



**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
Regular City Council Meeting
September 23, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Helmer at City Hall, 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, Illinois 60070.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Helmer, Treasurer Tibbits, City Clerk Adamson, Aldermen- Higgins, Williamson, Ludvigsen.

Absent: Aldermen Styler and Mendez (by prior notice)

A quorum was present. Also present: City Administrator Marrin, City Attorney Zimmermann, Director of Building and Zoning Skiber, Finance Director Hannon, Assistant Director of Building and Zoning / Acting Public Works Director Cutaia, Assistant to the City Administrator Sabo, and Deputy Clerk Schultheis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Adamson asked everyone to rise and join on the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Joel Bradshaw of Prospect Christian Church administered the invocation.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:38 P.M., Alderman Williamson moved to go into Closed Session to discuss sale of municipal real estate and collective bargaining; seconded by Alderman Higgins. The motion was unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins Ludvigsen, Williamson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldermen Mendez, Styler

Motion carried 3 – 0.

At 6:50 PM, Mayor Helmer called the Regular Session Council Meeting back into Order. A Roll Call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins Ludvigsen, Williamson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldermen Mendez, Styler

Motion carried 3 – 0.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS (Agenda Matters)

NONE

STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Chicago Executive Airport – Rodney M. Pace, Airport Director – Mr. Pace presented talking points updating information regarding the Chicago Executive Airport (CEA).

- The EMAS project (the runway safety product to stop an aircraft that overshoots the runway) is close to being awarded. The project is likely as Federal agencies have already allotted the funds for it.
- The Hawthorne Aviation FBO is progressing, and an old fuel tank that was removed.
- The newest corporate hangar 18, also called the Tin Goose Garage, is almost finished.
- The CEA was the official airport of the BMW Championship.
- The airport will be doing minor interior remodeling.
- The airport will be doing some pavement repairs.
- The CEA will start working on an Ethics Policy.
- IGA agreement will be brought to the Board, and he hopes to have a workshop prior to the vote on the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Finance Director Hannon wanted to know when the airport audit would be completed because it is needed for City audit.

City Administrator Marrin –

- Police Department stairs and railings are complete. HVAC is being worked on.
- The City has received the DCEO lighting grant. This will change all of the street lights in the City to energy-efficient LED. It will save the City over \$40,000 in the next five years in electric consumption costs.
- The National Walk to School Day is October 9th.

Director of Building and Zoning Skiber - Discussed Rob Roy – Phase III completion update. Surface Paving is almost done. Final roads in Rob Roy to complete are Ferndale Lane and Ferndale Court.

He updated the rest of Phase III projects and asphalt grindings.

Aldermen discussed the importance of the width of streets at 18' minimum, and the type of material that should be used for the streets.

City Treasurer Tibbits – No report.

City Clerk Adamson – No Report

Aldermen

John Styler – Not present.

Pat Ludvigsen – Thanked Public Works for going out to see a tree that was in a distressed condition.

He mentioned the need for street cleaning, Alderman Ludvigsen wanted to know the cost of street cleaning once per year. Building and Zoning Director Skiber said that years ago, street cleaning was contracted out. It was noted that a past study of cost indicated that it would be about \$70,000 for the entire City. City Administrator Marrin added that because the City does not have curb and gutter, Prospect Heights has to be careful about storm water requirements for NPDES.

Scott Williamson – The Road Project is moving very fast and well.

Agrees with Alderman Ludvigsen, and said that the amount of complaints against HOME has continued. He believes that time should not be extended for HOME to resolve the issue of noise.

Bree Higgins – No Report.

Luis Mendez – Not Present.

Mayor Helmer – How long did it take for the install of the railing and stairs?

Building and Zoning Director said that it had taken about 2 ½ months.

The Mayor discussed events and business growth in the City. [Presentation slideshow]

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, August 26, 2013.

B. Approval of Minutes, City Council Workshop, September 9, 2013.

Alderman Higgins moved to Approve the August 26, 2013 Minutes as amended, and the September 9, 2013 Minutes as presented; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen.

The motion was unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins Ludvigsen, Williamson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldermen Mendez, Styler

Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

C. Approval of a Purchase of Two 2013 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Police Department through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.

D. Approval of an Agreement Between the City of Prospect Heights and the Midwest Operating Engineers Local 150 from May 1, 2013 to May 1, 2016.

Alderman Higgins moved for an omnibus Approval of Items C and D; seconded by Alderman Williamson. The motion was unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins Ludvigsen, Williamson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldermen Mendez, Styler

Motion carried 3 – 0.

LEGISLATION

E. A Resolution Accepting the Grant of Public Utilities Easement – Building and Zoning Director said that this is a four parcel subdivision. Staff recommends approving.

Alderman Higgins moved to Approve Item E; seconded by Alderman Williamson.

The motion was unanimously approved by a Roll Call vote.

ROLL CALL AYES: Aldermen Higgins Ludvigsen, Williamson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldermen Mendez, Styler

Motion carried 3 – 0.

F. An Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Service Agreements (First Reading).

G. An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 11 of the City of Prospect Heights City Code Relating to Municipal Bail Processing Fees (First Reading).

H. An Ordinance Making Technical Amendments to Title 10 of the Prospect Heights City Code (First Reading).

It was noted by City Attorney Zimmerman that there were not enough Aldermen present to waive the first reading. Items F, G, and H were presented as First Reading only.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

I. Approval of Warrants

General Fund	\$81,424.43
MFT Fund	\$0.00
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$0.00
Tourism District	\$82,272.36
Development Fund	\$376.81
DEA Fund	\$0.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$0.00
SS Area #1	\$0.00
SS Area #2	\$0.00
SS Area #3	\$18.81
SS Area #4	\$0.00
SS Area #5	\$30.92
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$0.00
SS Area-Constr #6 (Water Main)	\$0.00
SS Area- Debt #6	\$0.00
Road Construction	\$36,824.85
Water Fund	\$10,760.03
Parking Fund	\$378.15
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$2,500.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$214,586.36
Wire Payments, Service Charges, & Payroll	\$151,543.15
TOTAL	\$366,129.51

City Clerk Adamson read out the expenditure totals.

Alderman Ludvigsen moved to approve as presented; seconded by Alderman Higgins for total expenditures in the amount of \$214,586.36, and wire transfers, service charges, and payroll in the amount of \$151,543.15 for a grand total of \$366,129.51. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

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

Motion carried 3 – 0.

Alderman Ludvigsen commented on the cost for processing FOIA's, and that the cost had added \$3,452.20 to the Water Fund. Alderman Ludvigsen said that the FOIA's needed to be pointed and directed because they did add a cost. Mayor Helmer said that Staff would post the FOIAs on the City website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Rosenthal – thanked the City for the road work.

Brad Diesing – 1201 North Stratford Road. He said that the HOME bar had made some improvements. He does not hear as much thumping, but there is still late night noise. He claimed that the Officer that responded to the noise complaint had been “well taught” as to what was being done at the HOME Bar to improve the situation. He suggested that the City should listen to what the residents say about the noise level and not just the Police. The Mayor replied that the Police were responding and writing up reports and enforcing the laws.

Mariusz Folta – 1225 North Stratford Road. [Played tape recorded of the noise level from HOME Bar]. Said he wanted the Police to attend the Bar whenever there was a bigger event. Mayor noted that the Police reported the Mr. Folta had asked the Police not to write a report. Mr. Folta said that it was a misunderstanding.

The Mayor said that the Police responded to one call to the Folta home and when the Officers said that they could not hear the music (at 1 AM), Mr. Folta had replied that they could expect to be called back at 3AM. He said that was not true.

Alderman Ludvigsen said that the Police were issuing citations when they would hear noise. Alderman Williamson noted that the Police are visiting the Bar even without complaints, based upon Council request.

Mayor Helmer said that when there are over 300 guests, the Police will hire back Police, along with their own Security. Alderman Williamson questioned whether HOME Bar was doing that.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41, Alderman Higgins moved to Adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Aldermen Higgins Ludvigsen, Williamson

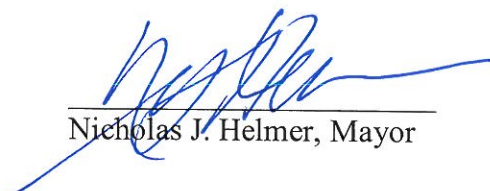
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldermen Mendez, Styler

Motion carried 3 – 0.

Approved by the Prospect Heights Council this 28th day of October, 2013


Stacey Adamson, City Clerk


Nicholas J. Helmer, Mayor

