



THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PROSPECT HEIGHTS CITY HALL,
8 NORTH ELMHURST ROAD, PROSPECT HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS
MAYOR NICHOLAS J. HELMER PRESIDING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – At 6:33 PM, Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer called to order the City Council Regular Meeting at 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

2. ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM – City Clerk Morgan-Adams called roll.

There was a quorum present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE – Aldermen – Ludvigsen, Messer, Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal; Mayor Helmer, City Clerk Morgan-Adams, and Treasurer Tibbits.

ABSENT – None

OTHER OFFICIALS AND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE – Police Chief Steffen, Director of Building and Development Peterson, Finance Director Hannon, City Attorney Kearney, City Administrator Wade, Deputy Clerk Schultheis and Digital Communications Technician Colvin.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Deputy Clerk Karen Schultheis

4. INVOCATION – Led by Betty Cloud of Saint Alphonsus Liguori Church

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 25, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

B. April 10, 2017 Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes – **Alderman Williamson moved for omnibus approval of Items 5A and 5B; seconded by Alderman Dolick. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES - Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Ludvigsen, Messer

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

6. PRESENTATION - None

7. APPOINTMENTS/CONFIRMATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. Appointment of Mr. Maciej Kempa, to Plan Commission Zoning Board of Appeals – **Alderman Rosenthal moved to Approve the Appointment of Macej Kempa to the Plan Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Alderman Williamson. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES -	Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Ludvigsen, Messer
NAYS -	None
ABSENT -	None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

8. CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS (agenda matters) – Mr. Ronald Pryer of 1015 E Wildwood Drive – wanted to know how the money collected from the SSA's that still have an account that is open will have that money allocated. Finance Director Hannon said that SSA #1 owes the City \$95,000; SSA#2 has \$40,000 in the positive; SSA #3 has \$340,000 in the positive and SSA#4 has \$40,000 in the positive. Alderman Williamson noted that the City is looking to take the Funds from the SSA, the specific area that it is serving, and utilize those for improvements in that area. Moving forward the plan would be to consolidate into a single fund. – **No action was taken**

9. STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, and COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Chicago Executive Airport Report by Betty Cloud – Betty Cloud of the Chicago Executive Airport noted that:

- The Fiscal Budget has been approved and starts on May
- Illinois Division of Aeronautics has a project funding program. Tower Road will be rehabilitated. The state will cover \$283,500 of the project and the Airport share will be \$31,500.
- Meade and Hunt consultants from Denver contacted the Airport. They are the company that will be doing the noise exposure maps. The last map was 2011. They will be discussing the project at the joint meeting on June 28, 2017 at the Westin Hotel at 7 PM.
- Open House and Public Hearing – Housing structures within the 65DNL (Day-Night Level) will be eligible to participate in the noise exposure programs.
- Rock and Run will be held on Saturday, July 1.

B. State Senator Tom Rooney Town Hall Recap by Mayor Helmer – An introduction of video of Senator Rooney's Town Hall Meeting.

C. Council Discussion of Sanitary Sewer Rate Study and Reinvestment Plan Town Hall – Alderman Williamson asked the Mayor which option he would prefer? There were three options presented. Mayor Helmer said he thinks that overall, it is a necessity. He said that the entire sewer needs to be televised and that it is 60 years old. He noted that its integrity was unknown, and said that his major concern was doing correctly. The Mayor noted that the consensus was to go ahead with the project and not to sell. – **No action was taken**

D. January's Treasurer's Report – Finance Director Stephanie Hannon – Finance Director Hannon noted the current state of the City's finances, revenues and expenses. – **No action was taken.**

10. CONSENT AGENDA - None

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. O-17-08 An Ordinance and Staff Memo Establishing Water Rates for FY2017-18 (*2nd Reading*)

B. O-17-09 An Ordinance and Staff Memo Approving the FY2017-18 Budget for the City of Prospect Heights (*2nd Reading*) – **Alderman Rosenthal moved for omnibus approval of Items 11A and 11B; seconded by Alderman Williamson. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES - Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Ludvigsen, Messer
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. O-17-10 An Ordinance and Staff Memo Approving a Special Use Permit for a Sit Down Restaurant at 1300 N. Rand Road for Elsie's Place Café. (**1st Reading**) – Director of Building and Development Peterson said that the PZBA had voted 5 – 1 in favor of Elsie's as a sit down restaurant with video gambling. Chuck Knobloch, representing Elsie's, said that he had been working on an expanded menu and that new kitchen equipment was being added. He noted that minors would not be allowed to go in the restaurant. He said that there was a 45-55 seat capacity and only five seats were for video gaming. He noted that there would be daily specials, coupons for food and carryouts. He said that the hours would be 8 AM or 9 AM until 11 PM on weeknights and 8 Am or 9AM until midnights on weekends.

There was a question regarding why minors would not be allowed seating for food. It was noted that the owner of Elsie's was not in favor of the possible ramifications of minors entering a facility where there was liquor and video gaming.

It was noted by the Aldermen that the Facebook page of the restaurant only talked about video gaming and not food. There was concern that the area was already saturated with video gaming. –
No action was taken.

13. DISCUSSION/SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR UPCOMING WORKSHOP MEETING, ITEMS LISTED PREVIOUSLY:

A. Review of City Liquor Code

It was noted that Sewers needed to be added to the next Workshop Agenda

14. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A. Approval of Expenditures

General Fund	\$73,891.12
MFT Fund	\$0.00
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$0.00
Tourism District	\$394.33
Development Fund	\$0.00
DEA Fund	\$0.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$0.00
SS Area #1	\$0.00

SS Area #2	\$0.00
SS Area #3	\$0.00
SS Area #4	\$0.00
SS Area #5	\$1,749.82
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$369.80
SS Area-Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$0.00
SS Area- Debt #6	\$0.00
Road Construction	\$0.00
Road Construction Debt	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$25,654.13
Parking Fund	\$185.25
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$2,179.10
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$2,132.00
Police Pension	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$106,555.55
<u>Wire Payments</u>	
4/14/2017 PAYROLL POSTING	\$145,595.61
4/10/2017 IMRF PAYMENT	\$29,669.53
4/19/2017 POLICE PENSION PAYMENT	\$42,182.08
TOTAL WARRANT	<u>\$324,002.77</u>

The City Clerk read the warrants.

Alderman Rosenthal moved to approve the warrants as read; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen including a TOTAL of \$106,555.55; 4/14/2017 PAYROLL POSTING of \$145,595.61; 4/10/2017 IMRF PAYMENT of \$29,669.53; 4/19/2017 POLICE PENSION PAYMENT of \$42,182.08; and TOTAL WARRANT of \$324,002.77. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES -	Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Ludvigsen, Messer
NAYS -	None
ABSENT -	None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

15. RESIDENT COMMENTS (Non-agenda matters) – None

Alderman Williamson thanked Assistant to the City Administrator Falcone for all of the responsibilities that he had assumed in regard to added Finance responsibilities.

Alderman Ludvigsen encouraged the Council and the audience to watch Senator Rooney's Town Hall Meeting on video. He said that the Senator was not optimistic about the State's ability to get out of the budget crisis.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF REQUIRED

18. ADJOURNMENT – At 7:29 PM; Alderman Messer moved to Adjourn open session and go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific personnel and the setting of price for property; seconded by Alderman Dolick. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES -	Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Ludvigsen, Messer
NAYS -	None
ABSENT -	None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Approved by the City Council of Prospect Heights on this the 8th day of May, 2017



Deputy Clerk Karen Schultheis



Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer



