

Elmhurst City Council Meeting
January 21, 2014
7:32 pm – 8:15 pm

12 present; 2 Absent- York, Kennedy
Public: 5; Staff: 2; Police/Fire:2;
Press: 4
Observer: N. Talluto

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

Presentation

- ComEd Community Update – presentation to the city to update the city on progress that has been made since April 2013.
- Reliability is improving in Elmhurst – best SAIFI measure in 15 years at 0.87 average interruptions per resident (interruption is loss of power greater than one minute).
- Various reliability work has been completed such as:
 - Improved reliability of targeted circuits through repair and replacement
 - Grid modernization through automatic switching process (smart switches), avoiding customer interruptions
 - Implementing solutions designed to prevent customer interruptions by tree limb breakage
 - Tree trimming on 27 circuits in 2013 – 78 miles of circuits
- Additional grid modernization to come – 31% of all work is completed
- ComEd is dedicated to ensuring the work of improving the reliability of the system
- ComEd will return to update the city again in April
- Smart meters will be installed in Elmhurst; a total of 50, installation starting in late February. The benefit of a Smart Meter is that ComEd can determine when an outage occurs faster (versus waiting for a phone call) and more specifically where it occurs and what caused it.

Public Forum

- Claude Pagash, 566 W. Gladys, spoke about the recent FOIA request and he suggested that the city complained about the request. He shared that the information is the property of the taxpayers. This situation shakes his confidence in the legislative body. The city should not be able to decide what they will and will not share with the residents.
- Tamara Brenner, 137 N. Caroline, shared what she provided in written communications, a letter to the Mayor regarding her recent FOIA request. She also shared that she was pleased about the limited amount of redactions. She found the FOIA information useful and she intends to continue to make FOIA requests regarding the Addison Street Parking Deck.
- Kathleen Sullivan, 133 Pine St., discussed the park districts proposal about the storm water proposal and requested additional information regarding this plan.
- Rex Irby, 853 S. Hillside, shared that the ComEd presentation was helpful. He wanted to make the city aware that the costs that are not covered by the state, i.e. distribution costs, are spread back to the electricity consumers, namely us.

Announcements

- Ald. Polomsky announced the 3rd Ward townhall meeting on 2/29 at the Library at 7pm.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent) with no items removed.

Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley announced the State of the City, held by the Chamber of Commerce next week, this is not open to the public but will be broadcast several times.
- City Manager Grabowski shared that Christmas trees are being picked up but Allied is behind due to the weather – they are working overtime to catch up.
- Ald. Gutenkauf asked for an update on city expenditures with snow removal, salting, etc. These will be provided at the next city council meeting.

Other Business

- None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.