

City Council Meeting Monday, October 16, 2017
City Hall, 209 N. York St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Council Chambers, 7:34 p.m.
Steven M. Morley, Mayor

Attendance: 2 press, 9 residents; City Mgr. Grabowski;
Asst. Atty. Acker, Clerk Spencer, Treasurer Libovicz; Police Chief
Ruth, Fire Chief Freeman, 2 City staff members; 13 Aldermen

LWV Observer: B. Lipton

PLEASE NOTE: Related documents can be accessed online at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/il/coe/Board.nsf/Public>
and video recording of this meeting can be found at www.Youtube.com

1. Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call – Ald. Honquest absent

2. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public None

3. Public Forum

- Peter Pezza lives in the 800 block of S. York; the City accidentally cut off his storm sewer in March; he notified the City who told him they would take care of it. It has not been taken care of yet. Last weekend the City had to come and pump out his back yard or York Rd. would have been completely flooded. He cites evidence that there must be a cavern somewhere under his back yard. He requests help for the 1000s of gallons of water that are sitting on his foundation.
- Claude Pagasz objects to the blockage of West Ave. just south of North Ave. by concrete dry-cutting last week. There were clouds of thick concrete dust and sand. No one from the City did anything about it. Mayor Morley objects to his use of disrespectful language.
- Elizabeth Ambrosi requests that the City pass an ordinance requiring that builders not strip all the properties of trees, especially large well established ones. She states that other municipalities regulate developers so that they are not allowed to just come in and remove all the trees for their convenience. She urges to City to take sustainability more seriously.
- Kathleen Sullivan remembers that one year ago the City had completed just one stormwater remediation project and now there has been so much progress. Many residents have expressed positive things about Elmhurst. She thanks Council.

4. Announcements

- Ald. Leader invites Council to the 2nd annual Military Ball of the Elmhurst American Legion upcoming on November 11 at the Normandy Banquet Hall. Proceeds to benefit veterans. Please support the AL.
- Ald. Polomski announces that the Elmhurst Council on Youth will present Brent Sokol, a former Blackhawk, who will talk about substance abuse issues.

5. Consent Agenda All items below approved unanimously 13 – 0.

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on October 2, 2017

5.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on October 2, 2017

5.3 Accounts Payable - October 12, 2017 - Total \$ 3,508,241.91

5.4 Report - LiveScan and Booking System Replacement (PAS)

5.5 Report - Request for 2nd Extension - 16 P-11 / Redeemer Church Conditional Use and Associated Variations 123 East St. Charles (DPZ)

5.6 Report - Case Number 17 P-08/City of Elmhurst Subdivision - Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision (DPZ)

5.7 O-72-2017 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between the Spring Road Business Association and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

5.8 O-73-2017 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot Foundation, NFP and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

5.9 R-110-2017 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One Replacement Vehicle for the City's Police Department and Authorizing the Disposal of One Existing Vehicle, Being PD-51

5.10 R-111-2017 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Amendment No. 2 to a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between the City of Elmhurst and Clark Dietz, Inc. for the Atrium Sanitary Lift Station Improvements Project

5.11 R-112-2017 - A Resolution Renewing the City's Employee Voluntary Vision Insurance Benefit Plan for Plan Year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

- 5.12 R-113-2017 - A Resolution Renewing the City's Employee Health Insurance Benefit Plan for Plan Year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
- 5.13 R-114-2017 - A Resolution Renewing the City's Employee Dental Insurance Benefit Plan for Plan Year January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018
- 5.14 R-115-2017 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement By and Between Assurance Agency, Ltd. and the City of Elmhurst for Insurance Brokerage Services
- 5.15 R-116-2017 - A Resolution Establishing the Employee Health Insurance Premium Contribution Rates for Non-Union Employees, Commencing January 1, 2018

6. Committee Reports

- 6.1 Report - City Funding Assistance for Special Increased Physical Services in the Central Business District (FCAAS)
- Ald. York explains that this was on the agenda one year ago; it is similar to that one from the Elmhurst City Centre. The ECC has increased its spending each year; this year's expense will go up to \$160,000 from last years \$148,000. The City portion is related to planters, holiday lighting, etc. and will be about \$75,000.
 - Ald. Bram does not understand why the City needs to spend on these items; it should be the purview of the downtown businesses.
 - Ald. Dunn recalls a few years ago when he heard from many residents when the holiday decorations were not up to high standards. He feels it is important for the City to contribute to these costs.
 - Approved 12 – 1 (Bram).

7. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley mentions the significant rain this past weekend of up to 7.6 inches of rain in 24 hours in some parts of town. He thanks all the City workers and first responders who worked overtime to address this problem. The quarry took on water and kept Salt Creek within its banks. The underpass also took on water as overflow from the surrounding streets. The new stormwater projects functioned more or less as they were planned; it was the first significant test of the new projects. There are 5500 storm drain inlets across the city. These are cleaned on a rotating basis but cannot all be attended to during big rainstorms. So when leaves and debris clog them up the residents are asked to clean them. The Mayor states that this is the first time since he was elected mayor in 2010 that he received more compliments than complaints regarding stormwater.
 - He sent School Board chair Shannon Ebner a request for a public meeting to discuss cooperation on stormwater projects and TIF expenditures, but she rejected it. He will pursue the issue with her and Dr. Moyer again with a suggestion to invite an impartial moderator to preside. Mayor Morley feels that a public meeting is the best way to clear the air on these issues which affect all Elmhurst residents.
 - He reports on the 3rd Fly Quiet meeting he had last week, as well as the meeting with Federal Aviation Administration two weeks ago. This can be viewed on Youtube. There were about 3 dozen questions from residents and the FAA promises to respond in full within about 6 weeks. The upshot is that there will now be a 2-1/2 to 3 year break before the OHare modernization plan kicks in. It is still not clear whether there will be runway rotation that will significantly affect Elmhurst, but before the Fly Quiet data can be evaluated, the old plan will be in place which will be based on East-West runways. The Fly Quiet data analysis is projected to take about a year.
 - The Mayor met with Congressman Quigley about remodeling Elmhurst's Metra station. He was just notified that the City will receive a \$10 million grant for this which will cover about half the cost. City staff are working to identify other sources of grant money for this purpose.
- City Manager Grabowski also thanks city staff for their work over the weekend's rain emergency.
 - The Fire Dept. Open House was yesterday and was a great success.
 - The Police Dept. is holding a drive-through drug take-back on Oct. 28.
 - Elmhurst City Centre will hold its annual meeting tomorrow at 8 pm.
- Mgr. Grabowski presents the 2017 Capital Expenditure Budget Review – see posted documents and Youtube video recording for details.

8. Other Business

- Ald. Dunn comments on the ONCC full meeting that he attended: the ONCC complaint line is not working correctly; D205 was accepted as a full member. There may be an issue for Elmhurst if runway 22L becomes the only one available for a time during the next 3 years. He will keep an eye on this possible problem.
- Ald. Bram comments on stormwater and encourages everyone to fill out the Ohare noise survey.
- Ald. York notes that employee health insurance contribution rates were adjusted upward but they are still modest.

9. Adjournment 8:40 pm