

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
held **Thursday, September 18, 2014**
City Hall Council Chambers
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** In the absence of Mayor Bennett, City Clerk Mulderink called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** City Clerk Mulderink led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** Upon roll call the following Aldermen responded as present: Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Mayor Bennett

- 4) **QUORUM:** City Clerk Mulderink a quorum was present.

City Clerk Mulderink, with the absence of Mayor Bennett this evening I need a Nomination from the floor as to who will be chairing the meeting tonight.

Ald. Kleefisch, Mr. Clerk I MOVE to nominate Ald. Stratton as Pro-Tem Mayor this evening. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox
ABSTAIN: Hanson
NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

Ald. Kleefisch, I MOVE to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2014 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman
NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.

- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Stratton, the meeting is open to the public for any comments or questions.

Debbie Chasee of 8137 W.90th St., Hickory Hills, I am a parent in North Palos Dist. 117, I am not sure if the Council is aware of this but there is a very important bill that is going through the legislation currently. It passed the Senate in the spring and is getting looked at by the House, its called Senate Bill 16. It really changes how Illinois funds public education.

Because of how the current state is financed within Illinois they are short on money. They are looking to re-distribute funds between school districts. North Palos would be losing in excess of 4 million dollars a year to about 14% of our budget, and to keep it into perspective, District 230 and all their feeder schools would be losing 23 million dollars a year. That funding would then be distributed on some locally, so Burbank & Justice would be taking that funding, and a lot of it would be going down state.

We had done a very aggressive campaign through North Palos, not only reaching out to our local legislators but also State wide through the Illinois State Board of Education, and our local Senators. We are just going to the different City Councils to make sure everybody is aware, and we will also be conducting a Town Hall through District 230 to make sure that parents are aware of this because that will completely change the landscape of education in the suburbs and is basically the factio property tax increase of up to 20%.

Ald. Pasek, so what is your suggestion?

Debbie Chasee, you have to call your legislators.

Ald. Hanson asked if there was a timetable set as to when they anticipate this bill coming to the floor in the Senate?

Debbie Chasee, everyone is thinking that it has a good possibility to come up in January, what we are asking to do is to say this is a fair thing to look at, but don't bring it up until the spring. But there are a lot of groups trying to push for January since they already got through the Senate, if you go to January you need less votes in the House to pass it.

Mrs. Chasee encouraged everyone to contact their Senators and State Representative concerning Senate Bill 16 and express their concerns.

With no further comments or questions from the public; the public portion of the meeting was closed.

8) REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:

A. **CITY CLERK:** No report.

B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

C. **MAYOR:** No report.

9) PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN:

A. **BUILDING & LICENSE:** No report.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore, our new city website will be up and running October 1st.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Marrotta, Skate Under The Stars will be held on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Glaser Park.

Also, the annual Fishing Derby has been canceled because of the lack of fish in Pleasure Lake due to the severe winter. The re-stocking of the lake will be mid October with a selection of Blue Gill, Bass and Cat Fish. Total amount of the re-stocking totaled \$1,311.00. We are told these fish should have no problem surviving this winters weather.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Knox, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated September 18, 2014 in the amount of \$302,007.47. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Knox, previously presented was an Ordinance Authorizing Disposal By Public Auction/Sale Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Palos Hills, we were awaiting on the attached vehicle list and we now have it.

Upon request of Ald. Knox, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2014-14 to a proposed ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Authorizing Disposal By Public Auction/Sale Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Palos Hills.

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2014-12. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta

NAY: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2014-14, An Ordinance Authorizing Disposal By Public Auction/Sale Of Personal Property Owned By The City Of Palos Hills.

Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, I read my report at Committee.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, we received a packet of information we needed and a payment of \$1,000.00 relating to the petitioner for Webb Chevy, the property on Southwest Highway and they are looking to have Plan Commission Hearing to formally move on Special Use of that property. I MOVE to set a hearing date before the Plan Commission on October 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch presented and read the Palos Hills Police Department Activity Report for the month of August 2014 as follows: 207 traffic tickets were issued, there were 193 parking tickets were issued, there were 32 misdemeanor complaints and 1 felony complaint, there were 3 aggravated assaults, 2 burglaries, 6 thefts, and our C.I.D. Division handled a total of 69 cases.

Also, we received a check from the adult probation department of Cook County in the amount of \$500.00. We also received two checks from NCI Receivable Management & Recovery, one in the amount of \$3,511.2 and the other in the amount of \$2,292.50.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, at the last Committee Meeting the Commissioner reported bids were opened for the 2014 Motor Fuel Tax Street Resurfacing Projects. The low bidder was D Construction in the amount of \$148,147.85. The engineering estimate was \$141,595.00.

The low bid exceeds the engineering estimate by 4.6%. The Commissioner and City Engineer have reviewed the bids for compliance with IDOT and City requirements and recommend it be in the cities best interest to accept the low bid from D Construction in the amount of \$148,147.85.

I MOVE to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the paving contract with D Construction in the amount of \$148,147.85. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Also the Golf Course Public Works Storage Building, the Commissioner reports the electrical fuse panel and conduit runs have been installed in the building and wire is being pulled. ComEd has been contacted and the service drop from ComEd should be installed soon.

The storage contract with U Lock it has been cancelled and any material previously stored in the locker has been relocated to the new storage building.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Marrotta, some time ago when we had this freeze and we spoke at a Committee Meeting regarding replacing the fish at Pleasure Lake, we decided to cancel the Tournament. I would like to get the Council's opinion regarding canceling fishing all together until we get these Fish growing before someone goes and fishes up what we are just putting in there. I would like to stop the fishing until maybe spring, maybe summer, no fishing at all until these fish get a chance to spawn one time.

Ald. Pasek, the (inaudible) that they are going to put in aren't going to be spawning for years.

Ald. Marrotta, are their any fish that can be taken out before they grow, Mary Jo do you know.

Comm. Vincent, there are a few that are going be 16 inches, (inaudible).

Ald. Marrotta, what does the Council think about no fishing until the summer of 2015 at least, or is that too soon, to give it a chance to grow back. According to Comm. Weakley it was a total kill last winter with the freeze. What are we thinking as far as the no fishing?

Ald. Stratton, I would encourage the signs to go up and just hope the people read them and abide by them.

Ald. Moore, I will go along with no fishing until the summer of 2015. That is not a big deal.

Ald. Marrotta, don't you think that is too soon?

Ald. Hanson, I think it is too soon.

Ald. Marrotta, I would go with at least summer, maybe June of 2015.

Ald. Hanson, why don't we look at whats being put in there and then call somebody to find out what period of time do they need to grow to what size. Because maybe Ricky is correct, maybe next year they are good enough just for the kids going to throw something in. But again maybe they are not.

Ald. Marrotta, Mary Jo would you look into that and find out what they think a good time period would be. Maybe the people delivering the fish will would be able to give us some insight. We will table this until Mary Jo comes back with some information.

Ald. Pasek, I received a crazy phone call this week from District of Columbia, that was on my Caller I.D. and some man asked for my daughter about a grant that he would like to offer her, and when I said what are the strings on this grant he said I have to talk to your daughter. Well after a little bit of the conversation the man got very rude on the phone, and it was no

professional it was somebody that was going to scam us. So if someone calls and says something about grants don't send any money. Did you hear anything about calls?

Chief Madigan, (inaudible).

13) ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Stratton entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Marrotta. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills