

**PUBLIC HEARING – TAX LEVY**

THE TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 5, 2011 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**

**DECEMBER 5, 2011**

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 M. Beilke	John F. Poteraske
	Joseph A. Marchese	Ted V. Schauer
	Sylvia McIvor	Joerg Seifert

Absent: Halil Avci

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor  
JoAnne E. Ragona, City Clerk  
Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Scott Coren, Assistant City Administrator  
Daniel Gombac, Director of Municipal Services  
Ernest T. Brown, Police Chief

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 21, 2011

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 21, 2011, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: Avci

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

6. **RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

7. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING COMMITTEE: JEANETTE CAMPO, JIM KISER, GERRY LEGANSKI, & BARBARA BOYER**

It was moved by Alderman McIvor and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve:

**A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING COMMITTEE: JEANETTE CAMPO, JIM KISER, GERRY LEGANSKI, & BARBARA BOYER**

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: Avci

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Jeanette Campo and Gerry Leganski.

There was resounding applause from the Council and audience and congratulatory handshakes.

Jim Kiser and Barbara Boyer were not in attendance and will be sworn in at a later date.

8. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona invited all to attend Coffee with the Mayor at Carmelite Carefree Village on Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana advised Electrical Aggregation was presented on the ballot at the last election and failed. He turned the floor over to Assistant Administrator Coren to explain.

Assistant Administrator Coren explained that the March, 2012 Primary Election gives Darien another opportunity to have the residents decide if they would like the City to negotiate the electric rates for residences and small businesses. Approximately thirty-five communities have passed the referendum which have reaped a 30%/\$175.00 annual savings per household. The deadline for placement of the referendum question on the ballot is January 3, 2012. If approved, each household would have the opportunity to opt out of the contract. The delivery mechanism, maintenance, and invoicing would remain through Com Ed; the only changes would be the provider and rate change. The importance of distributing information to the residents was discussed. Administrator Vana noted that Darien was one of the first to place the Electrical Aggregation Referendum question on the ballot; at that time, many residents were unaware of the benefits. He noted that the City may present the facts, but cannot be an advocate for passage of the referendum.

Mayor Weaver announced this item would be placed on the December 19, 2011 City Council Meeting Agenda.

10. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Director Gombac...

...reminded residents to inspect their mailboxes for structural integrity prior to the winter season. Residents are welcome to participate in the Mailbox Replacement Program at a cost of \$72.88.

...announced the Tree Trimming Program began on December 5; further information may be obtained on the City's website or by calling 630-353-8105. City-wide private tree trimming is available under the City's contract by contacting Contractor Steve Pieper no later than February 5, 2012.

Chief Brown...

...provided a report on recent criminal activity.

...reviewed issued Community Alerts:

- Do not admit unknown persons into your residence without verifying their identity.
- During the shopping season, keep purchases hidden in vehicles and car doors locked.
- Exercise care when arms are full carrying multiple/large packages; have keys ready.
- Exercise caution when using ATM machines. Stand close to the machine to block view of PINs; make sure there are no external reading devices.

...participated in "Shop with a Hero" this past Saturday and found it to be a very rewarding experience.

...welcomes ideas and suggestions from residents.

...enjoyed annual tree lighting this past Sunday.

...has scheduled several meetings with school principals and administrators, and community groups to discuss issues.

...advised the Darien Police Department continues to support sister agencies.

...plans on increasing speeding and alcohol enforcement.

...announced a new fleet of vehicles are being prepared and should arrive within 30 days.

...is initiating an aggressive vehicle inspection policy to extend the life of the fleet.

Alderman McIvor requested the Community Alerts be communicated to the aldermen so the information may be shared with residents. Chief Brown agreed and advised that patrol zone maps which overlay Ward maps will be provided to the aldermen as well.

Alderman McIvor announced the retirement of Deputy Chief Skala and invited the community to attend a Cake and Coffee in his honor at the Police Department on December 6, 2011 at 3:00 P.M.

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 11-12-14**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Beilke to approve payment of Warrant Number 11-12-14 in the amount of \$449,390.63 from the General Fund; \$250,568.75 from the Water Fund; \$3,352.34 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$225,475.34 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$52,000.00 from the Debt Service Fund; \$231,722.32 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/17/11; \$20,059.88 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 11/17/11; for a total to be approved of \$1,232,569.26.

Roll Call:       Ayes:       Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

                  Nays:       None

                  Absent:      Avci

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police Committee** — Chairman McIvor submitted the minutes from the September 1, 2011 Police Committee Meeting. She announced that the next scheduled meeting was on January 5, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** — Chairman Poteraske submitted minutes from the October 10, 2011 Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on December 12, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee was rescheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

13. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED**

There were none.

14. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the City Council.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**A. A MOTION TO APPROVE TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE**

**B. RESOLUTION NO. R-94-11**      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE, LTD. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,772.00 (2012 STREET MAINTENANCE)**

**C. ORDINANCE NO. O-28-11**      **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2011, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2012, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS**

**D. ORDINANCE NO. O-29-11**      **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2011, AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2012, FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA**

**NUMBER ONE KNOWN AS TARA HILL**

Roll Call: Ayes: Beilke, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske, Schauer, Seifert

Nays: None

Absent: Avci

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

16. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the City Council.

17. **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL**

Alderman Marchese announced the Darien Lions Club, in conjunction with the Darien Park District, would be conducting their annual food basket program; a donation of \$60 would provide enough food to feed a family for two weeks. It is anticipated that approximately 250 families would be assisted. Volunteers are welcome to assist with packaging of the baskets at Darien Park District Community Center on Fairview on December 16 and with food basket delivery on December 17. Donation boxes are located at the Police Department and City Hall for non-perishable food donations.

Alderman McIvor announced there will be a Ward 6 Town Hall Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on February 2, 2012 following the 6:00 P.M. Police Committee Meeting, which she invited residents to attend.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 12-05-11.  
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