

## Minutes

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 21, 2008 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:23 P.M.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

JANUARY 21, 2008

### 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 Coleman was as follows:

Present: Halil Avci Joseph A. Marchese William R. Durkin Sylvia Mclvor John Galan John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk Michael J. Coren, City Treasurer John B. Murphey, City Attorney Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Public Works Robert Pavelchik, Police Chief

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

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 7, 2008

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Mclvor to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

### 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mclvor received E-mail from Bob and Carol Worley, residents of the Farmingdale Ridge subdivision, expressing their opinion that they should have been notified prior to the Darien-Woodridge Fire Department training burn down, which took place adjacent to Farmingdale Ridge on January 12. With advance notice, the residents (especially those with severe allergies and/or asthma) would have been given the opportunity to make arrangements to be elsewhere during the training.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Weaver invited Alderman Gattuso, who is the City Council liaison to The 2008 Citizen of the Year Committee, to announce the winner of this year's award. Alderman Gattuso read the letter of recommendation from The Citizen of the Year Committee.

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Mclvor to concur with The Citizen of the Year Committee and award Jim Tikalsky the title of 2008 Citizen of the Year.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Alderman Gattuso announced that the 2008 Citizen of the Year cake and coffee reception would take place on February 19, 2008 in the Council Chambers. The dinner will be held on March 8, 2008 at Alpine Banquets.

Mayor Weaver thanked the members of the 2008 Citizen of the Year Committee, Debbie Heniff, Kathy Abbate, Kathy Lyons, Joan Graham and Fran Mazzolini, for all their efforts.

Mayor Weaver announced that a letter would be going out to all the taxing bodies and districts inviting them to attend the kick-off meeting of the Intergovernmental Program Initiative, which will take place on February 6, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Coleman...

...advised that Early Voting for the February 5, 2008 General Primary Election is available through January 31. The locations closest to Darien are Downers Grove Village Hall and the Yorktown Center Mall.

...announced that the 2008 vehicle identification tags, which are provided by the Darien Historical Society, are now available for a \$3.00 donation at City Hall and the Police Department.

...congratulated Jim Tikalsky on being named the Darien 2008 Citizen of the Year.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana thanked Clerk Coleman for the improvements she has instituted into the business license renewal program, which will save money, and staff time.

Alderman Poteraske inquired if the residents are aware that DuPage County Public Works Department will be converting the water system from a well water source to a Lake Michigan water system.

Mayor Weaver responded that DuPage County did send a letter, and that a follow-up letter should be going out as well, advising when the residents will be switched to the Darien billing system.

Administrator Vana stated that this is a great example of the benefits and cost savings that can be derived from an intergovernmental agreement.

Mayor Weaver commented that this beneficial, cooperative effort was due to the good relationship the city has with the county. Mayor Weaver offered gratitude to staff for implementing this program.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Police Chief Pavelchik...

...warned that there has been an increase in car burglaries of GPS devices. Residents were urged not to leave GPS systems and other valuables in unattended vehicles.

...advised that, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Police Department had the opportunity to turn Hinsdale South High School into a pseudo, armed camp. Rapid response training was provided for the entire Police Department. This training will enable the police department to immediately respond to any emergency situation occurring in the community without having to wait for a SWAT team.

Alderman Galan expressed pleasure with the article that was published in the newspaper, and stated that it is nice to live in a community where a known police presence abates crime.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 07-08-17

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve payment of Warrant Number 07-08-17 in the amount of \$344,173.75 from the General Fund; \$225,307.44 from the Water Fund; \$16,613.54 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$184,184.55 from the Water Depreciation Fund; \$4,455.76 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$2,279.35 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$123,977.01 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 1/3/08; \$24,009.67 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 1/3/08; \$29,167.24 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 1/3/08; for a total to be approved of \$954,168.31.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

### B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2007

The Treasurer's Monthly Report and Cash Reserves Summary Report were reviewed during the work session. Treasurer Coren also answered question from the City Council.

The sources of revenue and expenditures and fund balances through the month of December 2007 were as follows: General Fund Revenue \$8,609,967; General Fund Expenditures \$7,994,708; Current General Fund Balance \$4,026,987. Water Fund Revenue \$1,990,898; Water Fund Expenditures \$1,732,646; Current Water Fund Balance \$842,576. Motor Fuel Tax Fund Revenue \$468,765; Motor Fuel Tax Fund Expenditures \$656,711; Current Motor Fuel Tax Fund Balance \$80,632; Water Depreciation Fund Revenue \$179,147; Water Depreciation Fund Expenditures \$2,186,428; Current Water Depreciation Fund Balance \$1,472,481; Capital Improvement Fund Revenue \$2,783,848; Capital Improvement Fund Expenditures \$1,403,331; Current Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$1,418,469; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Revenue \$2,686,620; Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Expenditures \$1,156,229; Current Capital Projects Debt Service Fund Balance \$1,530,391.

Alderman Galan questioned how the Council Members would be able to tell report changes from month to month.

Treasurer Coren suggested that the prior month's cash balance be shown on the current report. Treasurer Coren will try to incorporate this information into next month's report.

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Alderman Marchese submitted the minutes of the Public Works Water/Streets Committee Meeting of October 15, 2007, and December 17, 2007. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the conference room pending agenda items.

Planning/Development Committee — Alderman McIvor advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Administrative/Finance Committee — Alderman Poterasko advised that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the upstairs conference room.

## 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

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

A. RESOLUTION NO. R-02-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM BETWEEN THE CITY OF DARIEN AND VEGA TREE SERVICE INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64,875.00 FOR PARKWAY TRIMMING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED UNIT PRICING FOR TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING.

B. RESOLUTION NO. R-03-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM ACCURATE TANK CONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$13,684.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A TANK GAUGING SYSTEM AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES THAT NO LONGER REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY.

D. RESOLUTION NO. R-04-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A POWER SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

E. RESOLUTION NO. R-05-08 CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THE WETLAND BUFFER (DARIEN CORPORATE CENTER-ROCKWELL PUD.)

Roll Call: Ayes: Avci, Durkin, Galan, Gattuso, Marchese, McIvor, Poteraske

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

## 16. NEW BUSINESS

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

## 17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Alderman Poteraske...

...advised that in response to resident inquiries regarding the status of Argonne and Morris, Illinois, due to budget issues, no decisions have been made at this point. Therefore, this item is on hold for now.

...has learned that the remote handle transuranic contamination nuclear waste at Argonne is in the process of being removed from Darien to New Mexico. Although this will be an ongoing situation, good progress is being made.

...advised that in addition to the 7,000 feet of new cable that is being installed in the Farmingdale area, Com Ed will be trimming over 300 trees throughout the community.

...learned that on December 23, there was a power outage in excess of 30 hours which affected twenty residences.

Tim Waz of 7230 Exner Road, expressed displeasure that a meeting on the Darien Initiative Program took place. Mr. Waz was concerned that discussions took place regarding the School District 63 referendum.

Mayor Weaver clarified that during the informal gathering, the Program Initiatives were generally introduced. Mayor Weaver also stated the gathering complied with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Jim Tikalsky thanked the City Council and the 2008 Citizen of the Year Committee for the honor. Mr. Tikalsky reminded all that the Darien Historical Society Dinner will take place on January 27, 2008. Tickets are available for one more day and can be purchased from any Darien Historical Society member.

Debby Heniff of 1509 Winterberry complimented Mayor Weaver on the institution of the Intergovernmental Program Initiative. Ms. Heniff feels this program will be of benefit to the entire community.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

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

VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

Id All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 01-21-08. Minutes of 01-21-08 CCM January 21, 2008