

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 17, 2014 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:22 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

NOVEMBER 17, 2014

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**

Mayor Weaver 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
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator
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.

...received an e-mail from Josh Mowry, Co-Founder and President of Miskatonic Brewing Company expressing gratitude for the great working relationship he experienced with City Staff; he looks forward to working with the City in the future.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Clare Bongiovanni provided the following update:

- Thanked the celebrity dancers who gave outstanding performances at Dancing with the Chamber Starz: Anne Brennan, President, Darien Woman's Club; Mayor Kathleen Weaver; Michael Overmann, Michael Overmann, Ltd; Debbie Kalebic, Partner, Foundations for Learning; Chuck Pine, Chuck's Southern Comforts Café; Lavonne Czech, Banquet & Sales Event Manager, Carriage Greens Country Club; Paul Guagenti, Vice President Government Relations, Republic Bank; Gail Sablick, Owner, Wild Orchid Salon; and Mirror Ball Champion Tom Papais, Darien Chamber Chairman of the Board & Owner of Rose Landscape Design.
- Thanked: Grand Sponsor-Chuck's Southern Comforts Café; Fox Trot Sponsor-Wild Orchid Salon; Samba/Cha Cha Sponsor-Suburban Life; and Al Kohout and Staff of Alkaye Media Group.
- The Darien Chamber is hosting a Pre-Holiday PM Networking Event at Q Bar & Grill on November 20, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
- Chestnut Court will be holding a Holiday Walk on December 5, 2014.
- The Darien Historical Society will host their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Old Lace School on December 7, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.
- The Darien Chamber Holiday Luncheon will be held at Carrabba's Italian Grill on December 9, 2014 at 11:30 A.M.; the Hinsdale South Madrigal Choir will perform.
- On behalf of the Darien Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Ms. Bongiovanni wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Weaver thanked and offered congratulations to Clare Bongiovanni, Ruth Banas and Desiree Shehata for a wonderful event.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona announced that City Offices will be closed on November 27 and 28, 2014 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2014

Chief Brown reviewed the 10th Police Period Report (September 22, 2014 thru October 19, 2014). Topics included:

- Detective Division
- Task Force Officer
- Community Engagement
- Crime Information and Update
- Crime Fighting Strategy
- Camera Registry and Neighborhood Watch
- City of Darien Six Year Trend
- Offense and Incident Report Statistics
- Key Statistics
- Arrest Statistics
- Officer Statistics

A discussion took place regarding effective communication with all residents including those who may not be electronically connected. Various suggestions were discussed, such as Community Meetings with homeowner associations, and the incorporation of a telephone blast program similar to those utilized by school districts.

Director Gombac provided an update on the 75th Street Construction Project. He spoke of the challenges for traffic during paving operations. Alderman Beilke noted that it was difficult to turn right from 75th Street onto Plainfield Road. A discussion ensued.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A. WARRANT NUMBER 14-15-13

It was moved by Alderman Seifert and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve payment of Warrant Number 14-15-13 in the amount of \$522,795.12 from the enumerated funds; and \$242,839.59 from payroll funds for the period ending 11/13/14; for a total to be approved of \$765,634.71.

Mayor Weaver reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for the benefit of the viewing audience.

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- A. **A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN WOMAN’S CLUB**
- B. **A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR THE DARIEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- C. **A MOTION APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RULES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE ILLINOIS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**
- D. **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE CITY’S NET PENSION OBLIGATION OF IMRF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,356.00**
- E. **A MOTION TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE REFUSE CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED DISPOSAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD AS ALLOWED IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

MOTION DULY CARRIED

17. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

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

Lou Mallers of 1411 Pine Cove Court expressed gratitude to Alderman Marchese and Sergeant Piccoli for the quick action taken regarding the recent burglaries.

Robert Maiorana of 7018 Exner spoke of his concern with the length of time a deep hole has been left in the parkway due to AT&T construction. Director Gombac explained the project is being performed by a contractor of ComEd, and is expected to be backfilled by Wednesday or Thursday this week. He noted that the City does not allow open holes beyond a 24 hour period; further construction will be carefully monitored.

Alderman Beilke invited all to the Bonfield Express 5K walk/run on November 27, 2014 in honor of Jim Bonfield, Downers Grove South High School teacher, coach and dean. The event raises funds for scholarships benefiting students of local high schools.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman McIvor 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 11-17-14. Minutes of 11-17-14 CCM.