

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SANDWICH, ILLINOIS – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
128 E. Railroad Street
September 28, 2009

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Thomas, Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran & Robinson.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Alderman Dannewitz and seconded by Alderman Keene to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 14, 2009, as distributed. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

Approval of September Monthly Bills: Motion was made by Alderman Dannewitz and seconded by Alderman Keene to approve the September monthly bills totaling \$104,637.39 which includes \$39,157.80 in capital improvements. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

Nit Pickin' Netty: Alderman Dannewitz explained that there was a discrepancy with the invoice submitted by Nit Pickin' Netty. The finance committee rejected the invoice suggesting that a new invoice be submitted with the correct number of hours worked.

Alderman Dannewitz made a motion to reject the invoice submitted by Nit Pickin' Netty for payment. Alderman Robinson seconded. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

Fox Valley Older Adults: Cindy Worsley, director of FVOA, was present. She explained that the majority of their funding comes from the State, and currently the State is approximately 120 days behind in payment. She emphasized that the facility is nearing an emergency crossroads, and is in need of funds.

Alderman Dannewitz made a motion to fund Fox Valley Older Adults \$10,000.00 as shown as line item #01.510.4604 in the current budget. Alderman Keene seconded the motion. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

Bristol Blacktop Agreement: There is a problem with standing water in front of 417 & 421 Lafayette Street. The owners have contracted with Bristol Blacktop to have an area blacktopped to aid with drainage. The Agreement is between Bristol Blacktop, the City, and the landowners. It specifies that the area to be blacktopped is not designed to be driven upon, and that the City will not be responsible for maintenance or repairs.

Alderman Dannewitz made a motion to accept the agreement from Bristol Blacktop as presented, and Alderman Hyatt seconded. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

Northwest Water Extension: On September 23rd, the Mayor met with property owners that are affected by the Northwest Water Extension. Mayor Thomas explained that approximately 35% of the project has been engineered, but because the economy did not excel, the City is prepared to release to the property owners their Letter(s) of Credit as well as any deposits currently held by the City. The Mayor stressed that the City is due money from some of the landowners, and that the City should be paid from the deposits held. He suggested that if money is owed the City, a check for money owed be exchanged for the deposit refund.

Alderman Hyatt made a motion to release the Letter(s) of Credit and to refund all deposits currently held for the Northwest Water Extension, as presented, and to obtain funds from those owners that owe the City money at the time of disbursement. Aye: Alderman Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, and Moran. Nay: Alderman Robinson Motion carried 7:1

Attorney Paul presented Ordinance 2009-12 for 1st reading, entitled "Ordinance amending Section 93 of Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code of Sandwich, Illinois, requiring stops for specified traffic concerning Drew Avenue, Tara Street, and northbound traffic from hotel parking area".

Attorney Paul requested Ordinance 2009-11, entitled "Ordinance amending (b) of Section 167 of Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code of Sandwich, Illinois, by adding to the prohibited parking on school days a portion of Pleasant Avenue" be tabled until further notice.

Alderman Robinson made a motion to table Ordinance 2009-11 until further notice. Alderman Moran seconded. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

Fieldcrest Subdivision – Default Notice / Punch List #2: City Engineer Horak reported the repairs of the subdivision improvements are to be completed by the end of October. He noted that the Letter of Credit will expire on November 1, 2009.

Engineer Horak spoke briefly about a paving plan for Woodbury School in an area North of Second Street. It was noted that the City has replaced the sidewalk twice, and the request is no curbing in this area. This matter will be discussed fully at next week's meeting.

Chief Olson thanked Larry Hake and his staff as well as EMA Tom Cisciara for their assistance during the Sesquicentennial. He said there were traffic concerns for the Taste of Sandwich, and this will be addressed for next year's event.

City Superintendent Hake is on vacation. Mayor Thomas reported that there will be hydrant flushing on October 14th and October 15th.

Alderman Hyatt thanked everyone for helping with the Taste of Sandwich.

Alderman McMahon requested that Progressive Energy Group be put on next week's agenda for a vote.

Alderman Keene requested Executive Session for land acquisition.

Alderman Robinson also thanked Alderman Hyatt for organizing the hot dog stand at the Taste of Sandwich. He also said he has been blamed for the removal of Larry Phillips signs at Grandpa's Pumpkins. Alderman Robinson requested it be of record that he was not responsible for the removal of the signs.

Alderman Robinson questioned Mayor Thomas about City appointments noting that in the past, appointments were made in May and June. The Mayor said he is still working on appointments but noted that he has made appointments to the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Alderman Robinson also questioned the City contract with Attorney Paul. He requested this matter be put on the agenda for next week for further discussion.

Executive Session: Motion made by Alderman Keene and seconded by Alderman Beverley to go into executive session at 7:45 PM, pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Nay: 0 Motion carried 8:0

3 N. Main Street - City Engineer Horak reported that new submittals for the tenant build-out will be in accordance with the IBC requirements.

Waves of Fun - City Engineer Horak advised that he issued the building permit for the building interior prior to full completion of drawings as a design / build type property so that funding could be obtained by the owner.

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Moran to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 8:45 PM. Aye: Aldermen Beverley, Dannewitz, Hyatt, Keene, Killey, McMahon, Moran and Robinson. Motion carried 8:0**

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Denise Li, City Clerk