



THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 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 6:32 PM, Mayor 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 the roll.
Elected Officials Present – Aldermen Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Ludvigsen, Williamson, and Mayor Helmer.
Other Elected Officials Present: Treasurer Tibbits, City Clerk Morgan Adams.
Staff and City Officials present: City Administrator Wade, Assistant to the City Administrator Falcone, Finance Director Hannon, Police Chief Steffen, City Attorney Zimmermann, Deputy Clerk Schultheis, A/V Specialist Colvin
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Alderman Derwin
4. **INVOCATION** – Led by Father Curtis Lambert of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A. February 8, 2016 City Council Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes – **Alderman Derwin moved to Approve Item 5A; seconded by Alderman Williamson. There was unanimous approval.**
VOICE VOTE: All ayes, no nays.
Motion carried 5 - 0
6. **PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS** - None
7. **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS** - None
8. **CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS** (agenda matters)

Resident at 1234 Cove Drive – Said that allowing Stery Trucking would destroy the quality of life for the people living in the surrounding area.

Dan Busse – Wanted some questions answered by the Natural Resources Commission.

Darlene Ahlstedt (1565 Quaker Lane) – worried about the trucking. There was also worry that the detention pond might cause the flood plain to extend to Quincy Park – she noted that the MWRD supports their position.

MWRD member David St. Pierre does not believe that the design is in compliance. Currently, the design cannot move forward if it is not in compliance.

Larry Kluba (Lake Run, Prospect Heights) – said that they had 260 signatures to stop the Stery Trucking project.

(It was noted that the petition in opposition was on file, and in the Minutes).

Bree Higgins – Said that the trucking company has lied, as they are not an LLC. It was noted that there no longer is an existing berm to keep out noise.

9. STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report by Finance Director Hannon – Director Hannon reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

She noted that the City had been awarded the CAFR Award for excellence.

B. Natural Resources Commission Report and Recommendation Regarding:

1. Prescribed Ecological Burn for City Property. – There was a request to burn around the Slough. The natural firebreak would be the water, and trees are naturally fire-retardant. There were questions as to whether or not the houses around the burn would be covered by insurance. It was noted that this is considered to be a very small burn. Dan Busse of 302 N Maple said that there are dead ash trees that should be removed first, because there are hardly any alive.

Dr. Wojnarski said that the trees should be wet down first so that only the debris burns.

Public Works will look at the trees first.

2. Proposed Amendment to City Weed Ordinance. – John Kamisch discussed small weed ordinance. He described the difference between native plants and invasives, as well as the root structures of plants that are native versus invasives. The Natural Resources Commission sought to keep native plants protected even though they were not currently if they exceeded the height that considered them weeds (over 8 inches).

There was a fear by some Council members that this would be used as an excuse by some neighbors not to mow their lawns. It was also wondered why a change to the Ordinance was needed if people were not being cited anyway under the Ordinance. It was requested that the Ordinance be crafted to cover the loopholes and express the intent of the Ordinance more clearly. **Alderman Rosenthal moved to adjust the current Ordinance to express intent of the Ordinance more clearly; seconded by Alderman Derwin.**

Discussion followed, and Alderman Derwin withdrew his second. Alderman Rosenthal withdrew his motion

The consensus was to look at what other municipalities were doing to handle native planting codes.

3. Implementation Plan for Ecological Recommendations Presented in the Hey & Associates Survey of the Prospect Heights Slough and Hillcrest Lake. – Discussion of the Hey and Associates report. NRC member Dana Sievertson discussed best management practices for the Slough and Hillcrest lake. He also noted that elodea should not be killed off as it was necessary to the health of the lake, even though it is very aggressive. He said that the Natural Resources Commission recommended

against herbicides and said that it would ultimately cause other invasive species of algae to come into the water and pollute the lake. Their suggestion was a weir. There was discussion regarding the weir process's cost and the length of implementation. **Alderman Williamson moved to chemically treat the lake for this year only for a cost not to exceed \$10,000; seconded by Alderman Derwin.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Williamson, Derwin, Ludvigsen
 NAYS – Rosenthal
 ABSTAIN – Messer
 ABSENT – None

*It was noted by City Attorney Zimmermann that an abstain in this instance counted as an "AYE."

Motion carried 4 – 1

Ed Madden of the NRC said that the City was opening a "Pandora's Box" by taking this short term solution that would have long term consequences.

At 8:48 PM, Mayor Helmer called for a short break

Open Session resumed a 9:00 PM.

11. CONSENT AGENDA -

A. Resolution and Recommendation of Contract Award for Lining of 8" Cast Iron Sanitary Sewer, near Clarendon and Dale, to Hoerr Construction, Contract for \$12,650.00.

B. A Resolution Authorizing the Natural Resource Commission to Conduct a Controlled Ecological Burn on City Property.

Alderman Ludvigsen moved for omnibus approval of Items 11 A and B contingent upon Attorney Review and insurance issues; seconded by Alderman Derwin. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT – None

Motion carried 5 - 0

Alderman Rosenthal gave a website update. He said that the website launch was 7 – 10 days behind schedule. He said that the website is in Phase II – design. The website is due to be presented at the March 24, 2016 Meeting.

Alderman Rosenthal - The Comprehensive Plan will be on the next Meeting's Agenda.

12. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waiver of 1st Reading of an Ordinance Creating a Class A-4 Liquor License, Alcoholic Liquor Only for Consumption on the Premises, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight Monday Through Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday, and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight Sunday, in Response to Request of Yugo Grill, 5 S. Wolf Road. -

B. An Ordinance Creating a Class A-4 Liquor License, Alcoholic Liquor Only for Consumption on the Premises, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight Monday Through Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday, and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight Sunday in Response to Request of Yugo Grill, 5 S. Wolf Road. (First Reading Wavier Requested)

Alderman Ludvigsen moved to waive the first reading of Item 12A and B; seconded by Alderman Williamson. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT – None

Motion carried 5 - 0

Alderman Williamson moved to expand to one the amount of Class A-4 liquor licenses; seconded by Alderman Messer. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT – None

Motion carried 5 - 0

C. Strategic Directions Committee, Mission Statement/Duties and Responsibilities Discussion. –

Alderman Messer moved to Approve Item 12C; seconded by Alderman Derwin. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT – None

Motion carried 5 - 0

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution of Support for a Grant Application to Commonwealth Edison Green Region Program for the Gary Morava Nature Park and Prospect Heights Wetland Natural Buffer Program. –

Alderman Derwin moved to approve consideration of Item 13A; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
 NAYS – None
 ABSENT – None

Motion carried 5 - 0

B. Contract to be Reviewed by City Attorney, from Stery Trucking, or Nominee, for Purchase of 33-35 Piper Lane. – **REMOVED FROM AGENDA It was noted by the City Attorney that the City did not have final documents**

14. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A. Approval of the Warrants

General Fund	\$237,606.39
MFT Fund	\$15,020.36
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$323.00
Tourism District	\$2,310.98

Development Fund	\$0.00
DEA Fund	\$52,840.92
Solid Waste Fund	\$28,592.42
SS Area #1	\$0.00
SS Area #2	\$0.00
SS Area #3	\$0.00
SS Area #4	\$0.00
SS Area #5	\$29.48
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	\$0.00
Water Fund	\$3,581.19
Parking Fund	\$436.16
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$199.00
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$341,389.90

Wire Payments

2/19/2016 PAYROLL POSTING	\$126,189.34
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TOTAL WARRANT	\$467,579.24
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City Clerk Morgan-Adams read the warrants.

Alderman Ludvigsen moved to approve Item 14A; seconded by Alderman Williamson for a Total of \$341, 389.90; 2/19/16 Payroll of \$126,189.34; and a TOTAL Warrant of \$467, 579.24. . There was unanimous approval.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	AYES –	Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
	NAYS –	None
	ABSENT -	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

15. **RESIDENT COMMENTS (non-agenda matters) – None**

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of Open Session**

17. **ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF REQUIRED – none**

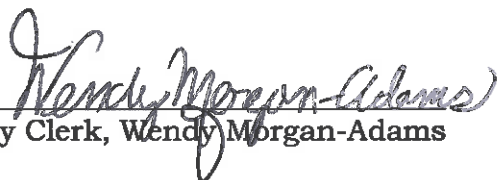
18. **ADJOURNMENT – At 9:25 PM, Alderman Messer moved to Adjourn Open Session and go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen. . There was unanimous approval.**

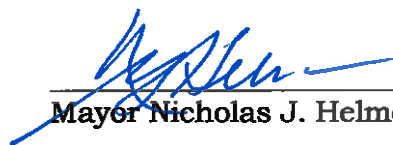
ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES –	Ludvigsen, Derwin, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson
NAYS –	None
ABSENT –	None

Motion carried 5 - 0

Approved by the City Council of Prospect Heights on this the 14th day of March, 2016.


City Clerk, Wendy Morgan-Adams


Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer

