

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – February 14, 2017**

Acting Mayor Veenbaas called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Judd, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas

Absent: 0

Staff Members Present: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Community Development Director Valerie Dehner, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Scott Franzgrote, Police Chief John Nowacki, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, City Attorney Jim Macholl

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the following statement:

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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: The first item on the agenda this evening is a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and the January 24th Council meeting. Is there such a motion? Mr. D’Astice made the motion and Mr. Cannon made the second. Are there any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes? Those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

1) Public Hearing – CDBG Call for Projects

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to deviate from the agenda? Mr. Cannon made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Majikes. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the council will deviate from the agenda.

The Cook County Bureau of Administration requires the City of Rolling Meadows to hold a Public Hearing regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Funds. This Hearing is to solicit input from the Community regarding future funding and program needs.

Let the record show this Public Hearing opened at 7:31p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

The Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds a variety of needs some of which include Single Family Rehabilitation, Fair Housing Activities, Housing Counseling, Affordable Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure Improvements, Commercial Rehabilitation, Capital Improvements and Public Service Activities.

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The City of Rolling Meadows encourages any interested parties or organizations to present any current or future request or ideas regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

The City of Rolling Meadows City Council will be requested to approve any Community Development Block Grant project applications at a regularly scheduled meeting in late March or in early April, 2017, to meet the schedule as established by the Cook County Bureau of Administration.

The City is required to follow the established procedures of the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program regarding project submittal and established limitations on funding. The City of Rolling Meadows will also consider any necessary revisions to its Five Year Plan on file with Cook County Department of Planning and Development, at a future City Council meeting.

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak regarding the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program? No one came forward.

Let the record show this hearing closed at 7:32 pm February 14, 2017.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Other than to wish everyone a great Valentine's Day and since you're here instead of out doing other things we appreciate you being here. Some of us attended the Divine Designs ribbon cutting last night and we just want to again welcome them and what a great job they have done for all of us in our community to just support all kinds of activities including the Police Department, Fire Department, what have you, so that's pretty much my Mayor's Report. Are there Ward Reports this evening?

WARD REPORTS:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: We'll move on to opening the meeting up to the public for 20 minutes. There is a sign-in sheet which I have right here and tonight we have four people on the sign-in sheet.

Barry Schilling, Matt Stock, Zack Kafitz: We're just here on behalf of the Class 6b for US Waterproofing. Matt and Barry are both the representatives for US Waterproofing. We're all very excited to be here and are here if you have any questions and to say hello.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much for coming. We appreciate it. It's always great to see the faces with the companies that we work with and we appreciate you being in our City so thank you very much. I also have Michael Kelly with Wintrust. Would you please come to the microphone Mr. Kelly?

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Michael Kelly: Good evening Mr. Mayor and Council members. I'm Mike Kelly. I'm the Vice-President of Corporate Real Estate for Wintrust Financial Corporation and I'm here representing one of our banks, Village Bank and Trust who is seeking your approval for the 2nd Reading of an ordinance amendment for a branch bank that we're looking to establish at 1635 Algonquin Road so I'm here today with the branch manager and our architect and we're here to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much. Once again we appreciate you coming in to identify yourselves.

Mr. Kelly: We're glad to be part of your community.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Much appreciated, thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING**

A. Ordinance No. 17-03 / Ordinance / Approve an Amendment to the Marketplace Planned Development, Special Use and Sign Appeal for Property located at 1635 Algonquin Road, Michael Kelly on behalf of Wintrust Financial Corp., Petitioner (2nd Reading)

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the Ordinance.

Ms. Majikes made a motion to approve the ordinance and it was seconded by Mr. Prejna.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there any discussion on the ordinance? Seining none, the Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Judd, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That brings the council to the Consent Ordinances. The Consent Agenda consists of three items. Does any alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances? Mr. Judd

Alderman Judd: B and C

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: B and C. So there's no Consent Agenda so we'll do one at a time. Let's start with B then.

B. Ordinance / Amend City's Pay Plan – Finance Director (1st Reading)

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the ordinance.

Mr. D'Astice made a motion to move the ordinance forward for 2nd Reading and it was seconded by Mr. Banger.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd you asked that this item be removed. You're entitled to first comments if you wish.

Alderman Judd: I'm not necessarily opposed to changing the classification. It's the salary income issue that I have. I've never been a big fan of people need to make x because somebody else makes x. I could care less. We've heard that from a variety of things and times and just because somebody's been around for a period of time and makes something doesn't necessarily mean that somebody else needs to in any way, shape or form. I specifically asked the City Manager last budget year because it looked like there was a significant increase in the salaries for Finance and I was told specifically there was going to be no large salary increases. I don't know what this is supposed to be or not be, but it's not something I'll support on that basic premise.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much for your comments. Any other discussion on this item?
Ms. Majikes

Alderman Majikes: I will be supporting this. I don't feel that it's just giving someone pay to make them equal to someone else. I think it's due to the quality of the work, the positions, the extra duties they're having to take that they're deserving of the wage. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much. Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: I will be supporting that for similar reasons. For any of us who have worked with Valerie, in fact the one thing that I had asked for was looking at what we could do for succession planning....

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Prejna, I think you meant Melissa. You said Valerie.

Alderman Prejna: Melissa, sorry. Melissa please excuse me. My first daughter's name is Melissa and I get that wrong also, so. But I would support that just for the quality of work that Melissa has done and also the fact that this will, we now have somebody who we now have something for succession planning so I support it 100%.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there any other discussion on this item? Seeing no further comments the question is shall the ordinance be moved forward for 2nd Reading? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Judd

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance was moved forward for 2nd Reading.

C. Ordinance / Amend 14-07 Regarding the Assistant to the City Manager's Salary (1st Reading)

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the ordinance.

Mr. Banger made a motion to move this ordinance forward for 2nd Reading and was seconded by Mr. D'Astice

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd you asked that this item be removed. You're entitled to first comments if you wish.

Alderman Judd: This is one of the basic problems in my opinion, and my opinion only, with government is that any time we give an inch they always come back and take a mile. We want to start off and raise the tax by ¼%, three years later its 3%. The original job description of what this job was originally created for by the council was to help the City Manager and the whole premise was for somebody to come in and be here for two, maybe three years, bring some relatively new blood and new ideas into the community and help the City Manager with things and then to move on and it was originally designed for people that were trying to get into the government sector and allow them to get into that and start off and then we decided a couple of years ago to raise the salary to 43,000 and now all of a sudden we want to give a 30% raise and add additional duties. That's not the original premise of the job. I get it that there's things that are going to be done, but if things are being done and they're taking from other places those salaries aren't going down. We're just adding on and I'm not in favor of that. I will not support it.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you for your comments. Is there any other discussion? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: In light of the fact that we're changing this job kind of dramatically from what the four of us who have been here awhile, 5 years ago when we designed this job its changed quite a bit from where we started. With that in mind I would ask that we table this and have some other discussions offline about where this job's at, where it's going. The person who handles this job right now does not only a good job for us, they do an excellent job for us and I probably could support it in the future. I guess I would just like to have some more discussions before it's brought to us with a dramatic increase in income. So, I'm not against it, but I would like to have it at least tabled for right now.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, and hold that thought. Is there any other discussion? Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: I would support this 100%. For those of us who have been around, I realize that the council had a different attitude five years ago. However, if you look back four years ago and the activities and events, Alderman D'Astice and I worked with Lori on the 60th Anniversary. We have various activities and events and if you talk to the residents four years ago a lot of the things that are happening in the City would not have happened without the efforts and the continued energy that has been put into this job so I would support it 100%.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you for that. Any other discussion? Mr. Banger

Alderman Banger: I agree with Alderman Prejna and I guess one of the things about what we did four years ago was looking back in my opinion now, kind of a bad idea. Let's set the salary so low that nobody wants to stick around so we have no one, which served its purpose with our, the first fellow who

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took this job and then we started making it a little more robust in terms of duties, in terms of things they were taking on, and then it became something and rightfully so where you actually do want the same person and some consistency there because you're just renewing those relationships year after year for things like the Farmers Market. Things like those special Friday activities. We've tried some things that have worked. We've tried some things that haven't worked well and I think the experience you gain as you're doing that is priceless and I'm not going to give it a label of industrial knowledge or something like that, but what I'm saying is this is something I think Barry has put a lot of thought into. I've talked to him briefly about this and I agree with where it's heading. I don't think, I certainly don't need to think any longer on it so I'll be supporting it tonight. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. Any other discussion on this? If not, Mr. Cannon you made a motion to table this so you made a motion for that. Is there a second to that motion to table it? Mr. D'Astice has seconded it. Would the Clerk please call the roll on this motion please?

