

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF SANDWICH, ILLINOIS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 E. Railroad Street
November 16, 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, McMahon, Moran and Robinson

Fairwind Subdivision: Mayor Thomas reported that he and City Engineer Tom Horak had met with Attorney Kramer earlier in the day regarding the letters of credit. The City is holding two (2) letters of credit; one for Units 1-A, 2 and 3, and a second one for Unit 4. Engineer Horak is preparing punch lists for the developer, Dick Faltz. It was noted that a motion to extend the letters of credit for Unit 3 and Unit 4 was made last week. Alderman Beverley said he wants to amend his motion from last week regarding the extension of the letter of credits. This will be put on next week's agenda.

Freedom Days: Kevin Kelleher, representative of the Freedom Days Committee, requested a liquor license and a waive of fees for next year's event. He said the Committee's intent is to have their own beer garden. Mayor Thomas informed the Council that the current ordinance would have to be amended to include the issuance of a liquor license for one event. Mayor Thomas closed saying he would check for a model ordinance.

DeKalb County Regional Planning Commission: Mayor Thomas said the amount of the annual dues is \$500.00, and will be put to a vote at next week's meeting.

Valley West Hospital Correspondence: Mayor Thomas reported that he had received a letter from Valley West Hospital asking that the City implement a ban on leaf burning. Several Council members acknowledged that the no leaf burning ban on Halloween worked well. Discussion was held on how other communities handle leaf disposal with several suggestions being offered. Aldermen Beverley and Robinson will conduct a fact-finding search, and will report back to the Council on their findings.

Proposed Wind Energy Ordinance 2009-13: There was a continued discussion of changes to the proposed ordinance. Curt Gonnerman spoke from the audience as being opposed to the ordinance. The changes to the ordinance will be brought before next week's meeting.

Mayor Thomas requested Executive Session to discuss litigation and land acquisition.

2010 Holiday Schedule: Clerk Li presented the proposed 2010 holiday schedule for discussion. Because Christmas and New Year's will fall on a Saturday in 2010, Council agreed that the City will be closed the preceding day in observance of the holidays. Council will approve the schedule at next week's meeting.

Engineer Horak reported that the Verizon bill for the engineering department will incur a late charge unless payment is made immediately. He requested a motion to pay Verizon in the amount of \$126.54 from budget line item 01.540.4221.

Alderman Robinson made a motion to pay Verizon in the amount of \$126.54 to be expensed from budget line item #01.540.4221. Alderman Hyatt seconded. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay:0 Motion carried 8:0

Chief Olson reported that the records division needs a new printer. He explained the current printer is in need of repair, and it is not cost effective to have repaired. Chief Olson said the cost of a new printer would be \$400.00. This matter will be placed on next week's agenda for a vote.

Superintendent Hake gave an update on the Ash Street storm water drainage.

Alderman Dannewitz reminded the Council about the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 5:30 PM. Alderman Dannewitz reported that a recent audit for the Sandwich Fire Department disclosed funds intended for the fire department were erroneously deposited into the City's funds. There were two (2) checks from the State of Illinois in 2008 for replacement tax in the total amount of \$3,230.00. The refund to the Sandwich Fire Department will be put on next week's agenda for a vote.

Alderwoman Killey questioned if there was any money available for sidewalk replacement. He said there is a safety issue with the deteriorating sidewalk in front of Dummer School, running parallel to the roadway. Superintendent Hake said he will make an inspection of the sidewalk, and report back to the Council.

Alderman Killey also advised that Rich Bryan, representing ARCH, and the homeowner of property located at 503 W. 3rd Street, were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Alderman McMahon request Executive Session to discuss personnel.

New Business: Becky Nelson was not present.

Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Beverley and seconded by Alderman Keene to go into executive session 8:25 PM, pursuant to 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; Section(c)(1), The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Motion carried 8:0

Motion to return from Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Dannewitz and seconded by Alderman Hyatt to return to regular session of the Committee-As-A-Whole meeting at 8:55 PM. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Robinson. Motion carried 8:0

3 N. Main Street: Some of the Council questioned about large dumpsters being located in the roadways. Mayor Thomas said St. Paul's Church requested permission, but not the other locations mentioned by Council members. Chief Olson will investigate the dumpster location sites, and will issue citations if necessary. Mayor Thomas also indicated that there is activity at 3 N. Main Street, but apparently the contractor has stopped work. Direction will be give to building inspector Jim Smith to investigate.

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 9:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

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Denise Li, City Clerk