bed Tax & Tourism: Mayor Olson said he was open to suggestions regarding the hotel's displeasure with the DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau. The City joined the DCCVB in February after their contract expired with the Aurora Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. In past weeks, Timber Creek has expressed dissatisfaction with the DCCVB causing Mayor Olson to consider rescinding the bed tax. Council favored staying with the DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau saying other businesses benefit, and the DCCVB is providing a service to the community that the City cannot do on their own. Mayor Olson said he will remain as a liaison on the DCCVB board.

Discussion on Business Registration: Mayor Olson reintroduced the idea of a business registration, not to be confused with a business license. The idea was first broached a year ago resulting in the City Clerk to create a template application for review. A nominal fee would be associated to cover administrative costs. Question was raised regarding enforcement of the registration, and would a fine be implemented for non-compliance. Mayor Olson asked that the Council review the draft for further discussion.

Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren LLC: No report

City Clerk li: No report

City Treasurer: Absent

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak:

Brush Pickup: Final brush pickup for the season is this week for Ward 1

2018 Sanitary Sewer System Conveyance Analysis – Phase 1: The public Stakeholder Meeting will be held on Monday, October 15th, 2018 during the COW (Committee-of-the-Whole) Council Meeting.

Hydrant flushing will begin Monday, October 22nd through Friday, October 26th, 2018.

Leaf vacuuming is scheduled to begin Monday, October 29th in Ward 1. Ward 2 will be on Tuesday, Ward 3 on Wednesday and Ward 4 on Thursday. Similar to the program last year, leaf piles need to be placed near the curb by 7 AM. The program will run through the week of November 26th.

Illinois Safe Routes to Schools – Cycle 2019: Engineer Horak provided a map of the Woodbury School area depicting new ADA compliant sidewalks at intersections. Grant money cannot exceed \$200,000, and the plan is to improve sidewalks starting from the school and working 'outward' until the funds are depleted. Alderman Robinson suggested that new sidewalks not be installed in those areas that do not already have sidewalks, and use funds to improve existing sidewalks.

Chief Bianchi: Sgt. Jerry Ikemire was present in the Chief's absence; No report

EMA: No report

Alderman Chiemlewski: No report

Alderman Dell stated that he has received complaints on the confusion of the turning lane on Lions Road into Haskin School. He said he has driven the route at night, and finds it confusing. He is requesting better marking of the roadway indicating the turn lane. It was noted that both the police department and the school district approved the lane marking last year, and appears residents have not adapted to the new traffic pattern.

Alderman Kelleher: No report

Alderman Killey advised that the finance committee would meet immediately following this evening's Council meeting.

Alderman McMahon: No report

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson: No report

New Business: None

Audience Comments: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderman Robinson to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Council meeting at 8:51 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk