

MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

December 9, 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 5:30 p.m. at the City of Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois. Chairperson Belczak declared a quorum present.

New Business

- a. Discussion – Regarding a policy to implement advertising at the marquee sign located at 7702 Cass Ave (Southwest corner of Cass and Plainfield Road).**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the City would be implementing a advertising policy for the digital sign located on the Southwest corner of Cass and Plainfield. He reported that the sign currently runs in 30 second intervals based on a previous condition, but marketing standards would recommend displaying ads for 7-10 seconds at a time. Mr. Gombac reported that he created a spreadsheet with the number of rotations possible at various time intervals if the sign were to display all 421 businesses in Darien, and there was great possibility for more ad visibility and profit at a shorter time interval. Mr. Gombac recommended amending the previous condition to allot for a 7 second rotation.

Mr. Gombac further reported that the policy would charge \$550 per ad, which would run for a month at a time. He reported that this cost would be on the lower end compared to other municipalities and that the cost for operating would be low. He further reported that each business would be allowed 2 paid ads per month.

There was some discussion regarding setting limits on business advertisements.

There was some further discussion regarding regulations on advertising alcohol and other substances.

Mr. Gombac reported that the Committee would revisit the matter in April and that the pilot program would be implemented, pending City Council approval, the first of the year.

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 Discussion regarding a policy to implement advertising at the marquee sign located at 7702 Cass Ave (Southwest corner of Cass and Plainfield Road).

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

b. Ordinance – Authorizing the disposal of surplus property.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that there would be several file cabinets to dispose as a result of the scanning project. He further reported that there would be a Public Works truck declared as surplus that the City would be paid for.

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 the disposal of surplus property.

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

c. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Core & Main for the purchase of Pressure Pipe for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the purchase would be for SDR pipe which would be allowed for water main and/or sanitary sewer.

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 Core & Main for the purchase of Pressure Pipe for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

d. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for Smith and Blair Stainless Steel Water Main Repair Clamps Style 238 in various sizes for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the vendor would provide a majority of clamps at various prices.

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 accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for Smith and Blair Stainless Steel Water Main Repair Clamps Style 238 in various sizes for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- e. **Resolution – Accept a proposal from Core & Main for Mueller Super Centurion fire hydrants, valves and accessories for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that the Mueller hydrant would be newly incorporated by staff.

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 to accept a proposal from Core & Main for Mueller Super Centurion fire hydrants, valves and accessories for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- f. **Resolution – Accept a proposal from EJ USA, Inc., for East Jordan CD250 fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this hydrant would be a replica of the last. He further reported that the vendor would provide good products.

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 to accept a proposal from EJ USA, Inc., for East Jordan CD250 fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- g. **Resolution – Accept a proposal from Core & Main for Waterous Pacer fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this hydrant would be able to be reassembled and would be easier reassemble.

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 to accept a proposal from Core & Main for Waterous Pacer fire hydrant and auxiliary valves for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- h. Resolution – Accept a proposal from Underground Pipe and Valve Co., for Clow Medallion fire hydrants, valves and accessories for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this item would be the same as the previous, in that the hydrant would be able to be reassembled and would be easier to reassemble.

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 to accept a proposal from Underground Pipe and Valve Co., for Clow Medallion fire hydrants, valves and accessories for the maintenance of the water system for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- i. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for the Traverse City fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that these parts would be a replica for parts Traverse City no longer made.

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 accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for the Traverse City fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- j. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Core & Main for the Traverse City fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this item would be the same as the previous in that these parts would be a replica for parts Traverse City no longer made, but under a different vendor.

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 Core & Main for the Traverse City fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- k. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this proposal would provide miscellaneous parts.

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 Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- l. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Core & Main for the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this item would be the same as the previous, in that the proposal would provide miscellaneous parts.

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 Core & Main for the Waterous Pacer fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- m. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for the Mueller Super Centurion fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this proposal would provide more parts.

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 accepting a proposal from Ziebell Water Service Products, Inc., for the Mueller Super Centurion fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- n. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Core & Main for the Mueller Super Centurion fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this proposal would provide more parts just as the previous, but from a different vendor.

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 Core & Main for the Mueller Super Centurion fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- o. Resolution – Accepting a proposal from Core & Main for the US Pipe Metropolitan fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.**

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that this item would provide only parts for a different hydrant from a different vendor.

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 accepting a proposal from Core & Main for the US Pipe Metropolitan fire hydrant repair parts for a period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

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

- p. Minutes – November 25, 2024 Municipal Services Committee**

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 the November 25, 2024 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.

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

Director's Report

Mr. Dan Gombac, Director reported that he had a meeting with senior staff from DuPage County regarding the Plainfield wall project. He reported that County had agreed to split 50% of the cost of the project and would cover all land acquisition cost. He further reported that the guard rail would be removed and that there would be potential to increase the Linden Avenue radius from 15 to 25 feet. Mr. Gombac reported that he would have a concept cost by next week that would be included in the next fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Gombac reported that tree trimming had begun in three wards. He reported that there were two vendors working on tree trimming, Yellowstone and Homer.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Chairperson Tom Belczak announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025.

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 6:34 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

X

Thomas Belzak
Chairman

X

Ted Schauer
Alderman

X

Ralph Stompanato
Alderman