



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex • 128 East Railroad Street

Regular Council Meeting

June 13, 2016 at 7pm

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence reflecting on the forty-nine (49) victims killed and the fifty-three (53) injured survivors of the shooting attack that occurred in Orlando, Florida over the weekend.

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Olson, City Clerk Ii, Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker

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

Absent: Alderman Moran, City Treasurer Webber & Chief Bianchi

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman McMahon and seconded by Alderman Scheidecker to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2016 and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of June 6, 2016. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Approval of June Semi-Monthly Bills

Motion was made by Alderwoman Killey, and seconded by Alderman Scheidecker, approving payment of the June semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$162,523.07. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Mayor Olson

Freedom Days Street Closures: Engineer Horak has compiled a reference booklet of all street closures for various events throughout the year. Events planned for this year's July 4th celebration will be a parade and water fights conducted by the fire department. Final plans will be discussed at the July 27th regular meeting.

International Yoga Day Update: Plans are being finalized for the International Yoga Day to be held at Timber Creek on June 24th and 25th. The sponsoring host will be responsible for advertisement and promotion, and the City will address security and safety for the participants. Weekly meetings are being held in preparation of the event.

Ordinance 2016-05 entitled “2016 Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance” was presented for passage. Because of the State’s budget impasse, IDOL (Illinois Department of Labor) has not produced updated wage surveys. The prevailing wage rate for 2016 will remain the same as 2015.

Alderman Scheidecker moved to pass Ordinance 2016-05 for the 2016 Prevailing Wage Rate. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMahon. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Resolution 16-05 entitled “A Resolution Requesting a Referendum be Submitted to the Voters of the City of Sandwich Imposing a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Increase” was presented for adoption. The City wishes to submit to the voters for a referendum on the November ballot to increase the City’s sale tax by 1%.

So moved by Alderman Redden, and seconded by Alderman McMahon. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Resolution 16-06 entitled “Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute all Documents Necessary to Complete the Purchase of Real Estate Commonly Known as 1251 East 6th Street, Sandwich, Illinois” was presented for passage. The City will be purchasing the former Designed Stairs building and the 1.73 acre parcel located east of the building.

Motion made by Alderman McMahon, and seconded by Alderman Robinson, to adopt Resolution 16-06 authorizing the Mayor to sign documentation relating to the purchase of 1251 E. 6th Street and the 1.73 acre parcel. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention Survey: The bi-annual site survey, as required by the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency), was mailed to all households last week. Mayor Olson reported he had expected only a handful of surveys to be returned and would estimate that the City received several dozen today. Brian Voelkel, Water Department Supervisor, will be conducting data entry findings to be reported to the Council and the IEPA at a future date.

Foster & Buick Law Group – No report

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Local Debt Recovery Update: Several years ago the City signed an agreement to participate in the State’s Local Debt Recovery Program. The program provides that delinquent accounts are turned over to the State for collection from the debtor’s annual state income tax return. This year, the City recovered \$2,358.27 on delinquent accounts dating back to 2009. Clerk li explained that delinquent accounts created by tenants generally will be forwarded to the State after all attempts to collect are exhausted by the City. She further explained that delinquent accounts created by the homeowner

will have a lien placed against their property. There are no costs to the City to participate in the State's program.

Electronic Aggregation Update: At the time the City entered into an agreement with Mid American Energy last fall under the aggregation program, rates were higher than in previous years but still lower than those offered by ComEd. MidAmerican Energy will be mailing a letter this week to all participating households that effective June 1, the electrical rates for ComEd are lower than that of MidAmerican Energy. The letter will provide information to the consumer on transferring back to ComEd for their electrical costs.

City Treasurer Webber - Absent

Director of Public Works & City Engineer Horak

Plan Commission regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the City Hall Annex: On the agenda is PC2016-01 requesting a special use for 1212 E. 6th Street and PC2016-02 for a text amendment concerning body art establishments (tattoo parlors).

Brush Pickup for Ward 2 was completed on Monday. The next schedule brush pickup will be July 11th.

Clark Street Emergency Generator Award: Recommendation made by Engineer Horak to award the Clark Street Water Plant emergency generator project to Halm Electrical Contracting, Inc. of Ottawa, IL, in the amount of \$248,500.00. It was noted that this amount was actually below the estimated amount.

So moved by Alderman McMahon, and seconded by Alderman Robinson. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Center Street – Green to Main Reconstruction Project: Engineer Horak recommended approval of Pay Request #3 to Gensini Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$173,642.89. He further added that a balance is remaining of \$42,380.41 on this project.

Alderman Redden moved to approve Pay Request #3 to Gensini Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$173,642.89. Motion was seconded by Alderman Scheidecker. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Chief Bianchi: Sergeant Ravnikar was present in the absence of Chief Bianchi. There was no report.

EMA Director Ciciora – No report

Alderman Dell – No report

Alderman Fraser requested a police presence at the monthly cruise nights sponsored by the Lions Club. The first cruise night for the summer will be held on Friday, June 17th.

Alderman Killey reported that the next finance committee will be held on Tuesday, June 21st at 9:30 AM at City Hall. Alderman extended her gratitude, and on behalf of the Council, to Juan Garcia for maintaining the plants and flowers at City Hall on a daily basis.

Alderman McMahon – No report

Alderman Moran – No report

Alderman Redden – No report

Alderman Robinson requested a payout of 200 unused vacation hours for Sergeant Holmes and a carryover of 20 hours of unused vacation hours. No further action was taken.

Alderman Scheidecker – No report

New Business – None

Audience Comments – None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Robison and seconded by Alderman Redden to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:22 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise li, City Clerk