

## **City Council Meeting**

Monday, July 16, 2018 **7:37 p.m.**

Steven M. Morley, Mayor

Attendance: Mayor Morley; 2 press; ~40 residents (incl. 5 Elmhurst American Legion members); 9 police officers; Asst. City Mgr. Kopp; Atty. Storino; Clerk Spencer; ~4 City staff members; 13 Aldermen; Fire Chief Freeman; Police Chief Ruth  
LWV observer: B. Lipton

PLEASE NOTE: Related documents can be accessed online at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/coe/Board.nsf/Public>

and a video recording of this meeting can be found at [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com)

**1. Executive Session** for the Purpose of Discussing: Probable/Pending Litigation pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)

### **2. Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call – Ald. Dunn, Talluto absent

Mayor Morley recalls the life and service of 3-time Elmhurst mayor Charles Weigel who passed away on July 6. A moment of silence was observed.

### **3. Swearing In**

Police Department Promotion: Officer Anthony Cuzzone to Sergeant. After the swearing in 9 police officers and ~20 residents left the chamber.

**4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public** none

### **5. Public Forum**

- Julie Gatesman thanks everyone in Council, especially the Public Works Dept. and the PWB committee for their hard work on the SW Elmhurst stormwater mitigation project. She is so glad not to have to worry all night when it rains.
- Claude Pagacz objects that the City is not adhering to the building code; he gives several examples, including the 6-story parking garage; the Redeemer Church land sale, and the the long discussion over the garden hoop house.

### **6. Announcements**

- Ald. York announces the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Elmhurst cycling classic next week.

**7. Consent Agenda** All items below approved unanimously 12 – 0 except item 7.8 (see \*\*)

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on July 2, 2018

7.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on July 2, 2018

7.3 Accounts Payable July 12, 2018 - Total \$ 2,166,944.65

7.4 Reappointments to the Senior Commission - Dolan, Lorenz, Sanderson, White and Yesko (Mayor Morley)

7.5 Reappointments to the Board of Trustees of the Library - Becton, Ryan and Sadowski (Mayor Morley)

7.6 Reappointments to the City of Elmhurst /Elmhurst College Commission - Diamond and Reichert (Mayor Morley)

7.7 Report - Immaculate Conception Parish Block Party 2018 (PAS)

\*\*7.8 Report - American Legion T.H.B. Post 187 Grant Request, 2018 (PAS)

- Ald. Levin explains that this is a request from the AL for a \$32,700 grant. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year they have asked. This originated when Council did not approve video gaming back in 2016; instead the AL was granted \$49,000 to compensate for their projected financial losses due to not having the video poker. Last year they requested and received \$30,000.
- Ald. Polomsky respects the heroism and valuable community service of the AL. She lauds them for their cooperation in the process of evaluating their grant request. But, she feels that it is not fair when this competes with other worthy causes which in the past have cost much less per participant than the Legion's activities. Specifically, their military ball costs approx \$125 per person, while other Legion activities come out at about \$2 per participant. In comparison, the Cycling Classic costs approx. \$1.25 per participant. She further states that the AL has not provided any evaluation or feedback such as that required of other grantees. In fact, the initial grant was intended to be a one-time 'shot in the arm', and last year the City was told that no further requests would be made. Ald. Polomsky offers a motion to amend the report to reduce the amount of this year's grant to \$10,000 and exclude funding for the military ball.
- Ald. Leader speaks at length against the amendment; among other evidence he specifically cites the work of the AL to combat PTSD among veterans which has caused so much heartbreak.
- Ald. Brennan recalls his memories of his father's military service and his involvement with the AL. He will support the grant this year but feels that more effort to improve sustainability is needed.
- Ald. Deuter appreciates that all of the comments of her fellows tonight; she feels that in this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> yearly request, it has become a charitable contribution. She

will not support the full grant amount but she is grateful for the compromise offered by Ald. Polomsky.

- Ald. Bram explains his reasoning in opposing the full amount requested this year based on a lack of serious efforts to address the AL Post's budget deficit.
- Ald. Levin comments on the discussion.
- Ald. Polomsky notes that the local AL spends no money on services for PTSD and it does not propose any spending on veterans w/PTSD this upcoming year; the City spends approx. \$30,000 on professional counseling services for veterans and other residents with PTSD.
- Polomsky Amendment is not approved 8-4 (Park, Deuter, Polomsky, Bram); Ald. Mulliner comments that the AL has been in Elmhurst since 1919 and they have served large numbers of people. He does not want the AL to leave Elmhurst like the VFW did a few years ago.
- Original report is approved 8-4 (Park, Deuter, Polomsky, Bram).

7.9 Report - Amendments to Sections 31.02 and 31.07 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances (FCAAS)

7.10 O-44-2018 - An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of a Certain Alley Right-of-Way Immediately East and Adjoining the Elmhurst Memorial Clinic at 172 Schiller Street (P.I.N. 06-01-119-032)

7.11 O-47-2018 - An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Land Exchange Agreement By and Between the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare (172 E. Schiller)

7.12 MCO-16-2018 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 Entitled "Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks" of the Municipal Code of the City of Elmhurst to Regulate and Permit Small Wireless Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way

7.13 ZO-12-2018 - An Ordinance Granting Sign Variations to the Property Commonly Known as 500 West Lake Street, Elmhurst, Illinois (P.I.N.s 03-35-112-043 & 03-35-108-008)

7.14 R-78-2018 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst, Illinois and PACE the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Agency

7.15 R-79-2018 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Concentric Integration, LLC for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Integration Services for the Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project

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

- Mayor Morley:
  - The History Museum opened a new exhibit on roller skating.
  - The City has started up a water smart program.
  - The roll call system will continue through the summer.

## **9. Resolutions**

9.1 R-77-2018 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Joint and Mutual Settlement Agreement Release of All Claims.

- Atty Storino explains that this is to settle a personal injury claim that was filed in 2014 when a worker was severely injured during a sewer project. The total claim was for \$200,000, with the City liable for \$70,000. Due to an agreement with the construction contractor the City will not be paying that amount; the contractor will pay.
- Approved 12 – 0.

**10. Other Business** none

**11. Adjournment** 8:50 pm