



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Regular Council Meeting

May 29, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sandwich Girl Scout Troops #10, #785 & #4497.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Olson, City Clerk li, Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon & Redden

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

Absent: Aldermen Dell & Robinson; City Treasurer Webber

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Alderman Kelleher and seconded by Alderman McMahon to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2018; the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting of May 21, 2018; and the Special Meeting of May 24, 2018, as amended (language pertaining to the motion was amended to include that a resolution was adopted as well). Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried 5:0

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 \$53,077.78. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon & Redden Nay: 0 Motion carried 5:0

Mayor Olson:

Honoring of Shannon McGregor: Sandwich high school graduate and current Waubonsee College student, Shannon McGregor was honored for attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award. This award is the highest-ranking award presented, and is equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Award. Her community project was suicide prevention that she worked closely with Dreyer Clinic and the Sandwich Schools.

DeKalb County Radio Communication Purchase: Question was posed to the Council if they wanted to finance the purchase of radio communication devices or to purchase outright. Financing would be through DeKalb County at 3% interest for 3 years. The cost to purchase in full would be \$133,955.80. The purchase would consist of 25 radio units and 2 consoles. Alderman Redden was against the purchase of 2 consoles but had no issues with the radio equipment, some of which would be shared with EMA Director Ciciora.

Alderman McMahon made a motion to purchase the radio equipment and consoles at a cost of \$133,955.80. Alderman Kelleher seconded. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey & McMahon Nay: Alderman Redden Motion carried 4:1

Ordinance 2018-04 entitled “An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting A New Code For The City Of Sandwich, DeKalb And Kendall Counties, Illinois; Providing For The Repeal Of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing A Penalty For The Violation Thereof; Providing For The Manner Of Amending Such Code; And Providing When Such Code And This Ordinance Shall Become Effective” presented for passage. This ordinance is in conjunction with the newly updated Municipal Code for the City. If passed, the updated Municipal Code shall replace the City’s current Code.

Alderman Redden moved to pass Ordinance 2018-04 as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Kelleher. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried 5:0

Discussion of waiving fees for Gjovik building project: Mayor Olson opened the floor for discussion on waiving City fees that are customarily associated with new construction such as building permits, tap-on fees, and water / sewer hookups. When questioned if the City has waived such fees previously, Engineer Horak named the library and township as recent examples. Alderwoman Chmielewski noted these were non-profit entities, and asked if fees had ever been waived for a business. Engineer Horak could not recall. Alderman McMahon, however, pointed out that the now defunct BUILD program was the lowering of new construction fees.

Alderman Kelleher objected to Gjovik’s negative projection of the City and continued threats to relocate after the vote on May 24th where the City agreed to a \$800,000 sales tax rebate covering 15 years. Gjovik had original requested \$750,000 for a span of 10 years. Council vented their frustration of feeling pressed against the wall. When Engineer Horak speculated the maximum cost to waive new construction fees including outsourced engineering costs would be around \$50,000, Alderwoman Killey noted the sales tax rebate increase from \$750,000 to \$800,000 covered these costs in her opinion.

Council felt they had an agreement with Gjovik Ford, but after realizing that the agreement had not yet been signed, concerns were raised. Mayor Olson said the agreement is being reviewed by attorneys on both sides, and that he does not want to lose the partnership between the City and Gjovik. He will contact Scott Gjovik and obtain clarification on specific items to be waived.

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

City Clerk Ij: No report

City Treasurer Webber: Absent

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak:

Resolution 18-06 entitled “Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code” presented for motion. Passage of this resolution will request authorization from IDOT to spend \$200,000 between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. The 2018 MFT projects would include roadway work on Center Street (between Mechanic and Washington Streets); Main Street (2nd Street to Lisbon/6th Street); Kees Lane at the south end of Griswold Springs; Wells Street (between Hall and Church Streets); and 6th / Latham Street. The City has a credit of \$18,756.72 from last year’s MFT projects, and a current MFT balance of \$900,454.92.

So moved by Alderman Kelleher, and seconded by Alderman Redden. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahan & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried 5:0

Fairwind Boulevard – Center to Lisbon Project (Illinois DCEO Grant #10-203872): The City has submitted a request for a completion date extension to June 30, 2019. The State placed a hold on the funding several years ago, and now the City must apply annually for an extension.

2018 Planning Priorities Report: CMAP has contacted stakeholders for their interviews on May 30th and May 31st. Stakeholders consist of people in the community, such as the fire department, park district, local businesses, FVOA, local social groups, and the hospital, that are provided an opportunity for their opinions on the growth of the community.

BUILD Incentive Program expires May 31, 2018 per Resolution 16-10. Council had agreed at a previous meeting to let the program lapse, and review it in again in a few months.

Announcement: Engineer Horak reported that the City is dealing with 5 sinkholes. A 20-foot manhole will need to be replaced at Railroad and Lafayette Streets.

Chief Bianchi: No report

EMA Ciciora: No report

Alderman Chiemlewski spoke on behalf of the local Girl Scouts on a future project concerning the walkway approach to the library on S. Main Street. She has spoken with Police Chief Bianchi and the school district on the Scouts concerns for safety and improvement of the walkway.

Alderman Dell: Absent

Alderman Kelleher: No report

Alderman Killey advised that the next finance committee meeting will be June 4th, 2018, immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting.

Alderman McMahan: No report

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson: Absent

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 Kelleher to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously by viva voce vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk