

**1. Mayor Morley called the meeting to order at 7:49pm.**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Call to Order
  - i. 10 Aldermen Present; 4 Absent

**2. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public None**

**3. Public Forum**

- a. Resident 1: He feels the Council gives Elmhurst citizens a sense of false hope because nothing ever gets done. He said that he notices the city's money is being spent on consultants. He mentions the York Commons project, and feels that the cost of the project is not in the citizens' best interest.
- b. Park Board Member: Discussed what occurred in the committee meeting in regards to storm water. Believes the shut off valve is going to help the storm water issues without burdening the residents.
- c. Resident 2: Discussed the lack of results being seen in the York Commons project due to the Park District creating roadblocks. She expressed that she is in favor of the York Commons retention pond, but strongly against the installment of a shut off valve.

**4. Consent Agenda (10 aye; 0 nays; 4 Absent – Approved)**

- a. 6.1 Minuets of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City council on January 4, 2016
- b. 6.2 Accounts Payable – January 19, 2016 – Total \$2,808,767.32
- c. 6.3 Referral: Municipal Code, Chapter 12 – Nuisances, Article 1, Section 12 – Update – Removal of Trash and Recycling Hours – Aldermen York, Talluto, Deuter and Sabatino (City Manager Grabowski)
- d. 6.4 Report – 2015 Sanitary Sewer Clean & Televisive Project #15-44 (1 year extension) (PW&B)
- e. 6.5 Report – Replacement of Elmhurst City Hall Rooftop Units 1 & 4 (PW&B)
- f. 6.6 Report – Flow Monitoring – North Elmhurst Lift Station (PW&B)
- g. 6.7 Report – Lift Station Grinder Replacements (PW&B)
- h. 6.8 Report – WRF Barscreen Replacement (PW&B)
- i. 6.9 Report – IDOT Funding Agreement – First Street Resurfacing Project (PW&B)
- j. 6.10 Report – Construction Engineering Services for First Street Resurfacing Project (PW&B)
- k. 6.11 Report – Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day Parade (PA&S)
- l. 6.12 Report – Elmhurst Running Club 4 on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 2016 Run (PA&S)
- m. 6.13 Report – Northern Illinois Natural Gas Franchise (F, CA&AS)
- n. 6.14 O-02-2016 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between the Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

**5. Committee Reports**

- a. 7.1 Development, Planning & Zoning Majority Report – Right of Way vacation Ace Hardware (145 E. 1st St)
  - i. Alderman Kennedy: Explained that this will be a benefit in the long run and will ultimately be at no cost to the city.
  - ii. Alderman Deuter: She believes it is the right decision, but the applicant also wants city participation with other things, which would fall with the finance committee.
  - iii. Alderman Wagner: Expressed his support for the Majority Report.
  - iv. Alderman Levin: Discussed his support for the Majority Report, but agreed with Alderman Deuter with concern for the façade grant and tax break that the applicant

was also asking for. He also agreed that these added requests fall within the finance committee's purview.

- v. Motion to Approve Majority Report: 9 aye; 1 nay; 4 absent; - Approved
- b. 7.2 DP&Z Minority Report – Ace Hardware Vacation of ROW (145 E. First St.)
  - i. Alderman Bram: Feels the city is giving the applicant too much, and by approving the Majority Report it will increase the property value of the location. Bram believes the applicant should have to pay the appropriate sales tax, estimated at \$25,000, and encourages Council Members to approve the Minority Report.
  - ii. Motion to Substitute Minority Report for Majority Report: 1 aye; 9 nays; 4 absent – Failed

## **6. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials**

### **8.1 Mayor Morley**

- i. Parking Deck on Addison has opened on Friday January 15, 2016.
- ii. Communications with Park Board and School Board regarding storm water projects.
  - 1. School Board: Discussed various storm water storage plans within the schools. Everything has been approved and the projects will begin when school is out, at the latest.
  - 2. Park Board: Discussed the upcoming York Commons project; Park District wants to include a \$100K shut off valve to reduce flooding onto York Rd. There was discussion on whether or not the valve is actually needed. The City Engineer, Christopher Burke, has stated that the valve is not needed. There is also a strong possibility of Crescent St flooding more with the installation of the shut off valve. The Mayor suggested digging a deeper retention pond, but the Park Board will not consider it.
- iii. Presentation (Alderman Kennedy)
  - 1. The presentation focused on the York Commons Park Storm Water project. The presentation proved that the retention pond would reduce flooding in the neighborhoods and streets, but it does not need the installation of the shut off valve. It showed that the shut off valve would cost more than it would benefit the city. There was discussion on whether or not the Park Board's engineer was a credible source and whether or not sufficient data was provided to include the shut off valve. It was concluded that the best possible solution would be to dig the retention pond even deeper to ensure even less flooding, but the Park Board would not compromise on the shut off valve. The Mayor concluded that ultimately both of these parties need to contribute in this project and the Park Board will not sign off on the project if the shut off valve is not included.

## **7. Ordinances**

Alderman Mulliner: Wanted the public to know that all of these ordinances were for the purchase of property due to flood mitigation.

- a. 9.1 O-03-2016 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent – Approved
- b. 9.2 O-04-2016 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent – Approved
- c. 9.3 O-05 -2016 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent – Approved
- d. 9.4 O-06-2016 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Real Property: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent – Approved

## **8. Resolutions**

- a. 10.1 R-134-2015 – A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the City of Elmhurst, Illinois and Elmhurst

Park District for the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Stormwater Improvements in York Commons Park, Elmhurst, DuPage County, Illinois

- i. Mayor Morley explained that this resolution does not include the installation of the shut off valve, and that was changed 2 meetings ago. Alderman Kennedy also explained that this ordinance must be approved so the City can conduct further discussions with the Park Board to reconsider the use of a shut off valve. He believes that in the end the Park Board won't change its mind, and it is unfortunate because money would be wasted on the purchase and maintenance of the valve. Ald. Levin expressed that he commends the Park District for eliminating spending on things that were not needed, but they are only spending more on the valve. He agrees that the valve is not needed, and he believes that the Park Board should recognize the recommendation from engineers. Ald. Bram stated discussion suggests that the current plan is enough for a 100-year storm, and there should be no further deepening of the basin. He also expressed that this needs to move forward to get the project started, and wants less discussion.
- ii. 10 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent – Approved
- b. 10.2 R-07-2016 – A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement By and Between the City of Elmhurst and the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding Resurfacing of First Street from West Avenue to Berteau Avenue in the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
  - i. Alderman Kennedy explained that this is a procedural requirement due to IDOT's financial participation in the project. Alderman Bram then pointed out that this was also a Committee Report in tonight's meeting.
  - ii. 10 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent – Approved

**9. Other Business** None

**10. Adjournment** Mayor Morley adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.