

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
held **Thursday, April 3, 2014**  
City Hall Council Chambers  
10335 S. Roberts Road  
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2) **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Bennett led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

3) **ROLL CALL:** Upon roll call the following Aldermen responded as present: Knox, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams

**ABSENT:** Brachman, Hanson

4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.

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

Ald. Kleefisch, I MOVE to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 20, 2014 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Moore, Williams, Knox

ABSTAIN: Pasek

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None

7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**

Mayor Bennett, the meeting is open to the public for any comments or questions.

With no comments 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:**

City Attorney Pappas, I would like the City Council to know that I have been in contact with the Attorney's representing Webb Chevrolet. They have reviewed the Ordinance, the draft that you have and it is fine with them so the City Council can follow up on that tonight.

C. **MAYOR**

Mayor Bennett, I want to inform the City Council; I did not sign a contract with the

Aggregation contract with Homefield for a couple of reasons. One, the City Attorney informed me there were some items in that contract that he did not feel comfortable with in signing.

Secondly there was some conversation with the Aldermen during the week about revisiting the item, so it is your choice now to revisit the item the contract hasn't been signed, and we now have to go back out to bid.

The next item I have is the Southwest Highway property; Attorney Pappas has put the draft Ordinance in your mailbox as he indicated it's an agreeable document of all parties of which Council agreed they wanted to have done.

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

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

**B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:** No report.

**C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**

Ald. Marrotta, I conferred with Ald. Kleefisch and I want to read something into the record that was in the Palos Patch that Palos Hills made the list of 50 safest cities in Illinois. Writers at Home Security website took a look at towns with populations greater than 5,000, analyzed F.B.I. Crime statistics and Palos Hills made the list.

Residents of Palos Hills and Palos Heights live in two cities both in crime rates that land them among the safest hometowns in the state. Palos Hills grabbed the 25<sup>th</sup> spot on the list with a rate of .34 violent crimes per 1,000 and 7.97 property crimes per 1,000.

The Palos Hills Police Department sponsors a robust selection of programs and services to keep the community and its members from harm, road safe wise, with a record of no rapes or murders reported in the F.B.I.'s most recent statistics it seems the hard working officers of Palos Hills are doing a fine job.

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Ald. Schultz, we have some new businesses opening. Palos Hills Tobacco Shop located 1032 S. Harlem is now open for Business. Janek Styrczula Hair Salon located at 9909 S. Roberts Rd is now open. Ozark Pizza Company is the new owner of Papa John's Pizza located at 8803 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., and Skyland Group has opened their Trucking Company Office at 9748 S. Roberts Rd.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Knox, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated April 3, 2014 in the amount of \$260,327.37. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Hanson, Brachman  
NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox thanked Aldermen and Chief Madigan for being part of the budget hearing for the Police Dept., the Chief was very helpful in educating the group on several things.

The next budget hearing will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> for Administration at 5:00 pm, followed by the Golf Course. April 17<sup>th</sup> budget hearing will be for the Building Dept. starting at 5:00 pm. followed by Public Works and on April 24<sup>th</sup> for Parks & Community Resources at 6:00 pm.

**F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:**

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Repealing And Replacing The Provisions Of Chapter 15.44 Of The Palos Hills Municipal Code. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2014-7 to a proposed Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing The Provisions Of Chapter 15.44 Of The Palos Hills Municipal Code.

Ald. Kleefisch, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2014-7. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2014-7, An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing The Provisions Of Chapter 15.44 Of The Palos Hills Municipal Code, as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Kleefisch. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Kleefisch, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Marrotta, Schultz,

ABSTAIN: Stratton

ABSENT: Hanson, Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for consideration of a proposed Ordinance Granting Temporary & Limited Occupancy And Use Of Certain Property Commonly Known As 10926-11002 Southwest Highway, Palos Hills, Illinois. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2014-8 to a proposed Ordinance entitled: An

Ordinance Granting Temporary And Limited Occupancy And Use Of Certain Property  
Commonly Known As 10926-11002 Southwest Highway, Palos Hills, Illinois.

Ald. Williams, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2014-8 of proposed Ordinance 2014-8. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Moore, Williams, Marrotta, Schultz

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: Knox, Kleefisch, Stratton

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for PASSAGE of proposed Ordinance, An Ordinance Granting Temporary And Limited Occupancy And Use Of certain Property Commonly Knowns As 10926-11002 Southwest Highway, Palos Hills, Illinois, as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Moore, Williams, Marrotta, Schultz, Stratton, Pasek

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: Knox, Kleefisch

MOTION CARRIED.

**G. PARKS:**

Ald. Stratton, the Bunny Brunch will be held this Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Community Center, tickets are just about sold out, \$7.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults. Entertainment by Dave Rudolph.

The Easter Egg Hunt is an amazing event that lasts only about 3 minutes; the bunny will hide over 4,000-candy toy filled eggs, some with special prize tags inside. The hunt is free and will take place at 11:30 am sharp also on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April.

**H. PLANNING & ZONING:**

In the absence of Ald. Hanson, Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to schedule a Public Hearing before the

Zoning Board of Appeals for property located at 10634 and 10642 S. 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. on April 22, 2014 at 7:30 pm. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

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

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to schedule a Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 29, 2014 at 7:30 pm for property located at 9954 S. 86<sup>th</sup> Ave. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Marrotta

ABSENT: Brachman, Hanson

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**I. PUBLIC SAFETY:** No report.

#### **J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:**

Ald. Williams, the Public Works Commissioner reports the following activities. The hard winter freeze has taken its toll in the fish population at Pleasure Lake. As ice melted on the lake this past week hundreds of fish that had died under the ice were released into the lake.

Every day this past week park crews removed dead fish in an effort to keep the lake clean. The bulk of the fish killed were carp. However, crews did observe many largemouth bass, crappie, blue gill, and catfish.

The Commissioner previously reported sewer and water crews would be following up on several water main repairs from the winter that required water main replacement. This past Tuesday water crews replaced 40 feet of water main under 103<sup>rd</sup> St. just east of Roberts Rd.

The water main in this area is extremely delicate due to electrolysis. After the initial repair was completed Tuesday during the day, the main broke two more times. Crews responded and completed emergency repairs Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Additional water main will be replaced in the near future.

Crews are currently re-roofing the golf course maintenance building and should be completed early next week. When completed the roof will have been shingled, new soffit and fascia installed and the building raccoon proofed.

The Commissioner met with Morton Builders this week to lay out the new pole barn being installed at the golf course. Works should begin in the next few weeks.

The Commissioner reports the 1990 #770 John Deere backhoe has failed. This machine has been a workhorse for the public works department. The front drive assembly has completely failed and one front wheel broke off the machine due to steel fatigue. The mechanics are evaluating the machine and the cost to repair.

Crews are completing pothole repairs. Please report any pothole to Public Works. Crews removed 40 tree stumps last week from ash tree removal. Sod restorations are pending as time allows.

A meeting is scheduled this coming Tuesday with the Village of Oak Lawn to discuss the cost of the Regional Water System the Village of Oak Lawn is building. The Commissioner had previously commented on the cost of the project for Palos Hills that is estimated at approximately \$8.5 million dollars. Oak Lawn wants to complete negotiations with all the communities they service and are seeking to have signed agreements with all their customers including Palos Hills by mid April 2014.

Mayor Bennett, just a brief commend on that; as you know we have continued to have discussions with Oak Lawn and we are now down to the last community that Oak Lawn has not (inaudible). We are meeting this week with their Attorney and their Engineer's to go again back over our concerns regarding that contract. Obviously we are pretty limited to what alternatives we have. However next Thursday I will report back to you at the Committee

Meeting regarding the results of that. If based upon the opinion of our City Attorney we would have to have a Special Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, basically it would be a brief meeting prior to our regular Council Meeting for the purpose of bringing to the contract because Oak Lawn and the consortium that goes out its is basically a bond issue that they are issuing, which we would have to be a part of. So I will let you know next Thursday where you could officially set a Special Meeting for that on the 17<sup>th</sup> prior to our Council Meeting taking place.

It is basically it is a service agreement with Oak Lawn to include the costs of us being part of that system. I will back to you at the Committee Meeting as to the results. If you heard the Commissioner they are talking about \$8.7 million dollars that they are saying is our portion or share of that.

**10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None.

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ald. Knox, about the energy bid, so you are saying that because of the clause in the contract (inaudible) discuss this further we need new bids.

Mayor Bennett, correct.

Ald. Knox, so Dave when you get the bids in are you going to do it the same way you did last time putting together the spread sheet?

Mayor Bennett, if I may suggest Alderman probably the sooner the better, but if the question is as you brought up about setting some standards as to what we are going to allow or not allow, we need to know that prior to us going out for bids again. You indicated the percentile of use of poll, which was a major issue apparently. So if whatever the Council wants to do and you want to set limits then you are going to restrict the type of suppliers that will be out there. But you can set those limits as to what you want to do.

The contracts that recently came in for bids did offer renewable energy in all those contracts as a choice. But I think in the conversation you indicated you didn't want to go any higher than X number of use with poll.

Ald. Knox, yeah, I don't (inaudible). I think what concerns me (inaudible) hearing that there is apparently some trouble with the contract, is that we were given (inaudible), we were given things to say yes to and then I don't know where the trouble in the contract thing but it doesn't look like what (inaudible) represented what we said we want.

Mayor Bennett, I don't think that is it at all Alderman, we went through this two or three times as we did 2 years ago, and the process is that once the Council agrees to have NIMEC go out to bid that's it, and legally as the Statutes are written, once that it is done, it is literally almost up to me to agree to sign that contract. As we did last time we took the best savings for our residents and that is what was done. It is the same process this time around. If you want to limit the type of bids then I think you should do that before we go out with NIMEC by saying I don't want them to bid out anything above X number of percentile.

Further lengthy discussion followed between the Council Members.

Mayor Bennett, the question is about the Council going back out to authorize NIMEC to back out for bids. Dave I would prefer that we do this as soon as possible and that can be as early as next Thursday to have them go back out to bidding in the market place, and understand when those bids come in I will bring it back to the Council as I did last time, that's it.

If there is some major discussion as you don't want it or who wants, I need to know so then we can go forward.

Ald. Schultz asked if the fence issue on 103<sup>rd</sup> St. was ever resolved.

City Attorney Pappas, I did have a conversation with the Attorney and what he is proposing is to move the fence back 7 ½ feet from the property line along 75<sup>th</sup> Court, the fence will adjacent to that pad that he wants to there.

**12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None.

**13) ADJOURNMENT:**

No further business, Mayor Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills