

Minutes - February 21, 2006

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Alderman Poteraske and seconded by Alderman Biehl at 7:00 P.M. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation as prescribed by Section 2(c)11, Personnel as prescribed by Section 2(c)(1), and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate as prescribed by Section 2(c)(5) of Public Act 88-261.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Gattuso, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Weaver at 7:30 P.M. to move into Open Session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Gattuso, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the City Council of the

CITY OF DARIEN

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

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 JoAnne Ragona was as follows:

Present: Richard A. Biehl Sylvia McIvor William R. Durkin John F. Poteraske, Jr. Carolyn A. Gattuso
Kathleen Moesle Weaver

Absent: Joseph A. Marchese

Also in Attendance: Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor JoAnne E. Ragona, Clerk's Office Supervisor Kevin P. Monaghan, City Treasurer John B. Murphey, City Attorney Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator John Cooper, Deputy Chief of Police Daniel Gombac, Director of Community Development/Public Works

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2006

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Gattuso to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2006, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Gattuso, Mclvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mclvor: * was contacted by Sally Smith, Vice President of First American Bank; she indicated that the Bank's electronic signage was available for community messages. Alderman Mclvor suggested placement of Citizen of the Year information on the sign. * received tree trimming complaints from Michael Kott of 3325 Pitcher Drive and Mary Testolin of 8559 Beller Court. * received email from Carol Marren, President of Water Tower Court Homeowners Association; she was concerned about a survey team searching for a cell tower site. Director Gombac stated that the team was performing a site analysis for a cellular site at 87th Street & Lemont Road; he indicated that everything was preliminary.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROSEMARIE COURTNEY AS 2006 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS

Mayor Weaver read into the record a Resolution that identified and honored Rosemarie Courtney as the 2006 Citizen of the Year.

It was moved by Alderman Biehl and seconded by Alderman Mclvor to approve

RESOLUTION NO. R-06-06 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROSEMARIE COURTNEY AS 2006 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR IN THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Gattuso, Marchese, Mclvor, Poteraske, Weaver, Coleman, Monaghan, Murphey, Vana

Nays: None

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0 MOTION DULY CARRIED

Mayor Weaver presented Rosemarie Courtney with the Resolution and a plaque. Ms. Courtney thanked the Citizen of the Year Committee, City Council, and especially her father who signed an application for her to become a Girl Scout fifty-six years ago. She thanked her husband, Tom, who supported and helped with all of her volunteer work; Tom even took on tasks that she volunteered him for, including a Cub Master. She thanked her sons, Tom and Mike, for accompanying her while performing volunteer work. She thanked all staff members and volunteers from the various organizations with whom she volunteered. The Girl Scout organization taught Rosemarie to give back to the community what they had given to her and that was what she tried to do.

B. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COFFEE AND CAKE RECEPTION

Mayor Weaver announced that the cake and coffee reception would take place immediately following the City Council meeting.

8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Supervisor Ragona stated that the Public Works Water/Streets Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 22nd, had been cancelled.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – No Report.

10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Community Development/Public Works Director Daniel Gombac...

... noted that the Public Works Department had been ramping deficient sidewalks with asphalt product throughout the City. He indicated that if residents noticed potential trip hazards, they should call 630) 852-5000 extension 206

... provided an update on the 2006 Tree Trimming Program; he said that approximately 1600 trees were scheduled for trimming, 950 trees have been completed, and that trimming should be finished in March. He noted that fourteen residents contacted the department due to trimming. He explained that trimming was done for safety reasons, to remove dead / diseased / weak branches, and for aesthetically shaping of trees.

... spoke about the Crossroads development at Lemont Road & 83rd Street; he commented that ComEd began the underground burial of the utilities adjacent to the western right-of-way of Lemont Road from 83rd Street to the limits of the development.

... met with Diane O'Keefe, District Engineer with Illinois Department of Transportation; topics included paving of North Frontage Road from Cass Avenue to Clarendon Hills Road and safety issues due to vehicular accidents on southbound I-55 between Cass Avenue & Lemont Road.

... informed Council that he placed additional budget information in their mail bins.

Alderman Poteraske asked when the Sidewalk Replacement Program would begin; Director Gombac responded that if everything was approved it could begin the end of May. Alderman McIvor inquired if the fourteen residents that contacted the department included email as well as phone calls; Director Gombac affirmed that emails were included in the number.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. WARRANT NUMBER 05-06-18

It was moved by Alderman Gattuso and seconded by Alderman Poteraske to approve payment of Warrant Number 05-06-18 in the amount of \$167,902.50 from the General Fund; \$95,480.97 from the Water Fund; \$4,342.66 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,375.08 from the Darien Area Dispatch Center; \$120.00 from the D.A.R.E. Fund; \$194,453.52 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/02/06; \$24,095.25 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/02/06; \$27,077.61 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 02/02/06; for a total to be approved of \$515,847.59.

Mayor Weaver inquired about trading cards for Rolf; Deputy Chief Cooper responded that they were cards presented to children for Public Relations.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Gattuso, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

B. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2006

City Treasurer Monaghan reviewed all sources of revenue and expenditures for the month of January 2006 with the following year-to-date fund balances: General Fund \$4,765,678; Water Fund \$525,807; and Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$114,650.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee — Chairman Weaver indicated that the Committee-of-the-Whole would meet on February 22nd at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers to begin the budget process

Planning/Development Committee — Chairman Poteraske announced that the Committee would meet on Monday, February 27th, at 6:30 P.M.

Public Works Water/Streets Committee — Chairman Biehl submitted, for the record, Minutes for the Special Meeting held on February 6, 2006.

13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS — AGENDA RELATED

There were no agenda related Questions or Comments to come before the City Council.

14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

15. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR CASS 63 FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-06-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 (VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES) OF CHAPTER 3 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS), OF TITLE 9 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), OF THE DARIEN CITY CODE

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO DIRECT SPEER FINANCIAL TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE QUOTES FOR A 20 YEAR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND TO FINANCE THE PROPOSED PLAINFIELD ROAD WATER TOWER

D. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS FOR A PHASE 2 ANALYSIS IN SUB AREA 2 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Gattuso, McIvor, Poteraske, Weaver

Nays: None

Absent: Marchese

Results: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 1 MOTION DULY CARRIED

16. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Weaver announced that New Business Item A had been removed from the Agenda.

17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — GENERAL

Kathy Bonfield, 7831 Pine Parkway, addressed Council earlier in the meeting after “Declaration of Quorum”. She spoke about inadequate service from ComCast. Administrator Vana indicated that a meeting was scheduled for February 25th with Ms. Bonfield, ComCast and Assistant Coren.

Michael Kott, 3325 Pitcher Drive, spoke about the tree trimming program. He indicated that he visited with his neighbors and seventeen of them were upset with the trimming; he submitted pictures of recently trimmed trees.

Chris Marema, 9405 Waterfall Glen, said that an unincorporated area along I-55 between Woodward Avenue & Lemont Road was slated for sound wall installation; he asked why Darien was by-passed. Administrator Vana said that he would investigate the information provided regarding the unincorporated area sound wall.

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 jr All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 02-21-06.