

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held **Thursday, November 2, 2017**
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, IL 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00p.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:
PRESENT: Knox, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak
ABSENT: None
- 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 October 19, 2017 as presented.
SECONDED by Ald. Nowak. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Lebarre, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Moore, Nowak
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Marrotta, Pasek, Knox
- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**
Mayor Bennett, the meeting is open to the public for any comments or questions.

Paul Morgan, 9 Lucas Drive, spoke about the condo association's issues with rodents and feral cats and presented their plan of action to resolve the issues. He also discussed the possibility of putting signs up on Possum Drive that state "this is not a through street" or "residential parking only" to deter students from turning around on those street because they do not want to wait for the turn lane into Moraine Valley Community College.

Mayor Bennett, I will have Pubic Works take a look as far as signage goes. We will make some observations on the situation regarding the students turning around and not waiting for the turn lane.
- 8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:** None
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:**
City Attorney Pappas, I would like the city council to be aware that I was contacted by two purchasers of lots and they've cut down the trees without getting the necessary permits from the city. They're concerned about the penalties and fines and want to negotiate a resolution. In order to do that, I need the authority of the city council to go ahead and do that.

Ald. Lebarre, I MOVE to authorize City Attorney Pappas to negotiate with the Vince Bestrick and Wladyslaw Rzadkosz regarding the fines incurred due to cutting down trees without getting the necessary permits from the city. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Lebarre, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Brachman
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED
 - C. **MAYOR:** None

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

A. BUILDING & LICENSING:

Ald. Lebarre read the building department report for October 2017 as follows:

Total Permits Issued:	68
Total Permit Fees:	\$22,118.00
Total Security Deposits Received:	\$1,550.00
Total Security Deposits Refunded:	\$1,075.00

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore, a local group called Al's Angels will be hosting a Veteran's Benefit on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 4pm at Valley Inn. The proceeds go to homeless veterans.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Nowak, No Report.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. Marrotta, there is a prescription medication drop box at the Palos Hills Police Department where residents can go and drop off old prescriptions.

Ald. Marrotta, I MOVE to add 10219 S. 81st Ct back on to our list of properties that will be maintained by Kosmo's. We still have a lien on this property from past years. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. Voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Brachman, Lebarre	
NAY: None	MOTION CARRIED

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Knox stated you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated November 2, 2017 in the amount of \$980,303.80. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Nowak, Knox, Brachman, Lebarre, Marrotta	
NAY: None	MOTION CARRIED

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

Ald. Knox, No Report.

G. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Schultz, No Report.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ald. Kleefisch read the monthly activity report for October 2017 as follows:

320 Traffic Tickets Issued, 349 Parking Tickets Issued, 24 misdemeanors, 2 felonies, 2 aggravated assaults/batteries, 9 thefts, 1 motor vehicle theft and our CID Division handled a total of 73 cases.

We also received checks from the following entities in the amounts of:

Consolidated District 230	\$13,221.65
Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$404.43

I also have a letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue Criminal Investigation Division directed to Chief Madigan. Ald. Kleefisch read the letter as follows:

The Illinois Department of Revenue Criminal Division has been involved in several high profile cases including Income Tax Evasion, Identity Theft, Money Laundering, Mail/Wire Fraud, Forgery and Sale/Possession of Contraband Cigarettes within the past year.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Palos Hills Police Department, specifically, Det. Clarence O'Neal #302, Det. Alan Williams #303, Det. Brad Fletcher #305, Sgt. Det. Joe Collecchia #301, and Sgt. Traci Bachelder #204, for the service and assistance they provided to our Special Agents during these investigations.

Their professionalism and cooperation, along with the countless hours these officers spent was pivotal in the arrests, seizures, and successful indictments of thirty-five individuals brought forth by the United Attorney General's Office on our Department's behalf.

Honest Illinois taxpayers must know that those who commit tax fraud and evasion will be pursued. Without your officer's professional conduct and assistance to our Department, this tax fraud scheme may have continued for years.

We wish all of you continued success and look forward to working with your staff in the future.

Respectfully,
Brian Cooper, Special Agent in Charge
Illinois Department of Revenue
Criminal Investigation Division

I. PARKS

Ald. Stratton, No Report.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Brachman read a report from Commissioner Oeffling on Public Works updates as follows:
The commissioner reports Public Works is currently performing the following work activities:

- Crews are working through an updated list of tree removals throughout the city. With an estimated completion of all removals before winter at which time the parkway tree trimming program will begin.
- Crews are in the process of completing asphalt and concrete loose ends before winter halts temperature dependent construction activities.
- Street Sweeping is scheduled for the end of the week of November 13th -17th.
- Preliminary assessment of the 111th St lift station retrofit as part of the MWRD IICP program is complete with quotes directing us toward a vacuum suction pump system. Engineering has been contacted to develop a design bid and pull permits to facilitate this project.
- The new owner of the old racket ball property on Roberts Road has contacted public works to meet sometime in the next couple of weeks to change out locks on the fencing and discuss/remedy immediate maintenance concerns.

City Attorney Pappas, I have been contacted by the purchaser of the tax deed. He has indicated to me that he would like to develop that property although he has no definite plans. He did get a certificate from the county clerk, so right now he possesses some rights to that piece of property. I told him to contact Nick and make arrangements to get on there to make sure the property is secure and maintained. I have some doubts as to whether they're going to (in-audible). Hopefully he will be able to come back in me in about six months and let me know whether he is going to go forward with development plans. Whatever development plans he has, will have to be presented to you for approval. At this point, I'm not sure he realizes how extensive it is going to be.

- Electric issues: the ESDA trailer had a power outage due to a cable fault caused by construction activity last month next to the fire house on Roberts Road. Meade Electric repaired the fault at no cost to the city after was determined that their subcontractor caused the damage. Public works crews located a cable fault on the

Roberts Rd street lights just north of 107th St. The line was repaired earlier today in house.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Ald. Pasek, just a reminder that the sign meeting is at 5:30pm on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at City Hall. It will proceed along with discussion on if the entire council wants to make changes or not.

Another reminder is Veteran's Day. Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11am at the Community Center.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ald. Kleefisch, I have an unfortunate announcement to make concerning a member of our Planning & Zoning Board, Glen Hicks. His grandson, Nick, was just diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, stage four. It only affects about 350 children in this country on a yearly basis. They're having a benefit for the family. The benefit will be on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park from 2pm-6pm.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

13) ADJORNMENT:

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:28p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills