

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DARIEN  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
RESCHEDULED  
July 26, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Joseph Marchese, Alderman John Galan, Alderman Ted Schauer, Dan Gombac-Director, Elizabeth Lahey-Secretary

**ABSENT:** None

Chairperson Marchese called the Municipal Services Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall - City Hall Conference Room, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sign Ordinance Variation – 8975 Lemont Road – Circle K/Shell**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director, presented the staff report. He reported that the petitioner is proposing to replace the existing price display sign with a LED illuminated display. He stated that LED has become popular over the years and that there are a couple of signs in the City who have LED illuminated signs.

Mr. Gombac reported that the petitioner meets the criteria per the Sign Code and that the PZC recommended approval. He stated that the Committee received a colored copy of the proposed sign and that the ground elevation will be altered to meet the City Code. He stated that the photo displays the old and the new sign.

Ms. Auna Foote, Corporate ID Solutions, explained that daily pricing changes would be updated at 2:00 a.m.

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

**Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer that based upon the submitted petition and the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2010-09 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Municipal Services Committee recommend approval of the petition as presented subject to the following:**

- 1. LED price display is not to blink, flash, flutter, produce varying light intensity or have any other animated graphics.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

Chairperson Marchese announced that this would be forwarded to the City Council on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **B. Ashbrook Court Plat of Dedication**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the staff report. He stated that the plat is to accept a private roadway and make it public within the Ashbrook Court Development.

Mr. Gombac reported that the Homeowners Association requested that the City take ownership of the Court within the Development in October 2009 and that the City Council approved acceptance of private roadways in December of 2006. He stated that City Council authorized City staff to begin the process of accepting a future Plat of Dedication for the roadways within the Development on February 1, 2010.

Mr. Gombac stated that the Homeowners Association has completed all of the items as noted in the February 1, 2010 Agenda Memo and that the City Engineer and City Attorney have reviewed and coordinated the language necessary for approval.

Alderman Galan questioned why the City should approve.

Mr. Gombac stated that in 2006 the City Council accepted Norman Court because residents were paying taxes and not receiving the benefits.

Chairperson Marchese stated that Thistlewood Court was the first to be accepted.

Alderman Galan stated that there was much discussion regarding parking enforcement and questioned if parking will be enforced.

Mr. Gombac stated that the City will enforce parking.

Mr. Gombac reported that there have been subdivisions who have also petitioned but that the City turned down. He stated that subdivisions have the opportunity to improve the area prior to City acceptance.

Alderman Schauer questioned the life expectancy of the street.

Mr. Gombac stated that the street has at least five more years and it is in very good shape.

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

**Alderman Schauer made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Galan to approve A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PLAT OF DEDICATION FOR ASHBROOK COURT AND CERTAIN PROPERTY.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

Mr. Gombac reported that there were no outstanding invoices from the subdivision.

**C. Pump Repairs – Plant 2-1220 Plainfield Road**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal from Omni Pump Repairs for the City's water system to rebuild internal critical components of three pumps at Plant Two. The pumps are beginning to show a steady flow of water running from the bearings whereas a constant drip is normal. The water is used as a lubricant for the casings bearings. He further stated that the pumps have not been rebuilt since 1992.

Alderman Schauer questioned if the pumps are dripping now.

Mr. Gombac stated that the pumps are still dripping and that staff is requesting a contingency amount not to exceed \$5,000 for internal parts or machining if required. He stated that staff received four quotes.

Alderman Galan questioned why the quotes were so different.

Mr. Gombac stated that the proposals are different because the vendor looks at it differently. He stated that Omni Pump Repairs has excellent references.

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

**Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM OMNI PUMP REPAIRS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,800.00 TO REBUILD INTERNAL CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF THREE PUMPS LOCATED AT PLANT TWO – 1220 PLAINFIELD ROAD.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**D. 2010 Asphalt Trailer**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the Committee viewed the equipment on the tour. He stated that the proposed asphalt trailer would replace a 1998 asphalt unit and would be used for hot and cold asphalt pot hole patching throughout the year. He reported that staff received three quotes and recommends purchasing one new Asphalt Box Trailer from Bonnell Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$17,945.00.

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

**Alderman Marchese made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer authorizing the purchase of one (1) new Asphalt Box Trailer from Bonnell Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$17,945.00.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

## **E. Reject all Bids – 2010 Salt Storage Shed Project**

Mr. Dan Gombac – Director presented the staff report. He reported that last week sealed bids were opened and that the project was broken down into separate sealed bid requests. He stated that the Committee received the project cost sheet and bid tabulation and that Staff has not received bids from any roofing contractor.

Mr. Gombac reported that the proposed project is estimated at approximately \$115,000 over budget. He explained that a typical building with precast walls has a trench pour footing. Due to the force of the machine loaders pushing salt against the walls the precast building was designed to be six feet below grade and a conventional concrete footing would also be required. Gombac met with the design engineers and further requested if there were alternatives to the design with no avail. The design was mathematically calculated to prevent the walls from kicking out.

He stated that by building the proposed facility the City would be able to hold our full salt allotment or 2,700 tons for a year. The City could have a cost benefit by having the salt all at one time. Due to the cost increase staff is looking at reducing the footprint and style to approximately store 1,800 tons.

Mr. Gombac stated that reducing the building footprint and/or a salt dome would still be in the price range of \$200,000.

Chairperson Marchese stated that the condition of the present building is poor and that it will probably not take another winter.

Alderman Schauer questioned how much salt the present building holds.

Mr. Gombac stated that the present building holds 300 tons which is enough for one 24-hour storm.

Alderman Schauer questioned the life of a new building.

Mr. Gombac stated that all the material would be galvanized and that the life expectancy is at least 40 years.

Mr. Gombac reported that staff looked at reducing the building height by two feet but that there would be a problem with the overhead clearance for loaders.

Alderman Schauer questioned the savings by ordering the salt at once.

Mr. Gombac reported that the City could save approximately 5-10% and informed the Committee that this information has not been verified.

Chairperson Marchese stated that he would like to find a way to proceed with a new building.

Alderman Galan stated that reducing the building will reduce the amount of salt by 33% but that the cost of the building will not be reduced by 33%. He questioned where to get \$115,000.

Mr. Gombac reported that there may be additional dollars available from the Capital programs but that it is too early to tell. He stated that the ditching programs are on target with one project indicating a several thousand dollar savings.

Alderman Galan stated that the difference in building price from 2,700 to 1,800 is minimal and that there will be some cost savings by purchasing 2,700 tons of salt. He stated by doing this the City is protecting the economy. He further stated that this scenario should be approached as a \$280,000 project with the intent that the difference will be made up with a carryover and savings by purchasing the salt in bulk and payback in years.

Chairperson Marchese agreed and stated that this needed to be pursued. He suggested that staff look into cost savings on electrical, painting, topsoil etc and postponing these items until the following budget year.

Alderman Schauer stated that the issue is not the money but the logic.

Chairperson Marchese stated that it will be helpful to demonstrate to the City Council the cost of project versus the actual costs. He suggested that this be forwarded for discussion in a work session with the City Council.

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

**Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Marchese approving the sealed bids for all outsourced phases of the Salt Storage Facility in an amount not to exceed \$280,000 for the project.**

**Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

Mr. Gombac stated that this would be forwarded to the Administrative/Finance Committee.

Alderman Galan stated that he realized that it was a courtesy but that he would prefer it be presented to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Gombac reported that a public hearing will also be scheduled for the location of the building. He reported that once approved that the building construction would take approximately 12 weeks.

Alderman Galan questioned the timing and confirmed that construction needs to begin in September.

**F. Purchase a new Nine Ton Dovetail Trail – Replace Unit 301**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this is a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Nine Ton Dovetail Trailer to be utilized for transporting material such as pipe, concrete manhole structures, sod and larger bulkier items. He reported that there is a \$55.00 shortfall and that the deficit would be reimbursed from a savings realized earlier in the year from the equipment account.

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

**Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW NINE TON DOVETAIL TRAILER FROM A&W TRUCK AND TRAILER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,555.00.**

Upon voice vote, **THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**G. Minutes – June 21, 2010 Municipal Services Committee**

**Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve the June 21, 2010 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Upon voice vote, **THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously 3-0.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Update June Storm Cleanup**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the Committee received a report on the June storm cleanup.

**B. Coach Light Repair Program**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director presented the Coach Light Repair Program as a report and if the Committee wished he would entertain pricing.

There was some discussion from the Committee regarding the cost of inspection.

Alderman Galan stated that it was a good idea but suggested getting feedback from the residents.

Mr. Gombac stated that he would place a survey in the *Neighbor's Magazine* to see if there is public interest in a coach light program.

Chairperson Marchese stated that he did not want this to be viewed as another freebie.

Mr. Gombac stated that he would report on the survey results.

**C. GIS Update**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director updated the Committee on the GIS System that staff has been working on with DuPage County staff.

Alderman Galan stated that he attended a meeting with Director Gombac and the County and that he was impressed with what the City will acquire at minimal to no cost.

Mr. Gombac stated that he would keep the Committee updated with new information.

**NEXT MEETING**

Chairperson Marchese announced that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no other business before the Committee, Alderman Galan made a motion and it was seconded by Alderman Marchese to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Elizabeth Lahey**  
Secretary

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**Joseph Marchese**  
Chairperson

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**John Galan**  
Alderman

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**Ted Schauer**  
Alderman