

A WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07 P.M. BY MAYOR WEAVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 20, 2014 AGENDA WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. THE WORK SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:18 P.M.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**of the City Council of the**

**CITY OF DARIEN**

**OCTOBER 20, 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.

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

There were none.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. City Council Meeting, October 6, 2014

It was moved by Alderman Beilke and seconded by Alderman Seifert to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of October 6, 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**

Mayor Weaver thanked Crazy Burrito for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. **CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING COMMITTEE: ELIZABETH HAYES, JIM KISER, AND GERRY LEGANSKI**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Belczak to approve the reappointment of members to the Holiday Home Decorating Committee: Elizabeth Hayes, Jim Kiser, and Gerry Leganski.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

Clerk Ragona administered the Oath of Office to Elizabeth Hayes, Jim Kiser and Gerry Leganski.

**B. DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Clare Bongiovanni provided an update as follows:

- Shop Local Shop Darien Cards are available at City Hall for \$5.
- The following businesses have Shop Local offers: B&R Dentists, Caldwell, Coren & Sceggel, Carriage Greens Country Club, Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café, Culver’s, Edward Jones – James Burke, First Merchants Bank, Goddard School, Home Run Inn, Jet’s Pizza, La Notte Due, Mi Hacienda, Oakridge Hobbies & Toys, Patio Restaurant, Q Bar & Grill, Shirin’s Barefoot Books, Crazy Burrito, Fruitful Yield, Wild Orchid Salon, Wilton Store, and Zazzo’s Pizza & Catering.
- Invited all to attend Darien Immediate Care Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 21, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.
- Darien Chamber Women in Business is hosting a Cheer Up Networking Event on October 22, 2014 at Fred Astaire Dance Studio.
- Darien Chamber Women in Business is celebrating Paint the Town Pink in October; they are providing meals to women in the area going through breast cancer treatment.
- The Indian Prairie Public Library is hosting Lunch and Learn with Reference USA on October 28, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.
- Dancing with the Chamber Starz Fundraiser will be held on November 14, 2014 at Ashton Place.
- Thanked Chamber Starz Fundraiser Grand Sponsor Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café, Foxtrot Sponsor Wild Orchid Salon, the table sponsors, and all who contributed donations for the silent auction.
- Celebrity dancers include Chuck Pine of Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café, Gail Sablick of Wild Orchid Salon, Michael Overmann of Michael Overmann, Ltd, Tom Papais of Rose Landscape Design, Karyn McCarthy of Power Forward DuPage, LaVonne Czech of Carriage Greens Country Club, Dr. Bryan of

Laneville Family Chiropractic, Debbie Kalebick of Foundations for Learning, Paul Guagenti of Republic Bank, Anne Brennan of Darien Woman's Club, Desiree Shehata of Darien Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Kathleen Weaver.

- Events at Carriage Greens Country Club include:  
Thanksgiving Buffet on November 27, 2014; reservations must be made by November 24, 2014.  
A Winter Carnival on February 7 & 8, 2015 with ice skating, sleigh and pony rides, toboggans, cross country skiing, snow sculpture contest, and more.  
A Bridal Extravaganza on February 22, 2015.

Clare introduced Darien Fruitful Yield Store Manager, Laura Clark and Nutritionist Sandy Martina.

Sandy Martina provided a history of Fruitful Yield and provided information on the family owned business, which includes NOW Health Group. She noted that Fruitful Yield strives to maintain a knowledgeable staff, quality products, and excellent customer service. Ms. Martina reviewed the various supplements and products sold. Clare Bongiovanni added that Fruitful Yield is a Shop Local Shop Darien participant.

9. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Ragona...

...provided a brief history of the Darien Identification Vehicle Sticker Program which began in 1992. She read the list of non-profit organizations who were offered the opportunity to participate. The eligible Darien community organizations that expressed an interest in participating were The Darien Historical Society and The Darien Rotary Club. Clerk Ragona conducted the 2015 Vehicle Sticker Lottery; and the winner was The Darien Rotary Club. Clerk Ragona advised that the winner will be notified and the stickers should be available January 1, 2015.

