



# City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex • 128 East Railroad Street

## Regular Council Meeting

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 7pm

## MINUTES

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken:

**Present:** Mayor Olson, City Clerk Li, Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Moran, Redden & Scheidecker

Alderman Robinson arrived at 7:03 PM

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

**Absent:** City Treasurer Webber

### Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Dell and seconded by Alderman McMahon to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2016 and the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting of August 15, 2016. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Moran, Redden & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

### Approval of August Semi-Monthly Bills

Motion was made by Alderwoman Killey, and seconded by Alderman Scheidecker, approving payment of the August semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$94,535.40. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Moran, Redden & Scheidecker Nay: 0 Motion carried 7:0

### Mayor Olson

Street Closure Request: DoJo Dynamics has requested to have Wells Street (between Route 34 and Railroad Street) be closed on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for their annual scholarship fundraiser. Festivities start at noon until 4 PM that includes a pork chop dinner, demonstrations, and activities for the kids. Council favored closing the roadway, and no motion was required.

Ordinance 2016-12 entitled "An Ordinance Amending the Telecommunications Tax Rate" was presented for a first reading. The City proposes to raise the local rate by 2.25%. Alderman Fraser

stressed to his constituents that this tax will not affect their real estate taxes. As previously discussed, the tax may be passed along to the consumer by the telecommunication provider, and if so, the increase will be approximately \$10 monthly. The Council will be voting on the Ordinance at the September 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to meet the September 20<sup>th</sup> Department of Revenue filing date.

Announcement: There will be no meeting next week, August 29<sup>th</sup> being the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Due to Labor Day on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren LLC** – No report

**City Clerk li** – No report

**City Treasurer Webber** – Absent

**Director of Public Works & City Engineer Horak**

Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 has been cancelled.

Ward 4 brush pickup will be completed on Tuesday. The next scheduled pickup for Ward 4 will be the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>.

2016 Concrete Street Maintenance Project (16-00000-01-GM): Engineer Horak made a recommendation to award the 2016 Concrete Street Maintenance Project (16-00000-01-GM) to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. of LaSalle, IL in the amount of \$302,814.00.

Alderman Redden started the controversy by advising the Council that he could not support the project. He felt that MFT funds cannot support the project at this time adding that the residents on Karen Drive will not be satisfied with the finished patchwork. Alderman Moran countered that the work would not be patchwork but rather full concrete sections of the roadway would be removed. The roadway is over 20 years old, and the Council consensus is now being the time to address the problem. He further noted that the City will never have enough money to address the concrete roadways countering Alderman Redden's claim that the City is spending money like 'a drunken sailor'.

**Motion made by Alderman McMahon, and seconded by Alderman Moran, approving the award for the 2016 Concrete Street Maintenance Project (16-00000-01-GM) to Universal Asphalt & Excavating in the amount of \$302,814.00. Aye: Aldermen Fraser, McMahon, Moran, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay: Aldermen Dell, Killey & Redden Motion carried 5:3**

2016 Hot-Mix Asphalt Street Maintenance Project (16-00000-02-GM): Recommendation was made Engineer Horak to award the 2016 Hot-Mix Asphalt Street Maintenance Project (16-00000-02-GM) to D Construction, Inc. of Coal City, IL in the amount of \$116,533.98.

**So moved by Alderman Scheidecker, and seconded by Alderman Moran. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Fraser, Killey, McMahon, Moran, Redden, Robinson & Scheidecker Nay:0 Motion carried 8:0**

**2016 Water Tower Painting:** The project's preconstruction meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 AM for the 750,000-gallon spheroid, exterior overcoat, wet interior repaint, dry interior partial repaint, and miscellaneous repairs on the 2016 water tower painting.

**BNSF ROW (Right of Way):** Bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 10:00 AM for the BNSF ROW at Main Street and Lafayette Street Water Main Replacement Project.

**Chief Bianchi** reminded the Council of the upcoming DARE golf outing on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Edgebrook.

Police Cadet Carter Aktabowski spoke briefly on funds raised at the National Night's Out held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. \$1,000 was raised for FVOA (Fox Valley Older Adults).

**EMA Director Ciciora** – No report

**Alderman Dell** announced that the Aurora Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau recently hired James Cardis of Batavia as their new Director of Marketing. He felt it was positive sign and that the City will be properly promoted. Alderman Fraser would like Mr. Cardis to address the Council and share his marketing strategy for the City. Mayor Olson will make the necessary arrangements.

**Alderman Fraser** - No report

**Alderman Killey** reminded Council of the finance committee meeting for Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting.

**Alderman McMahon** – No report

**Alderman Moran** – No report

**Alderman Redden** reported on the proposed business registration program noting that things are progressing, and Council will be updated as progress is made.

**Alderman Robinson** cautioned the Council on leaving the Annex Building open for bathroom facilities during downtown events. Last summer there was damage to the restrooms for lack of security, and he wants to avert a problematic situation for future festivities.

A request has been made by Officer Jeremy Eisenberg to carryover 80 vacation hours. His anniversary date is September 11<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Horak requested to be paid out 24 unused vacation hours. September 4<sup>th</sup> is his anniversary date. Council was in favor, and no motion was required according to the City's Personnel Ordinance.

**Alderman Scheidecker** suggested installing yellow flashing lights to city trucks to make them more visible. No action was taken.

**New Business** - None

**Audience Comments** - None

**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 7:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously by viva voce vote.**

/s/ Denise Li, City Clerk