



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Regular Council Meeting

May 14, 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 li, Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson

Also present: Attorney Foster, Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak, 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 April 23, 2018; Special Meeting of April 26, 2018; and the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting of May 7, 2018. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Approval of May Semi-Monthly Bills:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Killey, and seconded by Alderman Kelleher approving payment of the May semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$196,408.74. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay: 0 Motion carried 7:0

Mayor Olson:

Contract for Mack & Associates: Mayor Olson has contacted Mack & Associates for assistance in formatting the City's budget for the year 2019-2020. With the assistance of departmental heads, he is seeking a more user-friendly and easily understood format. Cost will be \$125/hour.

Motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderwoman Killey accepting the Letter of Engagement from Mack & Associates for an hourly cost of \$125/hour to provide a budget template. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Opera House Liquor License: Ordinance 2018-08 entitled “An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of Sandwich, Illinois Providing for a New Class L Liquor License” was presented for passage. Council felt there should be a monetary fee affixed and agreed on a modest \$1.00/year. Dram Shop insurance and an Illinois liquor license will be required.

Alderman Robinson moved to pass Ordinance 2018-08 as amended to add an annual licensing fee of \$1.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Kelleher. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahan, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Opera House Grant Presentation: Alderwoman Cara Killey, City liaison for the Opera House, made a \$15,000 grant presentation to Christine Roe, Opera House director, and Rick Crissip, Opera House president. The grant was awarded by the DeKalb County Community Foundation for the repair and replacement of windows.

Service Agreement – DeKalb County Fiber Optic Network (DATA): The proposed service agreement with DeKalb County Fiber Option Network (DATA) Consortium Membership & Services Agreement will be an annual cost of \$10,975.00. Cost would include a connection from the DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office to City Hall for CAD / mapping. Originally the fiber installation bypassed City Hall and was installed at the police department. The relocation is at the request of Glen Bloemker, the City’s IT representative, at no extra cost to the City. The annual cost for this service is \$2,650.00. Additionally, there will be fiber connection from the police department to Illinois Century Network for LEADS that is an annual cost of \$1,350.00. The annual network fee is an additional \$7,000.00. Chief Bianchi noted that these dedicated lines are highly secured and will be used throughout the County restricted to government entities.

Proposed Raffle Ordinance: **Alderman Robinson moved to table this matter for further discussion. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMahan. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

DeKalb County Agency Access: Resolution 18-04 entitled “Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agency Access Agreement Between the City of Sandwich, DeKalb County Sheriff’s Department Office and Superior LLC” was presented for adoption. Superior LLC is the license holder of software being leased by the DeKalb County Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff’s Department, through the agreement, will allow the City access and use to the software that will include CADS system access and records management. There will be no additional cost to the City.

Motion made by Alderman McMahan, and seconded by Alderman Kelleher, to adopt Resolution 18-04 as presented. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahan, Redden and Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Proposed Gjovik Ford Inc. Sales Tax Rebate Agreement: Resolution 18-05 entitled “Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement” was presented for adoption. The Resolution would allow the Mayor to sign the Sales Tax Rebate Agreement between the City of Sandwich and Gjovik Ford, Inc. Terms of the agreement list that commencing January 1, 2020 an annual rebate to Gjovik Ford the greater of (1) 15% of the total Retailer’s Occupation Tax or (2) any of the total that exceeds \$250,000.00, as collected by the City. Waiving costs for building permits and water / sewer connections was not addressed in the agreement.

Alderman Dell moved to adopt Resolution 18-05, as presented. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Several aldermen had not reviewed the terms of the agreement, and encouraged further discussion. Alderman Redden read a letter in opposition stating that City should not be viewed as a lending institution, that by approving the sales tax rebate agreement the City is setting a precedence for other businesses to request sales tax incentives, and lastly, noted that the City had just raised the sales tax by a slim margin of 8 votes. He felt it was not right to the residents to raise the sales tax and then “turnaround and give it away”.

Counter arguments included that it is not unusual in today’s world for cities to offer tax rebates to businesses, that a new state-of-the-art dealership will attract more business and increased tax sales revenue, and the new construction will increase the real estate tax base affecting local government entities,

Scott Gjovik said he is paying approximately \$250,000 annually in sale tax that exceeds any other business in Sandwich. He added that the cost of the \$6.5 million construction cannot be built for less, and that his request for \$750,000 sales tax rebate over a 10-year period is not unreasonable. Gjovik stated he has been in discussion with other communities that are offering better deals than what he is requesting, and that he is making a sacrifice to remain in Sandwich. It is anticipated the new construction would be completed in late summer, 2019.

Discussion will continue at next week’s Committee-of-the-Whole council meeting.

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

City Clerk Li has received a request from Lisa Mangers to carryover 84 hours of unused sick leave and a payout of 40.50 hours sick time. No action was required by the Council.

City Treasurer Webber: No report

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak: No report

Chief Bianchi announced that the DARE graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 16th, at 6 PM at the Middle School.

EMA: No report

Alderman Chiemlewski: No report

Alderman Dell: No report

Alderman Kelleher had requested a discussion on the City’s sidewalk program but stated he will speak directly to Engineer Horak on the matter.

Alderman Killey advised that the next finance committee meeting will be May 21st, 2018, immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting.

Alderman McMahon: No report

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson requested Executive Session under Section 2(c)(2) for FOP contract negotiations.

New Business: None

Audience Comments: None

Executive Session

Motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to go into executive session at 8:21 PM, pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) “Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees”. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Motion to return from Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderman Robinson to return to regular session at 8:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 8:37 PM. Motion carried unanimously by viva voce vote.

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk