



THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 08, 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 6:30 PM, Mayor Helmer called to order the May 8, 2017 City Council Regular Workshop 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 – Messer, Ludvigsen, Dolick Rosenthal, Williamson; Mayor Helmer, Treasurer Tibbits and City Clerk organ-Adams

STAFF AND OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE – Deputy Police Chief Zawlocki, City Administrator Wade, Assistant to the City Administrator Falcone, Director of Building and Development Peterson, City Attorney Kearney, Deputy Clerk Schultheis, and Digital Communications Technician Colvin.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by City Administrator Joe Wade

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 24, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – **Alderman Ludvigsen moved to Approve Item 4A; seconded by Alderman Messer. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES -	Ludvigsen, Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Messer
	NAYS -	None
	ABSENT-	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

5. PRESENTATION

A. Swearing in of 5th Ward Alderman Matthew Dolick – City Clerk Morgan-Adams swore in City Alderman for Ward 5 – Matthew Dolick

B. Lion's Club Check Presentation to Prospect Heights Police Department – A check for \$1500 was presented from the Lions Club to the Police Department as a donation for use in the Police

Department's Outreach Program. Also present for the Presentation was Lion Club member Alderman Ludvigsen. The donation was presented to Deputy Chief Zawlocki.

6. APPOINTMENTS/CONFIRMATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - None

7. CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS (agenda matters)

A. Presentation by Ms. Chris Koch, RE: Claire Lane Retention Pond –

- William Koch of 501 Shawn Lane discussed storm water issues that have caused repeated and severe flooding on his property. He noted that his family had been requesting help from the City for 16 years. He said that as a retention pond, Lake Clare needed to outflow and overflow, but that it was improperly designed so that the overflow flooded his property.
- He noted that a drainage study in 2012 had reviewed the Lake Clare restrictor, overland flow and blockage issues. The study had concluded with six alternatives. The study showed that Lake Clare exceeds its high water level while Shire does not fill to capacity. Mr. Koch suggested that there should be an increase in the water storage of the Shires because it does not fill to capacity.
- It was also noted that St. Alphonsus Church Retention Area was also causing flooding to his property.
- Mr. Koch said that he had met with the City in 2014, and was told that the structures had been built incorrectly.
- In 2015, he said that he was told by the Acting City Administrator that there was \$100,000 available to improve the storm water facilities and to provide flooding relief. He added that nothing was ever done.
- In summation, he said that the City had allowed the retention pond and homes to be built even though the design was flawed. He and his family wished to see the recommendations of the 2012 Study implemented.

Aldermen replied by noting that this was not the only area that experienced severe flooding, and that there were citywide, ongoing attempts to relive the flooding issues. It was also noted that there were budgetary issues that had to be considered before any action was implemented by the City. Aldermen questioned design flaw of the system versus construction of the home on Shawn Lane which has unique features. They also noted that the City would not have guaranteed \$100,000 to be dedicated to a private home.

The Mayor also stated that the Baxter Woodman study of 2012 suggested many projects to implement that were not cost effective and would have cost the City millions of dollars

The Council told the residents that some remedies might require approval from other agencies such as the MWRD.

The suggestion of the Council was to speak with the Engineer, have the Staff go over the presentation details, have public works clear the outflows, and continue to try to assist and implement ways to relieve the flooding in the area – **No action was taken.**

Mr. Mariusz Folta – 1225 N Stratford Road – Discussed the Agenda Item regarding gambling facilities being proposed at 1300 N Rand Road, Arlington heights. He said that there were already two gambling facilities near that location, and warned of the dangers of gambling. – **No action was taken.**

8. STAFF, ELECTED OFFICIALS, and COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Helmer – said that he talked with the new Wheeling Mayor Horcher. They discussed the IGA and both are in favor of looking for a new Chairman.

Deputy Chief Zawlocki – discussed the Police search for new recruit candidates. He said that there were several possible candidates among the first group interviewed and that there would be two more interviews on May 26 and May 27.

Alderman Dolick – said that there is a SWANCC event on June 10 for document destruction. He noted that these were usually well-attended.

He said that Public Works had done a wonderful job in Quincy Park with a dangerous sidewalk situation and that two dozen areas had been smoothed out.

Alderman Rosenthal – said that there would be a Strategic Directions Committee Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

Deputy Clerk Schultheis – Noted two upcoming events – the Grandbrier Grand Opening on May 10th and the Mayor's Breakfast on May 20th

City Clerk Morgan-Adams – Noted the Community Day event on June 3rd. She also noted that the Rotary Club had donated 1500 hours to Outreach

Alderman Messer – Noted the June 24th Block Party and the May 20th Relay for Life to fight Cancer. - She noted that she had been receiving complaints about the 28 potholes in Plaza Drive. Director of Building and Development Peterson said that the owners had been told that the situation was unacceptable, and they were in the process of responding. There had been three meeting and quotes were being reviewed.

Director of Building and Development Peterson – said that Senor Pollo had opened and looked magnificent.

He said that the Building and Development Department was working on the Quincy Park electrical system permit situation – they had already issued 200 of the 590 permits.

Treasurer Tibbits – Noted that anyone could contribute to the Outreach Program. He also noted that the City A/V Department had covered the Indian Trails Grand Opening and there were over 500 people present.

- He noted that Alderman Dolick had toured the A/V Dept. and encouraged other elected officials to do the same.

No action was taken.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - None

10. OLD 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. (**2nd Reading**) – Elsie's Representative Lieberman and Knoblauch were available to answer questions. The Mayor asked Deputy Chief Zawlocki if there had been an increase in crime around the gambling facilities. It was noted by the Deputy Chief that there were very few issues around the video gaming facilities to present. It was noted by Mr. Knoblauch that the average person stayed between 1 – 2 hours. He also noted that the issue of people with gambling problems was being addressed by Elsie's. He added that there were only five seats for gambling but 41-50 seats for eating and that special kitchen equipment had been installed for freshly made food.

Mr. Lieberman said that there were very stiff penalties for underage drinking and gambling were too prohibitive to take a chance to have anyone under-21 years of age in the facility.

Aldermen noted that gaming was much more profitable than food in restaurants that had both.

Mr. Lieberman said that the restaurant combined food and gambling, and that that was the intended business model of the Elsie's type Restaurants.

Alderman Ludvigsen stated that Prospect Heights was already one of the top 30 gaming cities in Illinois.

Mr. Lieberman addressed the issue of problem gambling and said that while the state of Illinois had only previously addressed this issue in casinos, it was now doing more to track problem gamblers in the bar and tavern market.

Alderman Messer moved to Approve Item 10A Special use for a Sit-Down Restaurant; seconded by Alderman Rosenthal.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES -	Messer, Dolick, Rosenthal
	NAYS -	Williamson, Ludvigsen
	ABSENT -	None

Motion carried 3 - 2

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Requested Waiver of 1st Read O-17-11 An Ordinance and Staff Memo Approving a Subdivision and Granting a Variance for 1201 N. Drury Lane (*1st Reading*) – **Alderman Messer moved to waive the first reading of Item 11A; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES -	Ludvigsen, Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Messer
	NAYS -	None
	ABSENT-	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

The requester was present to answer questions. It was noted and verified that the accessory building could not be used as a residence. There was discussion regarding a retention wall and drainage. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Council and confirmed by the Director of Building and Development.

B. O-17-11 An Ordinance and Staff Memo Approving a Subdivision and Granting a Variance for 1201 N. Drury Lane (*2nd Reading*) – **Alderman Rosenthal moved to Approve Item 11B; seconded by Alderman Messer. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES -	Ludvigsen, Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Messer
	NAYS -	None
	ABSENT-	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

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

A. Review of City Liquor Code – No Discussion

B. Discussion of Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – there was discussion regarding what action was needed by the Council. Alderman Williamson, Alderman Ludvigsen, Alderman Dolick, Alderman Rosenthal wanted Option #3 to completely televise the pipes. They asked that Staff look into an action plan for the next 2-3 years.

There was discussion as to whether the rate should be increased automatically every year, or only if needed.

The Mayor said that he was also ok with Option #3, but does not understand why the City would not sell the system for \$5million. The response was that Illinois American might charge double the cost for the water.

The Council wanted a Resolution to adopt the \$20 rate. It was noted that there would be discussion at the Strategic Direction Committee level which would then there would be a presentation to the Council.

13. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A. Approval of Expenditures

General Fund	\$191,188.93
MFT Fund	6,444.18
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$0.00
Tourism District	2,095.00
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	\$0.00
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$0.00
SS Area-Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$0.00
SS Area- Debt #6	\$0.00
Road Construction	\$0.00
Road Construction Debt	\$350.00
Water Fund	\$759.17
Parking Fund	\$699.51

Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$1,978.62
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$0.00
Police Pension	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$203,515.41

Wire Payments

4/28/2017 PAYROLL POSTING	\$151,859.51
TOTAL WARRANT	\$355,374.92

City Clerk Morgan-Adams presented the warrants.

Alderman Rosenthal moved to Approve the Warrants as presented; seconded by Alderman Williamson to include TOTAL of \$203,515.41; 4/28/2017 PAYROLL POSTING of \$151,859.51; and a TOTAL WARRANT of \$355,374.92. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYES -	Ludvigsen, Williamson, Dolick, Rosenthal, Messer
	NAYS -	None
	ABSENT-	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

14. RESIDENT COMMENTS (Non-agenda matters) - None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF REQUIRED

17. ADJOURNMENT – At 8:10 PM, Alderman Messer moved to Adjourn open session and go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific personnel; pending litigation and collective bargaining negotiation; seconded by Alderman Williamson. There was unanimous approval.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	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 22nd Day of May, 2017.


Deputy Clerk Karen Schultheis




Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer