

## Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council

56 Present; 3 Absent

May 2, 2016

14 Public; 25 Police, Firefighters, & Paramedics

7:40 pm – 8:15 pm

Elmhurst College Student Observer: E. Berley

### 1. Call to Order at 7:40 pm.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call: 11 Present; 3 Absent

### 2. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public

a. None

### 3. Public Forum

a. Resident 1: His comments about paramedics and the fire department from previous meetings were accused of not being factual, and he wanted to make it clear that his statements, to his knowledge, were factual. He invited the city manager to discuss the statistics and statements at question. He also questioned the Council's statements in the past, and explained that the city is not always factual either. He ended by explaining that he has been a resident for many years and would like the city and residents to be as safe as possible.

b. Resident 2: Attended the development and planning meeting and concluded that it needs more attention from the Council. He explained his concern for developers asking for too much money and costing the residents money. He also expressed that he is concerned about the No Bid Contract for the new sewer lines in Elmhurst. He concluded his statements by asking about the General Obligation bonds and wanted to know what cost increase the residents will see.

c. Resident 3: Explained the situation she found herself in August 2015 due to the City's lacking paramedics and fire department. Her daughter had a severe allergic reaction and due to the lack of resources she could not be transported to the hospital quickly or correctly enough. Her daughter ended up passing away due to the Basic Life Support services in Elmhurst and the lack of resources. She is pushing for Elmhurst to adopt Advanced Life Support services and she would like it to be mandatory for ambulances to carry Epinephrine pens.

### 4. Announcements

a. None

### 5. Consent Agenda

#### a. Approved Items (Ayes 11; Nays 0)

1. 6.1 Minute of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on April 18, 2016

2. 6.2 Accounts Payable April 30, 2016 – Total \$1,851,451.01

3. 6.3 Reappointments to the Economic Development Commission – McGinnis and Shanklin

4. 6.4 Appointment to the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College Commission – Chen-

Menichini

5. 6.5 Appointment to the Veterans Memorial Commission – Harding

6. 6.6 Referral: Beekeeping for Institutional Use

7. 6.7 Report – Construction Observation Services Proposal for the Walnut/Myrtle/Evergreen Stormwater Improvement Project – Quarry Connection

8. 6.8 Report – Bryan Middle School Stormwater Improvements – Professional Engineering

9. 6.9 Report – Elmhurst Chicago Stone Easement Agreement for the Myrtle/Walnut/Evergreen Storm Sewer Improvement Project

10. 6.10 Report – Replacement of Vehicle E-6

11. 6.11 Report – Industrial Drive Roadway Improvements – Phase I & II Design

Engineering Services

12. 6.12 Report – Annie Ryan Run 2016

13. 6.13 Report – Fire Department Purchase of SCBA

14. 6.14 Report – Stop Sign Request: Adams Street and Saylor Ave/Swain Ave/Bryan Street

15. 6.15 Report – Request to Amend the City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text

16. 6.16 Report – Request to Amend the City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text (Firearm Sales)

17. 6.17 O-32-2016 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of Elmhurst

18. 6.18 O-34-2016 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Elmhurst Masters Competition Cycling, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

19. 6.19 O-35-2016 – An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Accepting the Proposal of Alive Telecom, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Bi-Directional Radio Amplifier for the City of Elmhurst’s Police Station

20. 6.20 HPO-01-2016 – An Ordinance Removing Historic Landmark Designation for the John L. Pentecost House (259 Cottage Hill Ave)

21. 6.21 MCO-11-2016 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 4.16 Entitled “Commission on Youth” of Chapter 4 Entitled “Boards and Commissions” of the Municipal Code of the City of Elmhurst

22. 6.22 ZO-02-2016 – An Ordinance Granting an Amended Conditional Use Permit and Associated Variation to the Property Commonly Known as 188 West Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126 (Timothy Christian Schools)

23. 6.24 R-42-2016 – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the City of Elmhurst’s Use

24. 6.25 R-43-2016 – A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for 2016 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining and Grouting Project

25. 6.26 R-44-2016 – A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between Clark Dietz, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Washington Street Stormwater Improvements Project

b. Pulled Item (Alderman Bram)

6.23 ZO-03-2016 – An Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permit, with Associated Variations and Preliminary and Final Approval of a Plat of Subdivision (Consolidation) for the Redevelopment of the Property Commonly as 100 North Addison, Elmhurst, Illinois - Aldermen Levin, Kennedy and Sabatino motion to push agenda item to next meeting in 2 weeks.

## 6. Committee Reports

a. 7.1 Report – General Obligation Bond Issue 2016

1. Alderman Dunn: The committee reviewed the need for General Obligation Bond to pay for the stormwater projects and found that the projects add up to \$28 million, and the city currently has \$3 million. Therefore, the General Obligation Bond will be for \$25 million. He explained that there are 9 total projects, and 6 of them will be completed this year and the other 3 will be completed in 2017. The city has made significant progress by finding 105 acres of storage for stormwater. The new sales tax increase will help to pay these bonds off by 2035. He ended by expressing that the Council is committed to helping with flood mitigation, but as everyone can see this is an expensive process. About \$135 will be contributed per household, but he explains that this is not a direct payment; it is through the sales tax increase. He concluded by saying it is critical to get these stormwater projects done and to continue to try to keep the costs as low as possible.

2. Alderman Talluto: Explained that stormwater projects are a high priority for the council as well as the residents, and it has been shown through resident surveys. Now the Council is at the point where additional money is needed.

3. Alderman Wagner: Asked about the 5-year plan and if the sales tax increase is included in the plan.

4. Alderman Dunn: Explained that the sales tax increase will begin July 1 and will be included.

5. Alderman Kennedy: Thanked the Committee for working together to find the finances for the stormwater projects.

6. Alderman Bram: Expressed his concerns about the estimate of the debt service, and explained that it is the highest he has seen in his tenure.

7. Alderman Dunn: Explained that once the bond issue is passed the debt service will be at 4%. The city's policy is 5%, therefore it is not as high as it could be, but it has been lower in the past.

8. Mayor Morley: Explained that the bonds had been projected in this year's budget.

9. Alderman Bram: Questioned whether or not \$25 million was estimated at the time the budget was passed.

10. Mayor Morley: Explained that yes, it had been estimated, but the question was when was the best time to issue the bonds.

11. Approved: 11 Ayes; 0 Nays

#### 8. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

a. Mayor Morley: Announced the launching of Elmhurst's new website, which occurred Monday, April 25, 2016, and it looks much better. Elmhurst is now working on its next website for Explore Elmhurst, which will feature what there is to do in Elmhurst. The Mayor also thanked everyone for helping with Art in the Park. He concluded with an update on stormwater projects, and announcing the Open House on 5/11 from 4 to 6 pm at City Hall for the Madison Project. Last Thursday the Council met with the Park District and School Boards, but didn't get far with negotiations and are still waiting on both parties to get back to the City with the IGAs.

b. City Manager Grabowski: Announced that the last spring clean up will occur this Saturday, May 7, 2016. Vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by May 1, 2016.

c. Alderman Mulliner: Suggested changing the Open House on 5/11 from 4 to 6 pm to 4 to 7 pm for people who work late. Mayor Morley agreed with this suggestion.

d. Alderman Kennedy: Announced that there will be a stormwater meeting with the School Boards on May 25, 2016. The Park District is not interested in the Crescent park project, and needs to find alternate means.

e. Alderman Bram: Addressed concerns about the property tax bill, and announced that there is a chart on Elmhurst's website showing how each dollar is divvied up. The chart shows that the resident's money goes to many different entities.

#### 9. Ordinances

9.1 O-33-2016 – An Ordinance to Accept and Approve a Certain Grant of Storm Sewer Easement, Generally Located at 400 First Street, in the City of Elmhurst, Illinois

1. Alderman Kennedy: Explained that the Council has been working with contractors to work on quarry progress as soon as possible. Requesting to suspend the Council rules to pass the ordinance in the same night as the agenda item.

2. Approved: 11 Ayes; 0 Nays

#### 10. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm