

Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council

November 16, 2015

7:35pm – 10:10pm

41 Present; 3 Absent

20 Public; 21 Staff

Elmhurst College Student Observer: E. Berley

1. Mayor Morley called the meeting to order at 7:35pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Call to Order 11 Aldermen Present; 3 Absent
2. Public Hearing
 - a. Public hearing on the Tentative Annual 2016 Budget.
 - i. No public comment
 - ii. All in favor and motion passed
 - b. Hearing adjourned at 7:40pm.
3. Presentation
 - a. Discover DuPage: Big wins for 2016
 - i. Her organization works to promote the county and attract business and provides hospitality for visitors at sporting events and conventions.
 - b. Proclamation Recognizing Maddie Hurt from IC Catholic Prep: IHSA Class 1A Girls Golf State Champion: Maddie was present with her family consisting of her parents, grandparents, and her two sisters. Her coach had an opportunity to commend her on her dedication and skill. The Mayor explained that she has to play on the boys team at school and is the second golfer at her school. The Mayor proclaimed November 16, 2015 Maddie Hurt Day.
4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public

1 document was received from a resident concerned about the cell tower being proposed to build in Mt. Emblem Cemetery.
5. Public Form
 - a. Resident 1: Opposed to the cell tower being built in the Mt. Emblem Cemetery, and feels that resident's issues are not being taken into concern. The cell tower would cause worse floods, health issues, and aesthetics problems. She mentioned that if this cell tower is approved it would be the only one of its kind in Illinois. She also brought up that Mt. Emblem does not maintain their fences, and she worries that the neighborhood kids would venture near the cell tower and get hurt. Ended with saying that Elmhurst had high enough standards to say no to gambling they should also have high enough standards to disapprove the cell tower.
 - b. Resident 2: Explained that he has been a resident of Elmhurst for 27 years, and he is now concerned with the location of this cell tower. The proposed cell tower would be 130 ft from his lot line, and he went on to ask the panel how they would feel in his position. Stated that the monopine cell tower would be an eyesore because the trees in the area are only 50ft tall, and the cell tower would be about double the size of that. He went on to explain that he took a drive through Mt. Emblem Cemetery and saw at least three other possible locations for the tower. He suggested along County Line Rd because that is not residential. He also expressed that the applicant provided false information on the application, and that the applicant is acting like a salesman, which is not good for this situation. He said that the Carol Stream cell tower was disapproved, and now this one should be too.
 - c. Resident 3: He was at the last meeting in opposition of gambling in the American Legion post 187. After the meeting he came up with the idea to organize the Elmhurst Reserve to provide support for the American Legion. Announced that on 11/26 Naval students will arrive via bus for a Thanksgiving dinner from 8am – 8pm at the American Legion Post 187. He asked that the panel members would try to make an appearance to show their support.

- d. Resident 4: Member of the American Legion Post 187, and was at the last meeting in favor of the gambling. Wanted to thank every that came out to the meeting and provided suggestions and support.
- e. Resident 5: Concerned about the new budget, and thought it will cost the residents more. He thought the city is digging itself into a hole and that is costing him money. Talked about how bad the flooding is in some areas of Elmhurst, and how the city is spending money on things such as the Indoor Sports Arena and a parking garage. He thought the money should go to what the real problem is.
- f. Resident 6: She was a small business owner that expressed concerns about the proposed increase in sales tax. She explained that rent is already difficult to pay, and an increase in sales tax will cost businesses their customers.
- g. Resident 7: He opposed the cell tower and explained a study that he recently read about cell towers causing health issues at a minimum of 500 ft away from residents. He is concerned because the cell tower will be much closer than 500 ft. He expressed his concern about the panel voting on something that applicant keeps changing.
- h. Cell Tower Applicant: He addressed the concerns that were expressed by residents. He provided the committee with documentation of every safety issue, and that included flooding. The cell tower will meet all IEEE standards and city standards. Explained that the previously mentioned “changes” were actually just a typo that was fixed very early on in the process. He stated that Mt. Emblem Cemetery has not given the company permission to build anywhere else on the property. He had already met the city’s entire standard and received approval by the committee.
- i. Resident 8: Explained that he has been a resident for 20 years and chose his neighborhood because it was a nice residential area, but now he believed the town is selling out. He expressed that the applicant is acting like a salesman, and he needs to find a different location.
- j. Orangetheory Fitness: Here for approval of license to go forward with construction within their building. They will be located in the Schiller Court area and also ask for additional signage or indication or their location.

6. Announcements

- a. Football State Championships coming up
- b. Yorky’s remodel please go check it out and support Elmhurst local businesses
- c. Consent Agenda: everything approved

7. Committee Reports

- a. 9.1 Addison Parking Deck – Change Order #6 for Steel
 - i. Proposal to higher union workers for the installation because nonunion workers are not allowed to install. It would cost the same and take the same time.
 - ii. Approved
- b. 9.2 Report-Addison Parking Deck-New Contract for Union Steel Work
 - i. Verizon steel will carry out the installation
 - ii. Approved
- c. 9.3 Report-License Agreement with Addison Corridor Development I, LLC
 - i. Proposal for Orangetheory Fitness to have access to building while construction of Parking Deck is in progress. Alderman Brahm strongly opposed this because the two parties created a contract prior to construction stating that Orangetheory would not enter the building until construction was done. Alderman Muliner believed that by allowing this it is promoting support for local businesses.
 - ii. Approved 10- yes 1- no
- d. 9.4 Majority Report – Home Rule Sales Tax Adjustment
 - i. Ordinance states that the sales tax will be raised from 0.75% to 1% to find more funding for storm water project. Report recommends using the minority report in

substitution of majority report. Therefore, the sunset clause will change from 2026 to 2034.

- ii. Denied 3- yes 8- no
- iii. 9.5 Minority Report – Home Rule Sales Tax Adjustment Approved
- e. 9.6 Report – 2015 Tax Levy
 - i. Decrease in tax by \$500,000 from taxpayers. Lower property taxes. Calls for continuous review to keep reducing taxes.
 - ii. Approved 11- yes 0- no
- f. 9.7 Report – Case Number 15 P-14/PI Telecom Infrastructure T, LLC & T Mobile Conditional Use – 520 E Grand Ave
 - i. Committee explained that they went over this topic for hours in the committee and feels they have given the residents a chance to voice concerns. Ultimately, it meets all the standards asked by the city, and the IEEE standards, and the company is going above and beyond to please the city. Due to strict engineering and building techniques this is the only possible location, and it ultimately benefits the town.
 - ii. Alderman Brahm explains that his constituents live in Conservation and Reservation district, which means the land should be preserved, and this cell tower is going against that. He also believed that the company would disrupt the community and the access to the cell tower would be a lot more often than once a month.
 - iii. Approved 9- yes 2- no
- 8. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed Elected Officials
 - a. Mayor Morley: Informed audience of budget meeting occurring after the meeting. Thanked everyone who made the Veteran’s Day Ceremony happen, and reminded everyone that the American Legion is open to the public. Also, brought attention to the storm water meeting on December 9th. Lastly, he mentioned that the Timothy Christian soccer team also won state.
 - b. City Manager Grabowski: Mentioned the open house at the American Legion Post 187 on November 29th, which will provide assistance to maintain their presence in the city.
 - c. Ordinances All Approved
- 9. Resolutions All Approved
- 10. Adjournment Mayor Morley Adjourned the meeting at 10:10p

Link to City Council meeting documents:

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