...announced that Early Voting began October 20, 2014; the last day for early voting is November 1, 2014. The nearest location to Darien is Downers Grove Village Hall with hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. She invited residents to contact City Hall for additional locations and hours.

...advised the Goal Setting Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Department.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Vana...

...advised the Goal Setting Session packet will be available on Friday.

...provided an update on the City's Electric Aggregation Program. He noted that ComEd's rate has become more competitive. Residents may opt out of the City's program at anytime but cautioned that Verde's rates are fixed while ComEd's are adjustable. Residents with questions may call the City's consultant, NIMEC, at 800-727-3820. Information on the Electric Aggregation Program will be sent out on the next Direct Connect.

...advised the City's Website upgrades are in process with an anticipated completion date of December 8, 2014.

...advised Jim's Quality Meats is seeking a grant from the City in the amount of \$235,000 to assist with build out and new equipment. A lengthy discussion ensued. The request will be reviewed by the Municipal Services Committee at their meeting on October 27, 2014.

11. **DEPARTMENT HEAD INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

**A. & B. POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2014**

Chief Brown reviewed the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Police Period Reports for July 28, 2014 through August 24, 2014, and August 25 through September 21, 2014. Topics included Department Highlights and Statistics:

- Darien Police Department
- Detective Unit
- Canine
- Citizen Tips
- School Starts
- DarienFest
- 911 Call Three Year Trend 8<sup>th</sup> Period
- Police Department Expense for DarienFest by Year
- Motor Vehicle Crime Pattern
- Telephone Scams
- Policy Change on Recovered Animals
- Police Personnel & Activity
- Offense and Incident Report
- Key Statistics

- Arrest
- Actual 911 Calls by Shift
- Officer Statistics

Alderman Seifert mentioned the unsafe construction practices which took place this past Saturday on Plainfield Road. Director Gombac spoke of the work DuPage County performed on that day, and advised that the dangerous conditions will be brought to the attention of DuPage County at the next construction meeting. Director Gombac provided an update on the clock tower construction; the Chase Bank sign, which will be located on Plainfield Road immediately west of the driveway; and the parking lot.

Alderman McIvor commented that ComEd crews are working in the Farmingdale Village area and asked what residents should do if they are uncomfortable about opening their doors to ComEd representatives. Assistant Administrator Nosek responded that residents should call 911 when in doubt. Alderman McIvor requested the information on ComEd's current project be sent out on Direct Connect.

12. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. WARRANT NUMBER 14-15-11**

It was moved by Alderman Schauer and seconded by Alderman Kenny to approve payment of Warrant Number 14-15-11 in the amount of \$774,793.55 from the enumerated funds; and \$494,954.85 from payroll funds for the period ending 10/02/14 & 10/16/14; for a total to be approved of \$1,269,784.40.

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. TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014**

Treasurer Coren reviewed year-to-date sources of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances through the month of September 2014:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Revenue \$6,809,553; Expenditures \$5,078,862; Current Balance \$3,080,881
<u>Water Fund:</u>	Revenue \$2,239,887; Expenditures \$2,214,080; Current Balance \$1,045,139
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund:</u>	Revenue \$427,990; Expenditures \$149,030; Current Balance \$431,416
<u>Water Depreciation Fund:</u>	Revenue \$1,367; Expenditures \$28,351; Current Balance \$279,450
<u>Capital Improvement Fund:</u>	Revenue \$4,002,980; Expenditures \$2,580,838; Current Balance \$6,651,071
<u>Capital Projects Debt Service Fund:</u>	Revenue \$471,555; Expenditures \$36,750; Current Balance of \$448,218

13. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police Committee** – Chairman McIvor submitted the minutes of the August 18, 2014 Police Committee Meeting to the City Clerk. She advised the next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

**Municipal Services Committee** — Chairman Marchese announced the next meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for October 27, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

**Administrative/Finance Committee** – Chairman Schauer announced the next meeting of the Administrative/Finance is scheduled for November 3, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

**Police Pension Board** – Liaison Coren announced the next meeting of the Police Pension Board was rescheduled to November 19, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

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

There were none.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

16. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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



**VIA VOICE VOTE – MOTION DULY CARRIED**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 10-20-14. Minutes of 10-20-14 CCM.