



City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Regular Council Meeting
October 23rd, 2017 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, Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson

Also present: City Attorney Thompson, Director of Public Works Horak, Chief Bianchi, EMA Director Ciciora & City Treasurer Webber

Absent: Alderman O'Sullivan

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Kelleher and seconded by Alderwoman Chmielewski to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2017. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Due to technical issues, the minutes for the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting of October 16, 2017 were not available for approval.

Approval of October Semi-Monthly Bills

Motion was made by Alderwoman Killey, and seconded by Alderman Dell approving payment of the October semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$74,455.36. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

Mayor Olson

(1) Sergeant Promotion: Mayor Olson swore in new sergeant, Jeremy Eisenberg.

(2) ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) and Plan Commission Appointment: Mayor Olson appointed William Littlebrant to fill a vacancy on the ZBA and Plan Commission.

Motion made by Alderson Kelleher, and seconded by Alderman Redden, approving the appointment. Motion carried on voice vote.

(3) Request for “K” Liquor License: Brandon Partridge and Greg O’Leary had requested the creation of an additional “K” liquor license last month. The “K” liquor license is for video gaming facilities that serve snacks and alcoholic beverages. The new facility will be a coffee shop with video gaming. Under Illinois law for a gaming lounge, video gaming must be coupled with a liquor license. Several aldermen have visited the newly opened Lily’s and Luluu’s, and welcomed a new establishment of similar nature. This matter will be placed on the agenda for November 13th approving the creation of a third “K” liquor license.

(4) Lions Club “Candy Days”: Mayor Olson read a predated proclamation for the Lions Club “Candy Days” held on October 13th and 14th.

(5) Employee Health Insurance: Joe Roberts, representing First Insurance Group, has been the City’s insurance representative for 12 years. Announcing that November is open enrollment, he reported that the City’s health insurance premium will increase by \$4,206.00, representing an 8% increase over the current premium. The Blue Cross / Blue Shield program offers HMO and PPO coverage. HMO saw a 1% increase in premium, affecting 22 employees, and the PPO coverage saw a 18% increase in premium, affecting 14 employees.

Under current ordinance, the City provides a \$25,000 life insurance policy for full time employees. Upon the age 65, this coverage is reduced by 35%. The City has been self-insured the past year for those employees affected by the reduction. A new policy is being offered where the premium increase to employees age 65 and older is \$1.43/month. The new life insurance policy will provide full coverage to the age 70.

Alderman Robinson moved to accept the increase in health and life insurance premiums for full time staff. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Killey. Aye: Alderman Chmielewski, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Abstained: Alderman Dell Motion carried

(6) Executive Session for personnel under Section 2(c)(1) will be held at the end of the meeting. No action will be taken.

Foster, Buick, Conklin, Lundgren & Tritt LLC Law Group: No report

City Clerk Ij: No report

City Treasurer: No report

Director of Public Works & City Engineer Horak:

Brush pickup was completed in Ward 4. This was the final pickup for the season, and will resume in April, 2018.

Leaf vacuuming will start in Ward 1 on Monday, October 30th. It is anticipated the program will last 6 weeks.

Hydrant flushing will begin on Monday October 23rd and will continue until Saturday, October 28th, if needed.

Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting of Tuesday, October 24, 2017, has been cancelled.

Request Authority for Purchase Approval: Kendall Township has a 2003 used plow truck for sale. The vehicle has been well maintained and has approximately 27,000 miles. If purchased, the truck would replace a 1993 plow truck that will be sold at the salvage auction. Engineer Horak requested authority for approval for the possible purchase in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. He is asking that bid requirement under 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 be waived, and will require a 2/3 favorable vote. It was noted that funding would be assigned to capital improvements for public works.

Alderman Redden moved to waive bidding under 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 on the possible purchase of a 2003 used plow truck, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Kelleher. Aye: Aldermen Chmielewski, Dell, Kelleher, Killey, McMahon, Redden & Robinson Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

5th / 6th Street Sanitary Sewer Lining Project: Bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st at 10 AM.

6th Street Water Main Project is complete at the intersection of 6th Street and Reimann Avenue. The project is continuing eastward to Duvick Avenue.

DeKalb County Electronics Collection Event: DeKalb County Health Department will host a free electronics collection on Saturday, October 28th at the DeKalb Municipal Airport, located at 3232 Pleasant Street. Collection hours will be from 9 am until 1 pm. Televisions will be accepted. Restricted to DeKalb County residents, a list of items that are not acceptable can be found on the Health Department's website.

Chief Bianchi provided adjudication totals from April, 2017 thru October 23, 2017. Fines have been assessed in the amount of \$61,735. A total of \$34,695 has been recovered leaving a balance owing the City of \$27,040. Delinquent balances have been forwarded to a collection agency.

EMA Director Ciciora: No report

Alderman Chmielewski reported on the upcoming Pumpkin Smash 2017 sponsored by local Girl Scout Troop 785. The November 4th event will be held between 9 am and noon at the Park District. Residents are encouraged to bring their pumpkins to be smashed to become compost. Games and activities along with snacks and beverages will be available.

Alderman Dell: No report

Alderman Kelleher: No report

Alderman Killey announced that the next finance committee meeting will be on Monday, November 6th immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Alderman McMahon: A meeting will be held on December 3rd at 11 AM for all Wilshire and Wentworth landlords.

Alderman O’Sullivan: Absent

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson reported that October 27th is Wendy Flower’s anniversary, and she has requested a payout of 80 unused vacation hours. No further action was required.

Audience Comments: None

New Business: None

Executive Session

Motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Redden to go into executive session at 7:45 PM, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.” 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 8:16 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderwoman Chmielewski by viva voce vote.**

/s/ Denise li – City Clerk