

## **Elmhurst City Council Meeting**

**12 present; 1 Absent - Leader**

*Public: 20; Staff: 3; Police/Fire:1;*

*Press: 3*

**Observer: N. Talluto**

**October 6, 2014**

**7:38 pm – 8:30 pm**

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

### **Presentation**

- Recognition of “Leadership in History Award” to Elmhurst Historical Museum by American Association for State and Local History. This award was won for the “Sandberg” exhibit at the museum.

Ms. Brenner submitted written comments to Clerk Spencer.

### **Public Forum**

- Claude Pagash, 566 W. Gladys, spoke regarding the legal settlement between the city and the IL EPA that was discussed at the last meeting. He stated that the city is doing the work in the settlement because they have to or pay a fine, not because it is in the best interest of the residents. He also spoke regarding the concrete streets that are being repaired in the north of the city. He states that the city is approving things that are “wants not needs.”
- Tamara Brenner, asked about the claw back provision for Lucky Motors and wanted to know what was going on with that. She also brought up the question of density related to two current projects in front of the zoning board. She asked for clarity on these items and for the city to put together a comprehensive plan on zoning, not just exception-based rulings.
- Paula Wolf, spoke regarding flooding in her neighborhood. She states that the Park District “admitted” that the Tot Lot is there because of flooding. She doesn’t feel that there is anything being done to help her property on Larch. She is asking for help, not another study. Larch had flooding two Friday’s in a row and asked for help – she received it in the first but not the second. She states that the city needs new sewers, not more studies.
- Mike McGrath, Clara St., asked about agenda item 7.8 and how the city plans to recoup the revenue from that. He also asked about the permeable pavement study and if that could be expanded to other stre
- Marilyn Laredo, 512 N. Sayler, decided to come to see what had been done regarding flooding. “Nothing”.

### **Announcements**

- Clerk Spencer announced the IL general election is 11/4/14 and Elmhurst will be an early voting site. Early voting begins Monday, 10/20 through Saturday, 11/1. The hours will be Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 7:30 pm; Saturday, 9 – 5 pm. A government issued ID is not required per state law. The consolidated municipal election is in 4/7/15; packets may be picked up in the clerk’s office.
- Ald. Healy 10/22, 7:30 Knight’s , 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Townhall meeting

- Ald. Dunn City of Elmhurst, Youth Commission meeting on Heroin, 11/10, 7pm, Superior Ambulance.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent) with the following items removed: 7.11, 7.17.

### **Committee Reports**

- 1) 7.11 - Report – Bid, Three utility police interceptors
  - a) Committee pulled the report back.
- 2) 7.17 - Report – Request to amend the City of Elmhurst zoning ordinance text (Medical Marijuana Dispensing Facilities) (DP&Z)
  - a) Ald. Levin summarized that this is a report to bring Elmhurst into compliance with a state law regarding medical marijuana. There are not many locations within the city where it can be legally sold and this report outlines those locations that meet the rule of the law.
  - b) Ald. Bram asked why C3 was considered in the report and if the committee considered any revenue sharing agreements.
  - c) Ald. Levin responded that this is somewhat of a philosophical discussion. He stated that people who have a medical condition that meets the requirements for medical marijuana may not want to go to an industrial setting “like a drug addict”. C3 is not located near any residential areas so that is not an issue. The committee decided not to look at any revenue sharing agreements. Of the applications that have been filed with the state, none have named Elmhurst as a desired location so this won’t be a topic for Elmhurst now.
  - d) Ald. Bram asked why other zoning areas were not in the report.
  - e) Report passes (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)

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

- 1) Mayor Morley
  - a) There will be a citywide meeting to allow for more information to be shared. This meeting will be on 10/15/14 at 7pm at City Hall and the agenda will be to discuss the history of flooding, what has been done in the past year and allow for “breakout” sessions for local areas to discuss in more detail.
  - b) The mayor has interviewed all 9 candidates for 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman seat. He has a number of follow up questions for several candidates. He hopes to make a recommendation for the 10/20/14 Council meeting.
- 2) City Manager Grabowski
  - a) The budget process moves along according to schedule.
  - b) He stated that the City is still investigating Lucky Motors. It appears that the company has closed its Elmhurst location. The city does have a claw back agreement and he will work with the city attorney to determine what the city can do.
  - c) The Elmhurst Police Chief spoke – Elmhurst has had a rash of burglaries in the east and north of the city and it is similar to an increase in nearby communities. The problem times are 9 – 2pm. The city has increased resources to investigate and patrol those areas.
  - d) License plate reading technology may be helpful to the police. The city staff will look into this option for Elmhurst.
- 3) Ald. Bram asked for an update on the Hahn St. development.
  - a) Mr. Grabowski stated that it is taking longer to negotiate the RDA than expected.

**Other Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.