

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 19, 2015 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:14 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

JANUARY 19, 2015

7:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Weaver.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

VFW members, Matt Goodwin and Nick Darien, led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL** — The Roll Call of Aldermen by Clerk Ragona was as follows:

Present:	Tina Beilke	Sylvia McIvor
	Thomas J. Belczak	Ted V. Schauer
	Joseph A. Kenny	Joerg Seifert
	Joseph A. Marchese	

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk
Paul Nosek, Assistant City Administrator
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Service
Ernest Brown, Police Chief
Gregory Cheaure, Police Sergeant

4. **DECLARATION OF A QUORUM** — There being seven aldermen present, Mayor Weaver declared a quorum.

5. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL**

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - December 15, 2014 City Council Meeting

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 15, 2014 as presented.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, Schauer, Seifert
	Abstain:	McIvor
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0
MOTION DULY CARRIED

7. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Kenny...

...shared communication from Ben Santore, 7300 block of Adams, who had snow removal issues that were quickly addressed.

...received communication from Stan Niemec, 7100 block of Hudson, commending Police Department on quick response to his issue.

...Bob Rzeszutko, 1200 block of Allison, who had an issue with ComED vendor doing work on Smart Grid Project.

...confirmed Jack Quinnert, 7300 block of Summit, received clarification on letter he received from Direct Energy.

Mayor Weaver received communications from residents regarding elimination of right turn on 75th Street, just before intersection of Plainfield & 75th Street, which was referred to Dave Tworek at DuPage County. Director Gombac advised U-turns are allowed unless signage is posted.

Alderman Seifert advised no right turn is permitted from westbound 75th Street onto Plainfield by McDonalds. Question was raised if right-hand turn was ever permitted; Director Gombac will follow-up.

Alderman Seifert inquired about the arrows on pavement. Director Gombac advised there is more striping to be completed once the weather and pavement temperature warms up.

Alderman Schauer inquired about installation of signal lights. Director Gombac responded they will be installed within the next several weeks.

8. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

A. 2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Mayor Weaver invited Alderman Beilke, City Council Liaison – 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee, to present the recommendation for nomination. Liaison Beilke read the Citizen of the Year Committee letter recommending award of 2015 Citizen of the Year to Ron Kiefer.

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Schauer to concur with the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee’s recommendation, and to award the title of 2015 Citizen of the Year to Ron Kiefer.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

Alderman Beilke invited all to attend the Citizen of the Year Cake and Coffee Reception on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 following the City Council Meeting. The dinner dance will be held at Alpine Banquets on March 7, 2015; ticket price is \$30 per person.

Mayor Weaver thanked Citizen of the Year Committee members, Bonnie Kucera, Barbara Boyer, Carol Mallers, and Linda Zeman for volunteering and their efforts in organizing the event.

B. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY—SPOKEN ESSAY 1ST PLACE AWARD

Mayor Weaver invited VFW members, Matt Goodwin and Nick Darien, to share details about this honor. Matt Goodwin, VFW Commander, provided details of the VFW

upcoming fundraiser, “Rockin’ with the Vets” featuring Lance “Romance” Lipinski as Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley Impersonator Shawn Klush on March 13, 2015.

Nick Darien, Senior Vice Commander and Program Director, explained the Voice of Democracy is a scholarship competition opportunity for high school students. Students were required to write and record a 3-5 minute audio essay on “Why Veterans are Important to our Nations’ History & Future”. On behalf of Darien Memorial Post 2838, Nick Darien announced the 1st place winner at the Post level: Warren Dawes. Warren is a junior at Montini Catholic High School and an Eagle Scout with Darien Boy Scout Troop 97. Parents, William and Barbara Dawes, who reside in Woodridge, were also acknowledged. Nick Darien presented Warren with a certificate, medal, and check for \$300.00. Warren progressed to the District competition and placed first, he received a certificate and a check for \$750.00. Warren will now progress to the State competition on February 7, 2015. If he wins, he would progress to the National competition with an opportunity to win a \$30,000 scholarship. Nick Darien wished Warren all the best of luck and thanked him for participating.

C. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Clare Bongiovanni provided an update as follows:

- Announced the Chamber and Connect Membership Drive. New members will be featured in the 2015/2016 Business Directory & Community Guide. A membership party will be held at Q Bar & Grill on March 10, 2015.
- Welcomed new member, Multicare Health Center, located at 8110 Cass Avenue. Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on February 10, 2015 at 5 P.M.
- Invited all members to attend Chamber 101 on January 22, 2015, 9:00 A.M. at First Merchants Bank, 8301 Cass Avenue.
- The Darien Chamber is partnering with the Indian Prairie Public Library in a Teen Summer Job Fair on March 21, 2015 from 1 – 4 P.M. Deadline to register is January 23, 2015.
- The 2014 Darien Chamber Excellence Awards and State of the Chamber will be held on January 29, 2015, 11:30 A.M., at Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café.
- Darien Chamber Women in Business presents Connecting Women Creating Opportunities Wine and Cheese Networking event on February 24, 2015, 5:30 P.M., at Wild Orchid Salon, 7511 Lemont Road, Chestnut Court Shopping Center.
- The 15th Annual Darien Dash will be held on May 17, 2015 at Darien Community Park.
- The Darien Historical Society presents “Sunday Dinner” featuring History Singers John and Kathryn Atwood “A Salute to WWI and WWII Music”. The event will be held at Alpine Banquets on January 25, 2015 from 1 – 4 P.M.

- Introduced Amanda from Carriage Green Country Club who shared upcoming events: February 1 – Super Bowl Party, February 7 & 8 – Winter Carnival (free admission), and February 22 – Bridal Expo (\$10 at door).

9. **CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

There was no report.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Assistant City Administrator Nosek...

...residents are receiving marketing letters and phone calls from Direct Energy. Any questions should be directed to Paul at 630-353-8104 or the City Consultant at 1-800-727-3820.

...the new website is scheduled to go live on January 26, 2015. Alderman McIvor commented that seniors may not check their email; they can click “like” City of Darien on Facebook to obtain same information as listed on Direct Connect.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2014

Chief Brown reviewed the 12th Police Period Report (November 17, 2014 thru December 14, 2014). Topics included:

- Canine
- Police Personnel
- Department Highlights
- Equipment
- Citizen Alerts
- Community Engagement
- Statistics

Mayor Weaver advised this report and previous reports are available on the City Website.

Mayor Weaver inquired about the ability to bury unsightly overhead lines along the Darien Pointe Development corridor from Plainfield to 75th Street on the east side of Cass. Director Gombac advised there is a cost to bury the lines underground; he will seek cost estimates.

Director Gombac advised tree trimming is being handled by Homer Tree Care. Residents can call Homer Tree Care at 815-838-0320 for their private property needs. Set prices have been established for rear and front yard tree care; tree removal is also available.

Alderman McIvor asked about triage treatment for ash borers on private property. Director Gombac advised quotes are being received; Municipal Services Committee will review quotes and a recommendation will follow.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 14-15-16

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 14-15-16 in the amount of \$436,999.52 from the enumerated funds; and \$244,299.62 from payroll funds for the period ending 12/25/14; for a total to be approved of \$681,299.14.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. WARRANT NUMBER 14-15-17

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve payment of Warrant Number 14-15-17 in the amount of \$674,947.38 from the enumerated funds; and \$288,686.84 from payroll funds for the period ending 01/08/15; for a total to be approved of \$963,634.22.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

C. TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2014

Assistant City Administrator Nosek reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of December 2014:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$9,854,113; Expenditures \$7,727,684; Current Balance \$3,031,182
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,620,765; Expenditures \$3,560,309; Current Balance \$2,079,788
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$569,803; Expenditures \$406,869; Current Balance \$315,389
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$2,020; Expenditures \$192,386; Current Balance \$116,069
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,476,550; Expenditures \$3,521,701; Current Balance \$6,374,445
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$502,395; Expenditures \$497,750; Current Balance of \$18,058

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Municipal Services Committee — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for January 26, 2015, with a time change to 6:00 P.M.

Administrative/Finance Committee – Chairman Schauer announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee is scheduled for February 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

Police Committee – Chairman McIvor announced the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting were approved and submitted to the Clerk’s Office. She advised the next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Police Department Training Room.

14. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – AGENDA RELATED**

Mayor Weaver noted that the title of New Business Item C should read:

CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRIC PROVIDER BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1ST AND MARCH 31, 2015 FOR WATER PUMPING STATION ELECTRIC SUPPLY OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda.

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 15TH ANNUAL DARIEN DASH, A 10K RUN/A 5K RUN, ON MAY 17, 2015 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO FINALIZE THE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the motion as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RIGHT HALF OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR THE DARIEN DASH WHICH BEGINS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

10K RUN (WILL RUN THE COURSE TWICE) 5 K RUN (WILL RUN THE COURSE ONCE) – 71ST STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; NORTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE, WEST ONTO MAPLE LANE TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO 71ST STREET; WEST ON 71ST STREET TO BEECHNUT LANE; NORTH ON BEECHNUT LANE TO IRONWOOD AVENUE; EAST ON IRONWOOD AVENUE TO 69TH STREET; EAST ON 69TH STREET

TO RICHMOND AVENUE; SOUTH ON RICHMOND AVENUE TO 70TH STREET; EAST ON 70TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; NORTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO 69TH STREET; EAST ON 69TH STREET TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO 70TH STREET; WEST ON 70TH STREET TO BENTLEY AVENUE; SOUTH ON BENTLEY AVENUE TO MAPLE LANE; EAST ON MAPLE LANE TO CLARENDON HILLS ROAD; SOUTH ON CLARENDON HILLS ROAD TO 71ST STREET TO FINISH AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF DARIEN COMMUNITY PARK

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the motion as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

 Nays: None

 Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

- C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRIC PROVIDER BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1ST AND MARCH 31, 2015 FOR WATER PUMPING STATION ELECTRIC SUPPLY OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS**

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve the resolution as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. R-1-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRIC PROVIDER BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1ST AND

MARCH 31, 2015 FOR WATER PUMPING STATION ELECTRIC SUPPLY OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Belczak, Kenny, Marchese, McIvor, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

18. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – GENERAL**

Alderman Marchese commended the Citizen of the Year committee on their selection of a well-deserving Citizen of the Year—Ron Kiefer.

Alderman Beilke announced the Darien Women’s Club will be holding their annual Creative Youth Art Fair at Cass Jr. High School on February 22, 2015; registration is due by February 6 through the Darien Youth Club or the Indian Prairie Public Library.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Beilke to adjourn the City Council meeting.

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 01-19-15. Minutes of 01-19-15 CCM.