



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Regular Council Meeting

March 12, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

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

Absent: Alderman O'Sullivan

Also present: Attorney Lundgren, Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, Building Official Steffens, City Treasurer Webber, Chief Bianchi & EMA Director Ciciora

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Kelleher and seconded by Alderman McMahon to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2018; the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting of March 5, 2018; and Budget Meetings for February 19 & 26, 2018 and March 5, 2018. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Approval of March Semi-Monthly Bills

Motion was made by Alderwoman Killey, and seconded by Alderman Dell approving payment of the March semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$125,675.79. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Mayor Olson:

Ordinance 2018-05 entitled "Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of Sandwich, Illinois, Providing an Increase of the Number of Class K Liquor License". Council shall consider raising the number of Class K liquor license allowing video gaming from 2 licenses to 3. Presentation of this ordinance represents a first reading that may be waived by Council motion.

Motion made by Alderman Robinson, and seconded by Alderman Kelleher, to waive first reading on Ordinance 2018-05 to increase the number of Class K liquor licenses from 2 to 3.

Aye: Aldermen Redden & Robinson Nay: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey & McMahon Motion failed 2:5

Ordinance 2018-03 entitled “An Ordinance Adopting the NFPA 101 ‘Code for Safety to Life from Fire in Buildings & Structures, 2015 Edition’ and the ‘International Fire Code, 2015 Edition’ as Amended”. This ordinance, if passed, will adopt the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code (subject to specific amendments as described in the ordinance) and update the NFPA 101 (Life Safety) Code to the 2015 edition. Having been discussed at Committee of the Whole, it is presented for passage.

Alderman Kelleher moved to pass Ordinance 2018-03 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMahon. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

MetroNet Update: Mayor Olson reported that he and Engineer Horak met with MetroNet reps last week, and the City is reviewing the proposed agreement that will provide an alternative to cable, internet and wi-fi services to the community. The contract parallels that of Comcast. Concern was raised due the large number of JULIE’s that will be required for fiber optic laying. Mayor Olson has been in contact with Plano inquiring the sharing of duties to meet the demand. Plano will also be facing the same dilemma when they contract with MetroNet. Construction is anticipated to commence next year.

Tourism Committee Update: The Tourism Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 21st in the City’s Council Chambers at 7 PM.

Budget Meeting Update: After a short break, Council will meet following this evening’s regular meeting to discuss the 2018-2019 budget.

Foster, Buick, Conklin, Lundgren & Tritt, LLC: No report

City Clerk Ij: No report

City Treasurer: No report Mayor Olson reported that Shante Humble will be reconciling the City’s bank accounts this week.

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak:

Plan Commission regular meeting for Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, has been cancelled.

Electronic Recycling: The program has been suspended in Sandwich. DeKalb County will host a recycling collection on June 2, 2018 and September 22, 2018, at the DeKalb Taylor Airport located at 3232 Pleasant Street in DeKalb. Engineer Horak said that Fortune Metal Midwest LLC may be an alternative for a recycling program exclusive to City residents and adding that there would be a cost associated.

Second Wastewater Operator Position: Engineer Horak requested a motion to hire a second wastewater operation position as soon as possible. The position would be 100% dedicated to the sewer plant.

Motion made by Alderman McMahon to create a second wastewater position, and seconded by Alderman Kelleher. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay: Alderman Dell Motion carried 6:1

Chief Bianchi: No report

EMA: No report

Alderman Chmielewski inquired when painting of the no parking areas around the schools and crosswalks will begin. Engineer Horak responded that once the weather warms up, the street department will address.

Alderman Dell: No report

Alderman Kelleher shared that he had received a phone call from a constituent regarding a neighborhood issue that currently there is no protocol for code enforcement. He, Engineer Horak, Building Official Steffen and Chief Bianchi will meet to review a protocol for such complaints.

Alderman Killey advised that the next finance committee meeting will be March 19th, 2018, immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting.

Alderman McMahon: No report

Alderman O'Sullivan: Absent

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson reported that Eric Huffman had request that 48 hours of unused vacation hours be rolled over. No action was required.

Alderman Robinson expressed that he is not interested in converting the city owned 28-acre parcel on Gletty Road and Center Street into a solar array. Cenergy addressed the Council last week with the hopes of installing a solar field on the prime property. The City would have to commit the property to a 21-year lease at \$2,000/acre per year. Alderman Robinson felt a detention basin would be better suited site should the Council be interested in pursuing. Council expressed interest in moving forward with the solar energy projects. Mayor Olson said that Attorney Buick has been in negotiations with energy providers noting that the project at the sewer plant lies in a flood zone that will require multiple permits, including from IEPA. Alderman Redden reminded the Council to be mindful that city property belongs to the residents.

New Business: None

Audience Comments: Two residents from the Sandhurst subdivision were present asking if the Council had addressed concerns from last August regarding a dirt bike in the neighborhood. With the weather improving, there is concern that noise from the dirt bike and now an ATV will deny residents of their privacy and quiet enjoyment of property. Question was raised if dirt bikes and ATV's could be banned inside City limits.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman O'Sullivan to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole Council meeting at 7:38 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk