

**City Council Meeting**  
Of the City of Palos Hills  
Held **Thursday, March 18, 2021**  
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:** Price, Brachman, Lebarre, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek  
**ABSENT:** Marrotta, O'Connell, Abed, Nowak
- 4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.
- 5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**  
Ald. Kleefisch MOVED to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated, March 4, 2021 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Price. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:  
**AYE:** Brachman, Lebarre, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Price  
**NAY:** None  
**ABSENT:** Marrotta, O'Connell, Abed, Nowak MOTION CARRIED
- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None this evening.
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**  
There were no 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 this evening.
  - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report this evening.
  - C. **MAYOR:** Mayor Bennett announced that the State of Illinois has made some changes to the vaccination program and the stages of moving forward; beginning April 12<sup>th</sup> any individuals 16 years or older will now be eligible for the vaccine. The possibility of moving into Phase 5 of the reopening plan will depend on 50% of the population being vaccinated. It's estimated for us to reach that point in late May. The indications are that we would move into a full opening which is promising for the Friendship Fest taking place and with the Parks programs reopening.
- 9) **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN:**
  - A. **BUILDING & LICENSING:**  
Ald. Price had no report this evening.
  - B. **CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:**  
In the absence of Ald. Marrotta there was no report this evening.
  - C. **COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**  
In the absence of Ald. Nowak there was no report this evening.
  - D. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**  
In the absence of Ald. O'Connell there was no report this evening.

**E. FINANCE:**

Ald. Lebarre MOVED to authorize the expenditure of a Vendor Warrant dated, March 18, 2021 in the amount of \$364,121.59. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

**AYE:** Lebarre, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Price, Brachman

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** Marrotta, O'Connell, Abed, Nowak

MOTION CARRIED

**F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:**

In the absence of Ald. Abed there was no report this evening.

**G. PARKS:**

Ald. Stratton had no report this evening.

**H. PLANNING & ZONING:**

In the absence of Ald. Nowak there was no report this evening.

**I. PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Ald. Kleefisch read the Palos Hills Police Department Monthly Activity Report for February 2021 and noted that we issued 126 traffic tickets, 305 parking tickets, there were 15 misdemeanor complaints and 2 felony complaints, no criminal homicides, no robberies, no aggravated assault and batteries, 1 burglary, 5 thefts, no motor vehicle thefts, and the CID division handled a total of 56 cases.

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

Ald. Brachman provided a Public Works update as follows:

- Crews are finishing building the exterior wall in the stairwell at the rear of the Police department. The old walls were a glass, plastic composite that developed water leaks over the last 25 years. The new walls are a more conventional drywall interior and a vinyl siding exterior
- Crews are finishing a few remaining tree removals and we will begin stump grinding later this month. The chipper program also has started this week
- The Hills Chamber of Commerce has delivered 44 local business sponsored banners that will be placed on street light poles along the Roberts Road corridor. The 96 inch banners will be installed next week
- The installation of the new park equipment at Bennett Park is scheduled to begin on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This playground equipment was acquired with grant funds
- Pothole and Plow sod damage crews should make a complete pass through the entire City by Monday or Tuesday of next week. Street assessments have also been made to determine this year's asphalt overlay program. Extensive sidewalk replacement will also be included in this summer's motor fuel tax program
- The Cook County Highway Department is planning on starting concrete work next week along Roberts Road. The end date for this project is still the second week in June

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

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Ald. Kleefisch asked City Attorney Pappas what the outcome was of the hearing for the racquetball club on March 9<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney Pappas advised it was continued until April 20, 2021 because the Judge required some additional affidavits to ensure the property was vacant and that nobody would be displaced.

**12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** None this evening.

**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 7:10p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink  
City Clerk  
City of Palos Hills