CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
6: 30 PM January 26, 2015
City Hall
8 North Elmhurst Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

CALL TO ORDER – At 6:33 PM Mayor Helmer called the January 26, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting to order at City Hall, 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

ROLL CALL – Present: Helmer, Adamson
Aldermen: Ludvigsen, Higgins, Styler
Absent: (all by previous notification) – Williamson, Mendez, Tibbits
Also Present: Police Chief Dunne, Assistant to the City Administrator Kalina, Deputy Clerk Schultheis, Finance Director Hannon, Building and Zoning Director Skiber, Public Works Director Cutaia, and Interim City Administrator Balling.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Alderman Styler led the Council in reciting the Pledge.

INVOCATION – Pastor Joel Bradshaw of the Prospect Christian Church bestowed his blessing on the Council.

CLOSED SESSION - None

RESIDENTS COMMENTS (Agenda Matters) - None

STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS
Interim City Administrator Balling –

- Discussed the Budget Review on February 28, 2015
- Discussed the recruitment of a City Administrator. The City will be receiving resumes until February 13, 2015.

Department Directors-
Building and Zoning Director Skiber -

- Poland Deli has closed and will re-open under a new name and new management.
- The Social Security Building is close to a contract for re-development.

- At Palwaukee Plaza, Sunrise Food will move into the location formerly occupied by Save-A-Lot.

Natural Resources Commission Report - Interim City Administrator Balling mentioned:
Green Infrastructure - Healthy Solutions to Water Pollution and Flooding" Thursday, March 12th at 7pm at the Library
Stormwater runoff is a major cause of water pollution and flooding in urban areas. Green Infrastructure uses natural processes to manage water and create healthier environments. Spend an evening learning about ways that residents and the community can work together to provide habitat, flood protection, cleaner air and cleaner water. Program will be provided by Jeff Mengler, PWS. Jeff is a Senior Project Scientist for Hey and Associates, Inc. and Co-Chair of the Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision Taskforce.

There will be nature classes offered in the summer through the Park District regarding "birding." There are bird walks with expert birders planned that will start in May, as well as natural history walks around the slough and remnant prairie. There will also be plant and tree identification classes led by a plant ecologist.

Alderman Ludvigsen:

- Mentioned the resident concern with the issue at the CEA. He noted that it was resolved once explanation was given, and suggested that the next time there is a special event at the CEA, the residents affected should be notified. Mayor Helmer noted that the airplanes weight was compliant with Airport restrictions.

Mayor Helmer – Mayor Helmer told the Council that he had met with Governor Rauner at the NWMC meeting that was hosted by the Chicago Hilton – Northbrook.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA –

A. Approval of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015
B. Ordinance O-15-02 – An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Sale and Use of E-Cigarettes and Vapor Cigarettes in the City of Prospect Heights
C. Ordinance O-15-01 – Ordinance Approving the Budget Amendments for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

Alderman Higgins moved for omnibus approval of Items A and B; seconded by Alderman Styler.

ROLL CALL:	AYES –	Higgins, Styler, Ludvigsen
	NAYS –	None
	ABSENT –	Williamson, Mendez

Motion carried 3 – 0.

Alderman Higgins moved to approve Item C; seconded by Alderman Styler.
Mayor Helmer noted that the vote on this Item required a 2/3 majority vote. Given the absence of two Aldermen, Mayor Helmer was authorized to vote.

ROLL CALL:	AYES –	Higgins, Styler, Ludvigsen, Mayor Helmer
	NAYS –	None
	ABSENT –	Williamson, Mendez

Motion carried 4 – 0.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

D. Approval of Warrants

General Fund	$ 80,474.05
MFT Fund	$14,837.91

Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	$344.00
Tourism District	$298.89
Development Fund	$0.00
DEA Fund	$455.97
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	$3,325.74
Road Construction Debt	$0.00
Water Fund	$20,292.57
Parking Fund	$2,128.16
Road/Building Bond Escrow	$0.00
TOTAL Expenditures	$122,157.29
1/9/15 Payroll	**$129,485.12**
Police Pension 1/20/15	**$31,471.38**
TOTAL WARRANT	**$283,113.79**

City Clerk Adamson announced the City expenditures.

Alderman Higgins moved to approve the Item D as presented; seconded by Alderman Styler. The Total Expenditures of $122,157.29; the 1/9/15 payroll of $$129,485.12; Police Pension from 1/20/15 of $31,471.38; and Total Warrant of $283,113.70.

ROLL CALL: AYES – Higgins, Styler, Ludvigsen
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Williamson, Mendez

Motion carried 3 – 0.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS (Non Agenda Matters) - None

NEW BUSINESS

E. Resolution R-15-03 – Authorizing the Adoption of the Police Pension funding policy for the City of Prospect Heights. – **Alderman Styler moved to approve Item E; seconded by Alderman Styler.**

Finance Director Hannon discussed the new government standards with the Council, and noted that it mandated that the City must be compliant with the new Police Pension standards. The Police Pension will be fully funded by 2040. City Attorney Zimmermann noted that the Resolution represented the City's funding pledge pursuant State law.

ROLL CALL: AYES – Higgins, Styler, Ludvigsen
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Williamson, Mendez

Motion carried 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS

F. Development of an Agreement for 1414 Rand Road (Self Storage revenue) – First Reading

There was general consensus to continue moving forward with the agreement. The PZBA would be taking the issue up in their February 26, 2015 meeting, and then their decision would be brought back to the Council for a vote.

Newsletter – Mayor Helmer noted that he would like the Staff and Council to consider new ideas for the layout of the Newsletter, including on quarterly items regarding people the City residents should know.

ADJOURNMENT
At 6:55 PM, Alderman Styler moved to Adjourn; seconded by Alderman Higgins.
VOICE VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays
Absent: Williamson, Mendez
Motion Carried 3 – 0.

Approved by the Prospect Heights City Council on this day, the 9th day of February, 2015.

Nicholas Helmer, Mayor

Stacey Adamson, City Clerk

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