

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DARIEN**  
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**June 24, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Thomas Belczak – Chairman, Alderman Ted Schauer, Alderman Ralph Stompanato

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Mr. Dan Gombac – Director

**Establish Quorum**

Chairperson Thomas Belczak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois. Chairperson Belczak declared a quorum present.

**New Business**

- a. **Resolution** – Authorizing the purchase of one new Challenger CL12A 2-post vehicle lift from Liftnow in an amount not to exceed \$14,057.48.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the lift would be used for light duty. He reported that the old lift did not comply with new safety standards and was in need of replacement.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of one new Challenger CL12A 2-post vehicle lift from Liftnow in an amount not to exceed \$14,057.48.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 3-0.**

- b. **Resolution** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement with Morton Salt, Inc., for the purchase of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$114,397.20.
- c. **Resolution** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Center Cass School District #66 for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2024/25 Rock Salt Agreement.
- d. **Resolution** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Darien Park District for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2024/25 Rock Salt Agreement.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the Resolution would be a renewal of an annual contract and that it would be more cost-conscious than previously. He reported that the City would receive a maximum of 2,500 tons of rock salt for the year. Mr. Gombac further reported

that there would be continued Intergovernmental Agreements in place to provide Center Cass School District #66 and the Darien Park District with rock salt.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement with Morton Salt, Inc., for the purchase of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$114,397.20, approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Center Cass School District #66 for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2024/25 Rock Salt Agreement, and approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Darien Park District for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2024/25 Rock Salt Agreement.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- e. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Baxter and Woodman Natural Resources, LLC (BWNR) to perform five years (2025-2029) of stewardship (maintenance) on three acres of restored native prairie located at Elm Street and Eleanor Place in an amount not to exceed \$19,800 annually for a period of 5 years.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this proposal would be to provide a controlled burn, receding and removal of invasive species in the native prairie located at Elm Street and Eleanor Place. He reported that the previous work done in this area had been thriving nicely.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution accepting a proposal from Baxter and Woodman Natural Resources, LLC (BWNR) to perform five years (2025-2029) of stewardship (maintenance) on three acres of restored native prairie located at Elm Street and Eleanor Place in an amount not to exceed \$19,800 annually for a period of 5 years.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- f. Resolution – Accepting the proposal of a 12-month subscription including hardware unit, web application, service and support and product replacement for Mini-Road Weather Information Systems sensors from Frost Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$19,600.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the proposal would be for a renewal of an annual subscription and that it would provide cloud-based technology. He reported that the system provides accurate information about roads, including road temperatures.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution accepting the proposal of a 12-month subscription including hardware unit, web application, service and support and product replacement for Mini-Road Weather Information Systems sensors from Frost Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$19,600.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**g. Resolution – Authorizing Private Storm Water Management Assistance Projects.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the entire inventory for storm water projects had been taken for the year and from that inventory six (6) projects were identified. He further reported that of those 6 projects, some would move forward while others would be reworked or cancelled. Mr. Gombac reported that the total amount the projects would cost is \$183,764.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution authorizing private storm water management assistance projects.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**h. Resolution – Authorizing the purchase of two (2) Solar Speed Alert 18 Speed Limit Signs from All Traffic Solutions Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the solar speed signs had been requested by residents concerned about speeding in their neighborhood. He reported that solar speed signs had been installed in the past and that they promote safety and awareness. Mr. Gombac reported that the 2 new signs would be posted on the North and South ends of Nantucket Drive.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Solar Speed Alert 18 Speed Limit Signs from All Traffic Solutions Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**i. Resolution – Waiving the competitive bid process and accepting a proposal from Structured Solutions LLC, for storm water manholes within the Hinsbrook Subdivision in an amount not to exceed \$44,020.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the proposal would be part of the jetting program and would clean basins, identify and inventory necessary repairs, and spray manholes with an impermeable liner. He reported that there had been great success previously with this program and that it had provided a permanent solution.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of a Resolution waiving the competitive bid process and accepting a proposal from Structured Solutions LLC, for storm water manholes within the Hinsbrook Subdivision in an amount not to exceed \$44,020.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- j. Resolution – Authorizing to enter into a 5-year maintenance contract with Amber Mechanical Contractors for the service maintenance of the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at the Darien Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road, per the annual amount schedule as follows; Year 1 \$7,720 + Contingency of \$2,020 = \$9,740.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the HVAC system in the Police Department had been previously replaced in 2017 and since then they had received less service calls. He reported that the Police Department has a large AC unit with individual controls in each office which requires a lot of technology to be maintained.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of a Resolution authorizing to enter into a 5-year maintenance contract with Amber Mechanical Contractors for the service maintenance of the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at the Darien Police Department, 1710 Plainfield Road, per the annual amount schedule as follows; Year 1 \$7,720 + Contingency of \$2,020 = \$9,740.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- k. Ordinance – Authorizing to amend the liquor code to expand the number of Class K liquor licenses from five (5) to six (6) for a beer and wine liquor license at Bua Thai Kitchen.**

Mr. Dan Gombac reported that liquor licenses change with restaurant turnover and that the Mayor is in support of the amendment.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer approval of an Ordinance authorizing to amend the liquor code to expand the number of Class K liquor licenses from five (5) to six (6) for a beer and wine liquor license at Bua Thai Kitchen.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- l. Minutes – May 28, 2024 Municipal Services Committee**

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato approval of the May 28, 2024, Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**Director's Report**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the plantings and water feature on the digital marquee sign on Plainfield and Cass were complete.

Mr. Gombac further reported that he had been working with residents to put in a wider walkway on the Southwest corner of Plainfield and had been receiving negative feedback. He reported that he would be looking into alternative solutions with DuPage County.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Chairperson Tom Belczak announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to adjourn. Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Thomas Belczak  
Chairman

**X**

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Ted Schauer  
Alderman

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Ralph Stompanato  
Alderman