AYES: Cannon, Judd, D'Astice

NAYS: Prejna, Majikes, Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The motion to table failed.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So with that in mind can we go back to the ordinance itself then?

Ms. Cotugno: Yes

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Can we take now a, do we need another motion?

Ms. Cotugno: No

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Can we go to the roll call vote?

Ms. Cotugno: To move it forward for 2nd Reading

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Will the City Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Prejna, Majikes, Banger, Veenbaas

NAYS: Cannon, Judd, D'Astice

ABSENT: 0

The Clerk will move the ordinance forward for 2nd Reading

D. Ordinance / Waive Fees for Rolling Meadows Library (1st Reading)

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the resolution.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to move this forward for 2nd Reading? Mr. Cannon has made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Prejna. Is there any discussion on this? Mr. Banger.

Alderman Banger: I'd like to thank our City Manager for thinking of this and he explained it to us. It's something that's almost I think in his words a little sister to us, the Library.

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Mr. Krumstok: Little brother.

Alderman Banger: Little brother, and it was met with a lot of happiness by the Library Board just being the City Council liaison to the Library Board there was a little buzz when we heard about this and I'm definitely in support of it and I just thank Barry for bringing this up. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much for those comments. Is there any other discussion? I see no other discussion so now can the City Clerk please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Judd, Banger, D' Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Clerk will move the ordinance forward for 2nd Reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

E. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2-14-17.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to approve the February 14, 2017 Warrant as presented by the Finance Department? Mrs. Majikes has made the motion and it has been seconded by Mr. Cannon. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, shall the warrant be approved? The Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Judd, Banger, D' Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

F. Resolution No. 17-R-11 / Repeal Resolution 04-R-134 that Created Council Review of Purchase Orders

G. Resolution No. 17-R-12 / Support of Extension of Class 6b Real Property Classification for 5650 Meadowbrook Drive (US Waterproofing, Tenant/S&S Real Estate Holdings, LLC)

H. Resolution No. 17-R-13 / Award Contract for Pavement Crack Sealing

I. Resolution No. 17-R-14 / Award Contract for Repairs/Replacement of Carillon Electronics

J. Resolution No. 17-R-15 / Award Contract for 2017 Parkway Tree Purchase

K. Resolution No. 17-R-16 / Award Contract for 2017 Sidewalk Replacements

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That brings the council to the Consent Agenda for resolutions for this evening. There are six items, F through K. Would any alderman like any of those items stricken from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions? Mr. Judd?

Alderman Judd: F and G

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: F and G, okay. Any others? Okay can we move forward with H, I, J and K then? Let me quickly read H, I, J and K.

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Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the remaining resolutions, H, I, J, and K.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to approve these resolutions? Mr. Cannon made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. D'Astice. At this point let's go to a roll call vote.

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, Judd, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The resolutions were adopted.

F. Resolution No. 17-R-11 / Repeal Resolution 04-R-134 that Created Council Review of Purchase Orders

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the resolution.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Ms. Majikes made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Banger. Mr. Judd you asked to pull this one. Would you like to make first comments?

Alderman Judd: I'm opposed to this. I don't think it's that big of a deal and I think it's a good thing to have. I think if we want to adjust the number because time has gone on and \$2500.00 isn't a whole lot of money any more, make it 5,000 or 7,500, that's fine, but I'm not going to support it just for repealing. I think that's a mistake. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Are there any other comments on this? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: I agree. I think it's a mistake. I think this kind of reminds all of us sometimes of expenses that you don't really know about. It just kind of reminds us we have to be careful about our budget at times. I think it's a nice reminder. I would not vote to remove it. Maybe change the number, but not get rid of it completely. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you for that comment. Any other comments? Seeing no further comments the question is shall the resolution be adopted? Will the clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Prejna, Majikes, Banger, Veenbaas

NAYS: Cannon, Judd, D'Astice

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was adopted.

G. Resolution No. 17-R-12 / Support of Extension of Class 6b Real Property Classification for 5650 Meadowbrook Drive (US Waterproofing, Tenant/S&S Real Estate Holdings, LLC)

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the resolution.

