



THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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 6:40 PM, Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer called to order the April 25, 2016 Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8 N Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

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

Aldermen Present – Ludvigsen, Williamson, Messer, Rosenthal

A quorum was present

Other Elected Officials Present – Treasurer Tibbits, Mayor Helmer, City Clerk Morgan-Adams

Staff and Other Officials Present – City Administrator Wade, Assistant to the City Administrator

Falcone, Finance Director Hannon, City Attorney Zimmermann, Director of Building and

Development Peterson, Police Chief Steffen, Public Works Director O'Neill, Audio Visual Specialist

Colvin, and Deputy Clerk Schultheis.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Peter Falcone

4. INVOCATION – Led by Alderman Rosenthal

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 11, 2016 City Council Work Shop Meeting Minutes – **Alderman Ludvigsen moved to Approve Item 5A as presented; seconded by Alderman Williamson. There was unanimous approval.**

VOICE VOTE: All ayes, no nays

Motion carried 4 - 0

6. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS AND AWARDS

A. International Code Council "Building Safety Month" – Police Chief Steffen read the Proclamation to the Audience.

B. Proclamation Honoring Buffalo Grove/Hersey/Wheeling "Stampede" 2016 Illinois High School Hockey League State Champs – Alderman Ludvigsen read the Proclamation with the team and

Coach in attendance. He noted that there were 9500 at the United Center cheering the team to victory.

C. Proclamation Honoring Arbor Day – Alderman Messer read the Arbor Day decree. It was noted that there would be a Tree Planting at Willow Trails on Arbor Day, April 29, 2016 at 10 AM. In attendance would be the Mayor, Staff and Aldermen.

7. APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. Appointment of John Tourtelot, Chairman, Chicago Executive Airport Board – Mr. Tourtelot spoke to the Council. It was noted that Wheeling had voted to Approve Mr. Tourtelot. Leonard Digate of 506 West Marion Drive Prospect Heights spoke up in favor of Mr. Tourtelot and gave testimony to his credentials.

Alderman Williamson moved to Approve Item 7A; seconded by Alderman Rosenthal. There was unanimous approval.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes, no nays

Motion carried 4 - 0

8. CITIZEN CONCERNS AND COMMENTS (agenda matters) –

Dee Monroe of 212 S Elaine Road – Commented on the Bridge Church expansion. She said that there was a fear from some residents that there might be reprisals from the City government if they spoke out against the Church expansion. She said that the fear was based upon the way they were treated by the City government and PZBA.

It was noted by Aldermen that the fear was unfounded and that the Council, Staff and PZBA had attempted to address all sides of the issue and all concerns.

Mayor Helmer noted that the Council “Lives here, too” and that the concerns of the residents were all being addressed.

Joseph Mallek – 210 Owen Place – He said that he is across from the Creek. He said that surrounding residents were not aware that there was going to be any changes made until 12 weeks before the project started. He also noted that the church would have a much larger congregation with the expansion, and said that the increased numbers would be problematic.

Wendy Dewar – 206 Tully – She was concerned that the current ordinances do not empower the City or the residents to enforce No Parking on the streets. She asked that the Ordinance be amended to ticket vehicles that park on the streets.

Building and Development Director Peterson stated that there was extensive discussion in the PZBA regarding awareness of parking violators. He said that it was the responsibility of the Church to manage overflow parking, especially at major events.

Aldermen Ludvigsen said that there had been many discussion regarding signage pertaining to the parking, and he said that it would work better without too many signs, but if more signs were requested that could be addressed.

It was noted that there was a 350 person maximum, and the Fire Department would not allow more than that.

Attorney Zimmermann said that if there was too much enforcement and the community turned into residential parking only, the residents themselves would find compliance difficult. His suggestion was that there be less restrictions rather than more. He also noted that the entire project is in compliance with the zoning codes, and the variance that was asked for regarding lighting.

John Ropski – 212 Owen Place – Wanted a guarantee from the City that that his house would not be devalued by the Church. He wanted the Council to go on record as guaranteeing his home’s value.

Attorney Zimmermann noted that the Council would not do such a thing and it was a moot point as Mr. Ropsky had not supplied any current value. He also noted that there was no evidence that any homes were being devalued because of the Bridge Church.

9. STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

A. Report from Chicago Executive Airport – Acting CEA Board Chairman Cloud noted the great success of EMAS in preventing a major air disaster. She said that the repair was completed for \$390,000 at no expense to the CEA.

- she noted that Commissioner Kiefer from Prospect heights was now an active member of the Committee
 - She stated that the Board was coming up with a new date for the intergroup meeting between the CEA, Wheeling and Prospect Heights.
 - She said that the Budget had passed including Noise Abatement projects
- Mayor Helmer said that the CEA will be making monthly reports to the Council for updates.

B. Report from Mr. Richard Herrmann, Illinois American Water, RE: Water Rates and Service – Mr Herrmann noted that Illinois American Water is the largest water utility in Illinois. He said that 90% of the customers used Lake Michigan water from Wilmette. He said that Illinois American Water had started the 11 month process for a rate increase. He discussed prices and said that there would be an \$8.00 per month total increase (approximately)

There were questions by the Council regarding the rate increase application; including the question as to whether Prospect Height's increase would be the same as other communities. There were questions regarding whether or not the City would be paying for upgrades in infrastructure that did not affect it directly? There was a request to see the breakdown as to how it was decided what area infrastructure would be upgraded.

Mr. Herrmann said that he would follow up.

Mr. Herrmann believed that there were only 800 Prospect Heights customers but was told by the Council that there were close to 5000 customers

Treasurer Tibbits – Clarified that it might seem to Illinois American Water that there was only one customer, but there could be 50 people on one meter

Mr Herrmann said that he could separate out capital investments in prospect Heights but not operating expenses.

Chief Steffen – said that on May 1, the Police would be providing an escort to the airport for a dignitary to fly to Washington DC

- May 20 would be the Cop on Top charity event for the Special Olympics, in which police officers would stand on top of the Dunkin Donuts

Alderman Rosenthal – Noted that there was a major water main break at Rob Roy. He commended Public Works Director O'Neill and Public Works for their effort to repair the situation. Public Works Director O'Neill said that there is a Leak Detection Study done every two years, and that the leakage study had been done last year. He also said that the valves are exercised every six months.

- Alderman Rosenthal said that the new website is up and operational.

City Clerk Morgan-Adams – Said that for the sake of transparency, taping of public meeting sessions should be made available for all of the **committees**.

Building and Development Director Peterson –

- Noted that it was construction season

- Said that Chase Bank would be ready for their permit within a week.
- Greenbrier has 1/3 of its foundation in
- Asked homeowners to contact the City if they had any remodeling projects

Deputy Clerk Schultheis – Discussed the arrangements for the Mayor's Community Breakfast at Crowne Plaza on Saturday, April 30 at 9 AM. The theme would be a celebration of the 40 year anniversary of the incorporation of the City. Mayor Helmer said that Father Lambert would be giving the Invocation.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – None

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. O-16-08 - Ordinance Approving a Subdivision and Granting a Special Use and Variations for 302 E. Euclid Avenue (The Bridge Community Church). (2nd Reading) – **Alderman Williamson moved to approve Item 11A; seconded by Alderman Messer.** Discussion followed
Alderman Rosenthal said that he did not think that the Ordinance addressed all of the concerns that had arisen.

Alderman Ludvigsen said that if changes were needed, they could be addressed quickly. There were only two issues that required variances – lighting in the parking lot and consolidation of lots.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried 3 - 1

B. O-16-11 -Ordinance for Special Use Permit for a Sit Down Restaurant at 1204 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Elsie's Place (2nd Reading) – **Alderman Rosenthal moved to Approve Item 11B; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen.** Discussion followed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES –	Rosenthal, Messer
NAYS –	Williamson, Ludvigsen, Mayor Helmer
ABSENT –	None

Motion failed 2 - 3

The Mayor voted as tiebreaker.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System Pertaining to City Pump Station and Levy – The cost from Metropolitan Pump would be \$89,425.

Alderman Rosenthal moved to Approve Item 12A; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried 4 - 0

B. O-16-14 -Ordinance Amending Title 1 of City Code and Adopting the Pay Plan (Compensation of Officers, Employee Salaries and Pay Plan) (Waiver Requested for 1st Reading) – **Alderman Rosenthal moved for a waiver of First Reading for Item 12B; seconded by Alderman Messer. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried 4 - 0

C. O-16-14 -Ordinance Amending Title 1 of City Code and Adopting the Pay Plan (Compensation of Officers, Employee Salaries and Pay Plan) (2nd Reading) – **Alderman Ludvigsen moved to Approve Item 12C; seconded by Alderman Messer. There was unanimous approval.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried 4 - 0

D. O-16-15Ordinance Directing the Sale of Surplus Property (1st Reading) – **No action required.**
It was noted that funds acquired from the sale would go to the General Fund.

13. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A. Approval of Expenditures

General Fund	\$59,165.85
MFT Fund	\$2,673.01
Palatine/Milwaukee TIF	\$0.00
Tourism District	\$2,174.48
Development Fund	\$0.00
DEA Fund	\$13,247.00
Solid Waste Fund	\$0.00
SS Area #1	\$14.38
SS Area #2	\$9.59
SS Area #3	\$39.04
SS Area #4	\$5.48
SS Area #5	\$29.43
SS Area #8 – Levee Wall #37	\$103.43
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	\$2,268.37
Parking Fund	\$298.87
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$0.00
Road/Building Bond Escrow	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$80,028.93

Wire Payments

4/19/2016 POLICE PENSION PAYMENT	\$31,996.80
4/15/2016 PAYROLL POSTING	\$123,478.82
TOTAL WARRANT	\$235,504.55

City Clerk Morgan-Adams read the warrants

Alderman Ludvigsen moved to Approve Item 13A as presented; seconded by Alderman Williamson with a Total amount of \$80,028.93; 4/19/16 Police Pension Payment of \$31,996.80; 4/15/16 Payroll posting of \$123,478.82; and a Total Warrant of \$235,504.55. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried 4 - 0

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

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS, IF REQUIRED

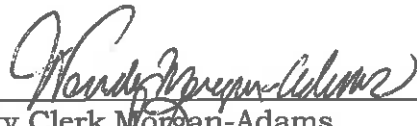
17. ADJOURNMENT - At 8:30 PM, Alderman Rosenthal moved to Adjourn Open Session and go into Closed Session to discuss sale of property, collective bargaining employment performance and pending litigation; seconded by Alderman Ludvigsen. There was unanimous approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried 4 - 0

Approved by the City Council of the City of Prospect Heights on the 9th of May, 2016


City Clerk Morgan-Adams


Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer