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Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Mr. D'Astice made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Majikes. Mr. Judd you asked that this be removed. You're entitled to first comments.

Alderman Judd: I have none, thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: No comments on that. Any other discussion on this? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I think US Waterproofing came to the Economic Development Committee and explained themselves to us. 3 generations, they've been in town for 10 years. They put I don't remember how many, I think a couple of million dollars already into the building. They're looking at spending another 1/2 million dollars or so in the next so many years. They're bringing more business, more jobs to our City, and I think if I recall they have 13 or 15 residents already working in there so I think this is one of those unique cases where I would encourage us to extend this. I normally don't, but I think this is a company that has proven themselves to the community. They're members of the Chamber. They've donated to our 4th of July Fund. Good people all the way around. I think this is one time when we make an exception. I'm supporting this.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you Mr. D'Astice. Mr. Banger, do you have comments?

Alderman Banger: Yes, thank you. I agree with everything that Mr. D'Astice said. I'm going to continue my not supporting this. Typically we don't. I know recently, if you guys remember, we did make an exception but it was for JC Restoration but it was kind of an offer we couldn't refuse so despite the fact that that was the exception to not making exceptions, I'm going to vote against this. I just wanted to put that out there. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I think you lost me on the exception to the exception, but I understand what you just said. Is there any other discussion? No other discussion on it, seeing no further comments the question is shall the resolution be adopted. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Prejna, Majikes, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Judd, Banger

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: None

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: Reported on voter registration dates and early voting for the upcoming April 4th Election

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Did everyone catch that?

Alderman Cannon: Can I just ask a question? Is it still the same two early voting places, the Court House and Palatine City Hall?

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Ms. Cotugno: Yes

Alderman Cannon: Are there any other ones?

Ms. Cotugno: There's lots of them, but in our area those are the closest.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you for clarifying that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That was a good question.

Ms. Cotugno: You're welcome.

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) The last day to register to vote in the April elections by paper is March 7th and by online registration is March 19th.
- 2) February 19th – Law Enforcement Torch Run – Polar Plunge for Special Olympics (Illinois) – Twin Lakes (Palatine) starts around 12:00 pm (noon) and ends at 3:00 pm. If you would like to donate or participate please contact the Police Department and ask for Investigator Michael Katsenios. This is a unique opportunity to support Special Olympic athletes by taking a leap (or a big step) into the cold water (frigid if it was iced – but not this year) of Twin Lakes. (Note: The torch run is conducted in June).
- 3) A Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, February 24th from 12:00 pm (noon) to 6:00 pm at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road). Walk-ins are welcome, but you can also register at 847-397-3352 to donate.
- 4) March 4th – 16th Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Library. For more information, please visit the Library. They do need readers!
- 5) March 4th – Taste The Town – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Tickets cost \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Community Center or at the door (on the day of the event).
- 6) The Golden Years Council of Rolling Meadows has scheduled a candidate forum for Mayors. This is information based. It's not a City based item, but it also being conducted on Saturday, March 4th. It starts at 10:30am. It's supposed to finish at noon. It is at the Community Events Activity Room, 3705 Pheasant Drive and again the Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council is having meet the candidate forum on Saturday March 4th at 10:30am.
- 7) March 9th – 12th Rolling Meadows Library Spring Book Sale. Please contact the Library at 847-259-6050 for hours or visit www.rmlib.org
- 8) Rotary St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th. This is the 17th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction prepared by the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows and will take place from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Rolling Meadows Community

Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Rolling Meadows Park District Director Amy Charlesworth at 847-818-3220 or Public Works Director Fred Vogt at 847-963-0500.

- 9) Have you seen the February electronic “News & Views” or “e-News & Views?” If not, visit, www.cityrm.org and click on News & Views tab. This is the sister publication to the printed newsletter. Reminder that residents will continue to receive printed versions of “News & Views” in March, May, July, September and November. Future “e-News & Views” will be loaded onto the City website April, June, August, October and December.
- 10) The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is offering home safety surveys to the City’s Senior Citizens. This Senior Safety Program is for City residents aged 65 and older. Trained Fire Department personnel will perform a safety survey, provide guidance to minimize the risk of fire & injury and install free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to residents who request this home program. This program is funded by a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. Seniors, who would like to participate, please contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352.

2) PO Disclosure over \$2500.00 for February 14, 2017.

None

3) Presentation of the February 21st Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda

Mr. Krumstok presented the agenda for the February 21, 2017 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. There’s a potential that I might have a discussion regarding a conversation that I had with Arlington Park, if its ready at that point in time, and unfortunately it deals with billboards, but it’s only if its ready and they actually get some information that staff can review before we actually bring it up.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Are there Matters Not on the Agenda this evening? Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: We recently passed an ordinance to help folks who want to remodel or rebuild houses. I’d like to see if we could get a staff report from Community Development about what we can do to help small businesses that wish to remodel in the City or expand and what the parameters would be for that. How can we help them with building permits? How can we help them grow? What can we do? If we’re willing to help folks rebuild houses and go forward I think we should look at that. I did receive some comments about the, our new sign out front and how great that was and so I don’t know if this is Fred or Barry’s next one, but could we just have a short staff report on what it would look like to put a sign like that in Gateway Park that we have in front of the City Council. So just have them take a look and that’s all I really have tonight Mr. Mayor.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much. Can I ask Mr. Krumstok to maybe make a comment on either one of those perhaps?

Mr. Krumstok: Obviously we’ll schedule something in the near future about small business remodeling, expansion, and let me look into some of that. The Gateway Park obviously we just changed the static

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signs. We can have a discussion about an electronic sign but in the remodeling project that we actually have proposed and talked about with the Council we did not schedule for an electronic sign at this point in time. So we will reopen that and we will bring it back, but let us go have some time on that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Prejna do you want to comment, or I was going to make a comment.

Alderman Prejna: I didn't want staff to put a great deal of time into all of these. I just thought a short staff report. I don't want lots of hours, but a staff report letter that could come forward and say okay do we want to pursue this any farther.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So, if I might clarify then, so my understanding for these two items number 1 we're going to ask for a staff report on the sign, correct, a staff report meaning we're not going to open a project, right? So not opening a project on it. Just a staff report what it may be or maybe a potential cost. Is that right Mr. Prejna

Alderman Prejna: Yes

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, thank you, and then the second one that you mentioned, that one is more you almost want more of a proposal is that correct?

Alderman Prejna: An idea or what do surrounding cities do to help small businesses.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay

Alderman Prejna: I'm not sure where to direct that Mr. Mayor, so I'll leave it to you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Was that clear?

Mr. Krumstok: Yeah, we got it.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Make sure we get you what you need.

Alderman Prejna: Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Are there any other alderman reports? Mr. Banger

Alderman Banger: It may seem premature, but if you're a hard core gardener like myself you're even now as I speak putting seeds in little planters in your basement greenhouse. I wanted to talk a little bit tonight about our Rolling Meadows Community Garden. We have some plots that have been vacated by people who've moved out of the area. We're willing to expand if extra people over and above the 25 plots we have there are interested this year. You can find more information on our website, and that is rmcommunitygarden.com. You can also go to our Facebook Page and if you like it we'd appreciate it and that's just [rollingmeadowscommunitygarden](https://www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowscommunitygarden) on Facebook. You can communicate with myself through either of those websites and then again I've been getting a few people just this past week who are interested in getting plots and I'll probably be bringing this up over the next couple of months as well because it's almost that time of year. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That's a great comment and thank you for bringing that up. Hopefully spring will be here really fast. Any other alderman comments for this evening.

Mr. Krumstok: I got one.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: You're not an alderman.

Mr. Krumstok: No, I'm not an alderman. Seeing that it's been bought up I just wanted to make a reminder that March 30th the Garden Club will be doing a seed swap, I'm trying to feed him the questions.

Alderman Banger: Yes, one of the activities for the Community Garden is a Meet and Greet/Seed Swap and that will be at the Library Community Center on the 30th.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: The Meet Greet Seed Swap. Got it.

Alderman Banger: Thanks Barry.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Got that. Any other discussion? Okay, if there are no other matters on the agenda do I have a motion to adjourn? Mr. Prejna made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Cannon made a second. Thank you very much and everybody have a great Valentine's Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned.

City Council meeting of February 14, 2017 adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

February 14, 2017 Council Minutes Approved by Council on February 28, 2017.

Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk