

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – April 10, 2018**

**Mayor Prejna called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas

Absent:

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Police Chief John Nowacki, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne, City Engineer Gary Rozwadowski, Business Advocate Martha Corner, and City Attorney Jim Macholl

Mayor Prejna read the following statement:

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ARE REMINDED THAT THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING VIDEO TAPED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE BROADCAST OVER THE CITY’S CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

Mayor Prejna: The first item on the agenda this evening is a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2018 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting and the March 27, 2018 Council meeting. Is there such a motion? Alderman Banger made the motion and it was seconded. Are there any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes? Seeing none the question is shall the minutes be approved? All those in favor please signify by saying aye; those opposed? The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Prejna: I did have the opportunity to meet with the members of the Rolling Meadows Library at the Rolling Meadows Library and one of the things that was brought to my attention is since they have done their addition is they do have rooms that residents and businesses can reserve for meetings for small group meetings. So I just wanted to bring that out and thank you for the Rolling Meadows Library for meeting with me.

Are there Ward Reports this evening?

**WARD REPORTS: None**

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:**

Mayor Prejna opened the floor.

Mayor Prejna: The first person to sign in is Chris Hesch.

Chris Hesch: I'd like to thank the Council for your time tonight. I'm Chris Hesch. I'm one of the owners of A.H. Management Group, Awesome Hand Gaming. We've been located in the City of Rolling Meadows since 1972. Awesome Hand Gaming is a licensed operator that owns video gaming machines in which we put machines in licensed establishments and we service those machines. I will repeat what I said in a previous meeting. Video gaming has been legal for over 5 years in Illinois. There are over 975 communities, 6,450 locations, and over 28,000 machines operating in establishments in Illinois. Each of the 975 communities that have made the decision to allow video gaming machines may also reverse the decision at any time, but at this point none have. I have an example of another community in St. Charles, St. Charles, Illinois. They did an 18-month trial period with the sunset clause at the end of 18 months which just came up in March/April and they decided to support video gaming indefinitely. In the article in the Daily Herald of 3/12/18 it was stated, with no violations or related crimes reported so far some aldermen said they see no reason to end the program that also helps local businesses remain competitive. I have copies of this article if anybody would like it. I'll just hand them up there. I just want to say thank you for your time.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you for coming forward. The next young gentleman up is Vince Bufalino.

Vince Bufalino: My name is Vince Bufalino and I'm the owner of Stadium Sports Club and Pizza, as well as Meadows Square Shopping Center on Algonquin Road. I'd like to thank Mr. Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to address the issue of video gaming. I would also like to thank the Rolling Meadows residents and loyal customers who have come out tonight to show their support for passage of video gaming. I've been a business owner in Rolling Meadows since 1976 in the Stadium for over 30 years. I've donated my time, money, and services to many of the activities and organizations in Rolling Meadows. Throughout the past 42 years we've sponsored close to 100 youth baseball teams, supported activities such as Christmas Tree Lighting's spaghetti dinner, National Night Out, Wine Down by the Creek, Senior Luncheons, Veterans Dinners, and Thanksgiving Dinners for less fortunate and other events. As you well know the economic climate for retail space is a very difficult one. I'm at a disadvantage with the many towns that allow video gaming and need to have a more level playing field in order for my business to survive, as well as the shopping center to remain viable. It is important for the gaming ordinance to be passed so we can remain competitive with other communities. I appreciate your time. Thank you very much.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you for coming forward. The next sign in is Marc Mehlhop.

Marc Mehlhop: Good evening. I support the video gaming because that would create more money to spend in the town instead of going into other towns to spend the money. I'd like to see this grow and get other businesses into town and that will keep the money back into here and hopefully keep our taxes from going up any more than they are. That's all I have to say.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you for coming forward. The next signatory is Dale.

Dale Engelking: Good evening. I'm here to talk about video gaming too. I was with John two or three years ago when we first bought it up, he brought it up to the Council, and as more and more towns around us are getting it we're left behind again. Elk Grove, I don't know if you guys read the paper, you

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guys are talking about putting a tax on Natural Gas and then maybe offset it by not having the City stickers, vehicle stickers. Well Elk Grove gets enough money out of their video gaming that they don't pay City sticker tax somewhere for their vehicles. That was in the Daily Herald. So, we can either stay here and stay like we are and watch all the other towns, you know people go spend their money there just like I have said in the past, and like I said Rolling Meadows sponsors Arlington Park Day. If everybody is against gambling I think the City should cancel the Arlington Park Day because in my opinion that's, we go to Arlington Park, what do we do at Arlington Park? We're not there for carnival rides. We're there to gamble. And then another thing I want to bring up is two years back Marc Mehlhop talked to Valerie about getting a Golden Corral in town and at that time she told them that wasn't her job. That was the Council's job. Well now I see over in Arlington they have a Golden Corral come in there. So we can fill empty spaces. Arlington has proved it, Schaumburg's proved it, so here again we're going to have to look at ways to bring businesses to Rolling Meadows and you know if we have to change, you know, Mr. Mayor if you have to change, if Barry has to change, we need to bring businesses to Rolling Meadows to keep our taxes down. But most importantly it's the video gaming. We've got to pass it. I mean if we don't we're just going to be left behind. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you for coming forward. The next signatory is Linda Ballantine.

Linda Ballantine: Good evening City Council members. I'm Linda Liles Ballantine, Executive Director with the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce. Although I gave you a memorandum back in February that pinpointed the reasons that our Board of Directors supported video gaming, I thought it would be helpful for you to know that half of our Board of Directors are comprised of business people who are also long-time residents of Rolling Meadows, including myself. We have a vested interest in our community as a whole that includes keeping businesses economically viable and generating new economic development related revenue sources for the City. The Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce represents a diverse membership. That includes independent, sit-down restaurants looking for assistance to grow their business in the area of video gaming for entertainment purposes. Smaller, independent restaurants face many economic challenges making it increasingly more difficult to maintain their businesses or to even stay in business. With added revenue these independent style restaurant establishments would have the ability to either expand, grow their operations, make needed improvements, and/or increase their employment base. Video gaming could also be beneficial to owners of retail strip centers and marketing vacant tenant spaces that have otherwise remained unoccupied for years generating no income for the owners and no income for the City. The Chamber firmly believes that a better community means better economic business conditions that will translate into profitable businesses providing jobs and becoming more engaged in the community through sponsorships, partnerships, and community outreach. Our organization looks to your support of video gaming in Rolling Meadows as it pertains to economic stimulus and economic development within the community. Thank you very much

Mayor Prejna: Thank you for coming forward.

Mayor Prejna closed the floor.

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➤ **PENDING**

**A) Ordinance No. 18-14 / Approve Sign Variances for Billboard Sign at 3975 Algonquin Road  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the ordinance? Alderman Cannon made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D'Astice. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Banger

ABSENT: 0

The Ordinance was adopted.

**B) Ordinance No. 18-15 / Approve Application for an A2 Liquor License for Rep's Place,  
Sports, Burgers & Beers, located at 3200 Kirchoff Road (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the ordinance? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The Ordinance was adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Prejna: The next item on the agenda is the Consent Ordinances in for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. There are four items, C through F. Does any aldermen wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda? Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: C & F

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Budmats?

Alderman Budmats: D

Mayor Prejna: We no longer have a Consent Agenda.

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**C) Ordinance / Amend Code for Video Gaming (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to move this ordinance forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded. Mr. Banger, you are first on the agenda.

Alderman Banger: No new comments. I've been against this from the beginning. Thanks.

Mayor Prejna: Any other comments? Further discussion? Yes, Mr. Budmats.

Alderman Budmats: I'd like to amend the ordinance, the proposed ordinance, to limit the, to only establishments with an A1 and A2 liquor licenses.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second?

Alderman Veenbaas: I'll give it a second.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Veenbaas has seconded. Discussion? Yes Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Yeah, could you explain that a little further?

Alderman Budmats: So basically it would make video gambling in establishments that actually serve food where it's cooked on a grill or cooked in an oven so that it's going to benefit the people who actually have restaurants vs. having establishments that are solely set up for the purpose of video gaming.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll? I'm sorry, Mr. Gallo?

Alderman Gallo: I feel like that's kind of limiting the options and we want to spur economic growth because there might be some investors who are looking to come in to participate in the video gambling should it pass and then not necessarily being restaurateurs though, so I think that could limit our potential for spurring that type of growth from other investors beyond restaurateurs. That's it.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion? So we have an amendment to amend the code for video gambling to limiting it to A1 and A2 licenses. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Budmats, Veenbaas

NAYS: Cannon, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice

ABSENT: 0

The amendment fails.

Mayor Prejna: That moves us forward to the original ordinance to amend the Code for video gambling. Will the Clerk....

Ms. Cotugno: Any discussion on the original ordinance?

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion on that? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, D'Astice

NAYS: Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance is moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**D) Ordinance / Amend Code for Natural Gas Tax (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a motion to move that forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading? Alderman Banger made the motion. Do we have a second? We have a second. Is there discussion? Mr. Budmats.

Alderman Budmats: Yes, I'd like to amend the ordinance so that the gas tax would not be collected until January 1, 2019 because the City stickers are being sold in 2018. Those City stickers would fund the 2018 Road Fund, therefore, the 2019 Gas Tax would fund the 2019 Fiscal Budget for roads and then there wouldn't be a comingling of funds or perceived double taxation. The Sunset Provision's already in place that we voted on previously so without extending the Wheel Tax it will already die a natural death and as previously discussed I don't see it in the bill, or in the ordinance, but I believe that we said that we would take all of these funds and put them in the Road Fund, #61 in the budget. So my amendment is that it's not collected until January 1, 2019.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second to that motion?

Alderman Gallo: I'll second.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Gallo has seconded. Further discussion? Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Thank you. Just a question for clarification from Alderman Budmats. I don't remember seeing anything that specifically earmarked funds for.....

Alderman Budmats: It was discussed in the Council of the Whole and so I actually, that was part of my wanting to make sure that when we pass this ordinance it goes for roads and all the money gets earmarked for 61.

Alderman Banger: I guess I would say just regarding earmarking money, I'm typically against that just because it ties the hands of the City staff when they're doing their budget. We have a yearly opportunity to earmark money by making amendments on the budget or setting direction during our COW's to the City staff to move money from fund to fund so I wouldn't support an amendment to this that earmarks it for anything. Thanks.

Mayor Prejna: So clarification, your amendment includes earmarking all the money that would come in for Natural Gas would go for roads

Alderman Budmats: Right, it's just that we're replacing an earmarked tax so therefore it would make sense to replace it with a tax that is similarly earmarked. Otherwise I would agree with you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Mr. D'Astice

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Alderman D'Astice: I'm opposed to the gas tax. I have always been opposed to the gas tax and I will continue to oppose a Natural Gas Tax. With respect to the amendment, we buy City stickers for a period of one year. If we're going to change the cost of the City stickers to 6 months and then start collection in January I could consider that, but to pay for City stickers for a 12-month period of time, because they are purchased at the end of June, value until the end of May, that's 12 months, and then we start collecting a Natural Gas Tax in January, that is double taxation. So I would not agree with that and I did submit to the entire City Council my proposed amendments which also include a request that all revenue collected become part of the Local Road Fund and said revenue can only exclusively be used to repair, resurface, or reconstruct an existing roadway. So, I agree with that half of your amendment, but I do not agree with the first half of it. So I will probably vote no on the amendment.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any other discussion? Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Thanks. In regards to earmarking, and I get what you're saying Alderman Budmats, if this was a direct swap. If we were replacing \$400,000 with \$400,000, but we're not. This is revenue enhancement, if you recall. So if you're going to insist on replacing I guess I would suggest you insist on replacing it dollar for dollar. And I wouldn't support it either way just because I don't want to tie their hands together. As far as, I think enacting one and dropping another overly complicates this. When I ran the numbers on my typical Rolling Meadows ranch, I ended up using 584 therms last year which would roll in at a \$29.00 tax on this proposed Natural Gas Tax. I currently pay \$90.00 worth of vehicle stickers for our three vehicles in the driveway so regardless of that money, I'm going to be getting that back and then some over the next several years with this change in our tax. So I'm not even going to insist that we rebate or drop vehicle stickers. I would say just roll out vehicle stickers like we do. Staff has already told us this could be six months to implement and here we are already at the fourth month of the year, so it will probably be 2019 by the time this gets enacted and I'm not going to say when it's going to be because we don't know. That's up to Nicor. So I'm not going to support any amendments to this. I have transformed my thinking, thanks to Mr. Budmats, about this Natural Gas Tax, so I'm supporting the Natural Gas Tax and I don't want to complicate it by moving all the other parts around. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Further discussion? Mr. D'Astice.

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you. Since my esteemed colleague bought up how many therms he uses, I used 560 therms in just two months, December 14 of '17 through February 7 of '18, so I don't think we can say your house is typical anymore typical than my house is. I used almost as much as you did in two months. So just throwing out there since it was bought up.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. D'Astice. Further discussion? Can we vote on the amendment, Mr. Budmats amendment? You want to state it one more time Mr. Budmats?

Alderman Budmats: That we wouldn't start collecting the tax until January 1, 2019 and that all the funds collected would be earmarked for the Roads Fund.

Mayor Prejna: Will the Clerk please call the roll on the amendment.

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo

NAYS: Cannon, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The amendment fails.

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Mayor Prejna: This goes back to the original ordinance. Any further discussion on the original ordinance? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I put together an amendment and it comes in three parts and I would think it probably would be best to vote on each part separately, but I bring it together as one. So the part one of the amendment is upon passage of this ordinance I request that all revenue collected become part of the Local Road Fund and said revenue can only exclusively be used to repair, resurface, or reconstruct an existing roadway. So that would be part one and I think it's, rather than try to comingle all of these as we did previously, although its one major amendment I'd say that would be Part A and let's have a conversation on Part A of whether or not we want to do this.

Mayor Prejna: I think Mr. Macholl wants to speak on this one.

Mr. Macholl: Maybe the thing to do, Alderman D'Astice, is present all three of your motions, then there would be a motion to divide the question, and divide them into three parts which requires a second, non-debatable, and then we'd go from there.

Alderman D'Astice: Okay. So the second part would be upon passage of this ordinance I request the immediate termination of the Wheel Tax, otherwise known as the City Sticker Tax. And then part three would be upon the commencement of the actual collection of the new Natural Gas Tax the City will a) immediately terminate the current Wheel Tax, otherwise known as the City Sticker tax, and 2) refund an appropriate prorated amount of the City Sticker Tax paid by residents who previously purchased stickers that expire May 2019. So, Jim we need a motion to divide the question?

Mr. Macholl: Yeah, you can, yeah I think the thing to do is.....

Mayor Prejna: A motion to divide the question, so we have a motion, it's a three part question, so a motion for....

Mr. Macholl: I think it's actually debatable, so let's divide it, so part one is the revenue collected will be just for the Local Road Fund.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a motion for the first question.

Mr. Macholl: He's made the motion, you've got to get a second.

Alderman Veenbaas: I'll second it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Discussion? Yes

Alderman D'Astice: Yes, since it has been brought up by staff that the passage of this Natural Gas Tax would be to replace the City Stickers Tax and there's nothing in the ordinance that says that. I think it's imperative that we put this in the ordinance so that this Council and staff realize that any money collected here is exclusively for the use of, to be used in the Road Fund. That is not to say that a future council could not by ordinance change this. It would just take a little bit more than somebody snapping a finger and making a change. So that's the first part and that's the rationale why I think we should have all this money, like Mr. Budmats said, be allocated to the Road Fund.

Mayor Prejna: Further discussion? Mr. Cannon?

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Alderman Cannon: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I go along with what Mr. D'Astice said and with Mr. Budmats even though I don't agree with this whole premise. I think that part of it I agreed with. I think we all up here realize we're desperately short on road funds. We all know we should be spending 2 to 3 million dollars a year. We're not even coming close to that right now. Anybody who wants to question that can come out to my neighborhood anytime they want and I'll show them all kinds of streets that should have been done years ago. So I think it's really smart that we, if we're going to get rid of a tax that was earmarked specifically for roads because of vehicle tax, I think we would keep that same thought in mind. So I'm for that part of this proposal. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion? Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Thank you. I have the same feelings on this as I said with Alderman Budmats' amendment. I would caution Council to remember that the concrete that we drive on is one part of the road. The utilities that lay underneath that concrete and on either side in the right-of-way is another part of that. So when you're talking about we've got to catch up on roads, I would answer that we've got to catch up on a lot of stuff which is another reason I don't want to bind staff's hands with using this exclusively for roads. We've got water lines. We've got storm sewers. We've got sanitary sewers. That's why they collaborate and talk between Public Works and Finance, etc., to figure out what we're going to do on all of those in addition with other things in the City, including pensions, etc. So again, I don't want to bind their hands when it comes to putting together a budget. If I did have a problem with the budget during my sit down I would express my feelings and then at the end of the year when we're voting on a budget I would make those motions. I don't think this is necessary and I won't support it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any further discussion? So for the first part of the divided question is upon passage of this ordinance all revenue will become part of the Local Road Fund and said revenue can only exclusively be used to repair, resurface, or reconstruct an existing roadway in the City of Rolling Meadows. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Banger

ABSENT: 0

The amendment passes.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. D'Astice, the second question.

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you. So the second part of this is relatively simple. It says upon passage of this ordinance I request the immediate termination of the Wheel Tax. I've put this in because if this is a replacement tax then there's no need to have two taxes be collected on or about at the same time. So I think if we're going to, if the Council wants to go ahead with one then they need to get rid of another.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any discussion? Mr. Budmats, go ahead.

Alderman Budmats: Okay, the Wheel Tax is collected in June. Most law abiding citizens pay their Wheel Tax in June. It's used in that year so the 2017 Wheel Tax was paid in 2017. The sticker says 2017 to 2018, but 95% plus of the Wheel Tax that was spent on the 2017 roads was collected in 2017 in June and July 2017. Same thing is going to happen this June and July. If we pass the tax today, like you're saying upon passage we repeal the Wheel Tax that means we will not have any road money this year and all of the people who are expecting to have their roads resurfaced this year won't have it

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happen because of our ineptitude because we will not be able to get the funds from Ni Gas and there is no tax collected in July and August by comparison because people aren't heating their houses in July and August. They're using electricity to cool them. So I would strongly urge us, that's why I previously said let's wait until January 1<sup>st</sup>. So if upon passage of this we eliminate the Wheel Tax, we basically eliminated our Road Program for 2018. So I would recommend voting against part two of your amendment.

Mayor Prejna: I'm going to step in and ask just to get clarification from Mr. Vogt. If we eliminate the Wheel Tax, or Melissa, how will that affect road funding for the rest of the year.

Mr. Vogt: I'll refer to Melissa in Finance.

Ms. Gallagher: Thank you Mr. Mayor. You are correct that by eliminating the vehicle stickers immediately would eliminate all the funds for the Road Program this year so that \$500,000 would be a zero.

Alderman D'Astice: I'm sorry, 500 or 400?

Ms. Gallagher: Well its \$500,000 that we take in. Remember that we do have expenses associated with that, but it also does occur in other funds so Police ticketing and those things occur out of the General Fund. When I say \$500,000 that's just from the General Fund, from the Local Road Fund, so that money that we collect for vehicle stickers would be zero if we terminate this year.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you.

Ms. Gallagher: You're welcome

Mayor Prejna: Yes, Mr. D'Astice.

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you. So I've heard \$400,000 is what we have to spend and I've heard now we have \$500,000 on the Local Roads. So I'm under the impression that its \$400,000 because we need \$100,000 in expenses, number one. Number two, I believe we have budgeted close to a million dollars in Road Funds this year so the whole Road Fund doesn't get terminated. Potentially \$400,000 which the council could take out of surplus funds from the General Fund and do the Road Fund Project this year without missing a beat. So, I understand what you're saying Mr. Budmats, but I think there's way around it if we want to be creative and not walk around with our feet in concrete.

Mayor Prejna: Who wants to take that because I could see either Melissa or Fred because now we're having an unexpected expenditure out of reserves? Does Melissa or Barry wish to take that?

Mr. Krumstok: Well there's two parts to that question. So again when you do look in the budget and let me do some clarifications. When you look at the overall Local Road budget there's actually a gas tax that goes from the gas thing and that's our overall every time you fuel up at any of the gasoline stations we do get part of that. That's the Local Gas Tax that we have. Now we also have the Vehicle Sticker Tax that actually pays, also known as the Wheel Tax, that's also part of it. So when you look at our overall revenues you will look at all the revenue lines in there and again, there's a \$500,000 revenue line. Now that's what we're talking about. If you don't have the revenue then you can't do the overall programs. When you look at the expenses, and some of those expenses have already been utilized already up to this point and time and some of them are going to trickle more because we are gearing up for the Vehicle Sticker, Wheel Tax as it comes up. That is the other number that we keep on saying,

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what is the true amount that's actually going to be out the door? So again, when you look at it typically, again, as what's been stated by Alderman Budmats, is that in a given year our Wheel Tax, about 95% of that is going straight back into the year that we are doing streets. I would caution very, very, very carefully, and again Alderman D'Astice has stated he wants to take it from the General Fund, the Local Road Fund really doesn't have any reserves so all that you're doing is depleting a fund that really has very, very limited funds at this point in time. This is also one of those funds that when Finance Director Melissa Gallagher and I talk to the auditors, always have a concern because it's been depleted, its negative, it doesn't have a lot. When you look at other municipalities they typically have one year or more of reserves in that and that deals in how much capital items you are going, so I know that's a long detail, but again, again the given year that we are doing the Wheel Taxes for those roads as they continue on. So the immediate elimination will make a fund that is really, it has significant concerns to make it even more negative and to go to the council, and that's your decision, that you would like to use reserves from General Fund, but then again that brings up more of a concern of where you're just taking money as you continue to move. I know that's more of a detail, but again staff is comfortable with stating exactly what Alderman Budmats has stated is that the Wheel Tax stays in place. It has a sunset as a December 31<sup>st</sup> this year it goes away. January the Natural Gas starts and that would be accumulating money for the 2019 scheduled Road Program. So we actually have an overall program. So I know that's a little more detailed. Again you have to look at the revenues and you have to look at the expenses overall and then again a fund that really is significantly dependent on other funds plus it's really a major concern and we've never ever stopped doing roads. We've had conversations about utilizing reserves in the past and that's a council decision. It's just something that we have not bought up. I would make this last caveat as we're discussing tonight and I do not want to stop anybody from having discussions, but whatever you decide tonight we do have a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting that is going to be scheduled next week. We can have more discussions about this at that point in time and come back with some ideas, but again, I know that's a little more detailed, but this is 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

Mayor Prejna: I just have a follow-up clarification. The request from Mr. D'Astice is to take it out of reserves. Now we've been taking money out of reserves to do the Land Acquisition for two different fire stations and you will be meeting with the auditors with the CAFR in June. There is a discussion going forward concerning floating bonds. Is it positive/negative affect if we're working in this direction by continually taking money out of Reserves?

Mr. Krumstok: Please remember that part of what this council has done in the past, and through staff, is that we worked with bond counsel and we do have an enabling ordinance so when we do go out for bonds we can reimburse the General Fund for the Land Acquisition and some of the other points that Reserves have been utilized in the past. So again there will be reserves in the General Fund and also per past enabling ordinance that has been passed by the City Council, we're also protecting it so that when we do go out for bonds we can replenish some of those funds that the General Fund has already utilized for some of the work that we have done.

Mayor Prejna: Will that be able to replenish it for the roads or would that be a separate issue?

Mr. Krumstok: When we talk about bonds that will be a discussion and as we've stated in the past staff feels that when we discuss going out for a bond, we should be talking about the fire stations and specifically any utilities. So again Local Roads could be a utility that we talk about and I know that in past discussions in Committee-of-the-Whole meetings and ad-hoc committee, we've talked about taking out additional money in bonds to do some catchup, but it was that comfort level, that's going to be the City Council's decision. I know staff wise we've talked about if you do one bond or two, but that's also going to be a comfort level and how you hear part of the presentations, but I know that this is getting way past what we were asked.

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Mayor Prejna: Understood, I just wanted the effect of doing this.

Alderman Cannon: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Prejna: Go ahead.

Alderman Cannon: Barry, could you make me understand something. I thought last year in the fall when we passed this year's budget we asked the citizens to pay 4.8% more that was going to be directed to the Road Fund. Did I misunderstand or am I speaking not correct?

Mr. Krumstok: I'm trying to figure.....

Alderman Cannon: I thought we had our tax increase this year was dedicated strictly to roads for next year, for this year, excuse me.

Mr. Krumstok: You're talking about the property tax increase of 4.8?

Alderman Cannon: Yeah

Mr. Krumstok: Remember that part of the property tax, and I don't have it in front of me so I'm doing this by memory, remember that there's some utilization of some bond proceeds that we had coming up, but we had pensions, we had 911, we had Local Roads, we had a whole litany of different items that went into that property tax increase. So now the page is open so I can tell you exactly. So, and again we're way past what the subject is.

Mayor Prejna: I understand

Mr. Macholl: Let's focus on the motion.

Mayor Prejna: We'll go back to the motion. My original question was just to see what happens. So the original question, any further discussion on the second motion.

Alderman Cannon: He didn't answer my question. Isn't that the focus about what we're talking about? We're talking about funding.

Mr. Macholl: The motion is whether or not you want to terminate the Wheel Tax.

Mayor Prejna: Yeah, so we bought it out there and that's a further discussion. Any further discussion on eliminating the Wheel Tax? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: D'Astice

NAYS: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The amendment fails.

Mayor Prejna: So that makes the third one....

Alderman D'Astice: Nope, the third one is coming up. That was the second one.

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Mr. Macholl: To refund a prorated amount.

Mayor Prejna: We're on the second one, the third one? Okay, so Mr. D'Astice, upon the commencement of the actual collection of the new Natural Gas Tax, the City will a) immediately terminate the current Wheel Tax, otherwise known as the City Sticker Tax and 2) refund an appropriate prorated amount of the City Sticker Tax by residents who have previously purchased stickers that expire in May 2019. Do we have a motion on this question? Mr. D'Astice has made it. Do we have a second? Mr. Veenbaas has seconded it. Discussion? Mr. D'Astice, thank you.

Alderman D'Astice: This one is different than number two because this says upon the commencement of the actual collection, similar to what Mr. Budmats said that he gave it a date of January, this one says we terminate the Wheel Tax once we start collecting from Nicor. Part two of this is then since it's only fair we should refund the prorated amount. The stickers are a 12 month purchase. We may spend it all in six months or three months or in a given fiscal year, but your purchasing a sticker for a 12-month period of time and once we've eliminated that sticker we should refund to the residents the portion that they're not using and that's only fair.

Mayor Prejna: Further discussion? Mr. Cannon.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you again Mr. Mayor. There's lots of different parts of this that I understand and agree with, but the overall situation we've put ourselves in is just not a good place in my opinion. No matter what we do tonight the newspapers that cover us will print in the near future Rolling Meadows keeps City stickers or gets rid of City stickers and there's going to be so much confusion in our marketplace, in our City, as to what's going on no matter what we pass because they're overlapping. There's confusion as to when it's going to take place. So I guess I would ask, respectfully ask, I'm not going to ask for a motion, but I would ask people to think about maybe pushing this all back in implementing it and say we'll go forward after the first of the year. So maybe next year we can implement it the exact time we get rid of the City stickers. Because I see this nothing but a headache for the Police Department. I see nothing, if someone moves in here, if we go through with what we're doing right now, someone moves into our town in November do they buy a City sticker? Because technically they're unlawful because if they don't get one they're not following our rules. It's just, we've complicated it so much that I think that it's really confusing no matter what we pass. So I would just respectfully ask people to think about this, pushing this all back. Not forever, but pushing it all back until the fall at least. Just my thought. Thank you for listening.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Further discussion on the third part of the question? Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: I just respectfully ask the council to not do this because the administrative nightmare of trying to do prorating and all the other pieces, and again we understand exactly what you're talking about, Alderman Cannon, and there would be a transition and you are correct in that for this year when people hear hey for 2018 you will be buying City stickers and there will be enforcement and there will be all the other pieces and then someone coming in November, we're going to have to work on it. But at the same point in time the sunset comes up December 31<sup>st</sup> at its done no matter what if the council does not approve anything and I would say that we're not going to be negative to people but we understand exactly what you're saying and we are going to be respectful for that, but at this point in time I would say again City stickers, the Wheel Tax specifically, is paying for a portion of the road program, Local Road Program. It goes through for this year and then January as what was discussed and made as a discussion item, but did not fail, but the ordinance, and again its only in for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, still states that it will be hopefully as quickly as Nicor can get in, but at the same point in time we completely understand what you're saying. We just respectfully ask that it just continues as it is and this third one about doing

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prorated which really would be an interesting adventure and I don't want to speak for the Finance Department or the Finance Director, but I would really recommend that we don't go that way.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: Well I respectfully disagree with our City Manager. I don't think that residents should have to pay for a years' worth of City stickers just because it might be a little bit of work for our staff. The City stickers are pretty much a fixed cost, 20, 40, 60, whatever it is. You divide it by 12 months, you set a date and say okay we're collecting the Gas Tax starting whenever Nicor can do it, 4-6 months, so it could be as soon as August or as late as September and if its August that's two months. We have to rebate 10 months to the residents. That's the fair thing to do. It's not a matter of how easy it is for us. We've got computer systems and staff that can put this together. This is what's right for the residents and what's right for the residents is they should not have to pay a year's worth of City stickers just to make it easier for somebody on staff or for us. We have to learn how to fix this and right now the way it's written this ordinance is wrong.

Mayor Prejna: Further discussion? Mr. Budmats

Alderman Budmats: I've lived in other municipalities where you purchase your City sticker in January or December and you had it installed in your vehicle so you went out in freezing cold and installed it in January on your car and I think common sense says that somebody in Rolling Meadows said let's do this in June when it's warm rather than in January. Your budget has never taken and spread the money that's collected by this tax over two fiscal years, so it's obvious that somebody wanted when they originally had this tax to collect the tax and use the tax in the same year. Otherwise you would have in the prior budget years split it for over two years the collection of that tax. So we have never done that in the past so I would say that it was originally intended to be collected and used in the same year. So the fact that it only gets purchased once every twelve months doesn't mean it's actually prorated over 12 months. It's paid once. It's used up literally that year and then the rest of the year we wait until the next. Nobody is going to be building roads in January either, so it's really, it doesn't make sense to cut checks and prorate a tax and we're talking about proration's on \$30.00, on \$60.00. I mean if it was thousands of dollars, yes I agree. But we're talking about \$30.00 tax and we're going to write people checks and have our staff spend time writing people checks for \$6.00 or \$8.00? I disagree with this amendment.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. Budmats. Further discussion?

Alderman D'Astice: Only if I can respond to that?

Mayor Prejna: This will be your last bite at the apple.

Alderman D'Astice: Okay, I don't know if I agree with what you said because many years ago we weren't on a calendar budget system. We were on fiscal and that got changed back in the Tom Menzel days.

Mr. Krumstok: Right

Alderman D'Astice: So this could have been a carryover that was never fixed, number one. Number two, we've got a lot of seniors in our City on fixed incomes and according to this, this write-up, there's 1400 or 1500 seniors and I thought I read somewhere here that we're assuming most of them have three cars? Which is kind of ridiculous to assume, I think, but that's where the data came from I guess and I don't know if the data is correct, but that makes, that's more than 6 or 8 dollars. It's a lot of money for a

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senior and I would venture a guess that most seniors probably have the heat in their homes turned up higher than I do. I run my house at 64. I'm sure most seniors run it a lot higher so they're paying more in the Gas Tax. I'm sorry, I think we need to work for, I have always been in favor of putting more money for the roads, but I think we need to be fair to all the residents, the seniors, and all those individual residents, those households that have less than three cars. I think we need to do something and if this isn't the right thing, then we need to talk about what the right thing is, but just because we collect it this year and we spend it all, does that mean that if I move in in January I don't have to buy a City sticker until June because it's not going to get spent until the following year, or if I don't buy a sticker now and I can get through to the end of December without getting caught, that I don't have to buy it again? I mean, we enforce it for a year so I'm assuming that it's valid for a year. So, let's not mix everything up. That's my third one and thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Prejna: Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: D'Astice

NAYS: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The amendment fails.

Mayor Prejna: So now we're back to D, the original Natural Gas Tax. Is there any further discussion on this? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger

NAYS: Cannon, D'Astice, Veenbaas

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance, as amended, will be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**E) Ordinance / Amend Zoning Code for Side Yard Setbacks (1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to move this ordinance forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading? Alderman Banger made the motion and it was seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance is moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**F) Ordinance / Amend Code for Restaurant Incentive (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to move this ordinance forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading? Alderman D' Astice made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman Banger. Mr. Banger you pulled it so you have first opportunity.

Alderman Banger: Thank you. As you may recall I've been skeptical about programs like this forever. Definitely the deal breaker for me was when this was expanded to the whole City. This always has been a concern by residents, specifically on Kirchoff Road so I won't be supporting it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Is there further discussion on this? Mr. Cannon

Alderman Cannon: Thank you Mr. Mayor. I guess, when we had the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting there was a couple of questions asked that people were going to do some investigating on and I don't know if I've seen all the answers to that. We specifically asked that someone could get in front of some business owners that are actually in the restaurant business to get a reaction from them, for one. I don't see anything in the write-up that we actually talked to anybody.

Mayor Prejna: Did you talk to anybody on staff before this?

Alderman Cannon: I didn't know that I was supposed to.

Mayor Prejna: Well it came out on Friday and....

Alderman Cannon: I have a life too. I read it today.

Mayor Prejna: I understand, but it came out on Friday so we had time. Mr. Krumstok, I guess? No one has come forward with it so do you have an answer to his question possibly?

Mr. Krumstok: I know from one person I talked to and that was an informal discussion. They were positive of it, but they also bought up how long is this incentive for and if they're already talking to me, and again there are business that talk to me one year, two years and it depends on other pieces and I'd like to use an example and I think some of you have heard me say this tonight. You did approve a liquor license application for a business who has talked to the City some time ago and now he's back, but he could not finish the deal with the shopping center and now he's back and when I did ask him if the incentive, he said he was moving ahead with it no matter what, but he thought it was a good deal. But I did not take that onto my point in time to actually do that and Alderman Cannon, if you do look at the minutes from the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, not to put an alderman on the spot, but Alderman D' Astice said that he would actually talk to a few of the businesses, so what we were asked for as staff, which is in here, and this goes back to Alderman Banger's conversation, there's a new section that I was asked to think about for Kirchoff Road and that's the 60/40. So different from the rest of the incentive. So that's actually in there so those....

Alderman Cannon: Just so you understand I'm not trying to put you or anybody else on the spot.

Mr. Krumstok: I'm just telling you how....

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Mayor Prejna: Okay gentleman.

Mr. Krumstok: Yeah, when I wrote the Council Action Summary, how they put the detail that we had at that point in time, so I didn't go back to Alderman D'Astice and say what was your feedback. I was leaving it up to that point in time and I will tell you when City Attorney Jim Macholl and I were talking about this we never talked about that. We only talked about the Kirchoff Road carve back. This is the first time that most of you are seeing that 60/40, but at the same point in time at that Committee-of-the-Whole we also discussed a timeline but there was no straw vote on that either and that's why there is no timeline on this either, so I hope that answers where the feedback was and why certain things are not here.

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Cannon, does that answer your question?

Alderman Cannon: Yeah, and I have some other questions when I can ask them.

Mayor Prejna: For?

Alderman Cannon: Well, we had also talked about, I asked about the possibility of trying to move up some of these incentives time wise so an owner would get the money sooner. And it doesn't seem like that was addressed in any way here.

Mayor Prejna: Well, okay. Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I did talk to, I apologize for not letting Mr. Krumstok know, I did have two off the cuff kind of conversations with a couple of restaurateurs I know and they said number one thing that they look for when selecting a site is as we all know location, location, location. If it's got the right location then the incentive, if they've got two places and everything is, and all things being equal with the locations, and somebody is offering an incentive they'll look at the, they'll take more consideration on the incentive. So that's about as close to an answer that I've got. So the answer was it's got to be the right location to begin with and then if there's two equal, or three equal locations and somebody's offering them some kind of an incentive, that weights on their decision. We didn't get into counts or anything like that. We just talked about this in general terms, so overall yes, it would help, but it's not going to force somebody to go someplace where they don't want to go if they don't think they can make a go of it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. D'Astice. Does that answer your question?

Alderman Cannon: It does. Then I guess the other one since we don't really have it in there, I mean I think it's great that we have an incentive. I think we're missing the mark, but that's just an opinion. I think, like I've stated on a number of occasions, if people are starting a business they need the money up front. They don't need it a year later, but that's an opinion. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: Banger, Gallo

ABSENT: 0

The ordinance will be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 4-10-18.**

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the April 10, 2018 Warrant as presented by the Finance Department? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Veenbaas. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Prejna: The next item on the agenda is the Consent Resolutions. It consists of four items, H through K. Does any alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda? Yes Mr. Cannon.

Alderman Cannon: H and I

Mayor Prejna: That leaves us with, Mr. D'Astice?

Alderman D'Astice: J

Mayor Prejna: Okay, we no longer have a Consent Agenda.

**H) Resolution No. 18-R-30 / Approve Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with Illinois Department of Transportation for Proposed Euclid Avenue (Rohlwing Road to Salt Creek) Bikepath Project (Construction and Construction Engineering Costs)**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Do I have a motion to adopt this resolution? Alderman Banger has made it and alderman Veenbaas has seconded it. Mr. Cannon you have pulled this. You have first choice.

Alderman Cannon: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Ever since we started this project I've been against it. I'm not against bike paths. I think the amount of money we are spending on this, along with the State and Arlington Heights, is completely excessive. To be spending \$800,000 on a bike path that's not even a mile long is very, very, very, very expensive. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any other discussion? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: I think if we, I would agree that \$800,000 is excessive and I think the \$132,000 that we would spend out of our own funding should be, could be easily put towards roads, which I think is

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more important for a majority of the residents. Not to say that the bike path wouldn't be nice for some, but I think more of us use the roads and I'd sooner see that money go towards roads. I'll vote no on this.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. I just have a question for Mr. Vogt then because I know we're deep into this project right now and I know that we've been deep into other projects, so pulling out of this project, what affect will it have for the City not only now but in the future?

Mr. Vogt: Because we're on a tight timeline, staff is asking that this project be able to proceed in order to meet the requirements of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program funding that we received a few years ago. We're on a deadline to get this project built in September I believe it is, October of this year in order to have those funds. Should a project like this at this point in the project be the desire of the City to pull out of, we are at risk for having to pay back the Phase I and Phase II engineering costs that we've already incurred and have received some reimbursement from the State on already and would expect further reimbursements to come based on the contracts that we already had executed.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Further discussion on H? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: What's the cost that we might have to reimburse? That's an important number to know.

Mr. Vogt: I'd say probably, without being certain, probably between 90,000 and 120,000.

Alderman D'Astice: I'd like then, I would make a motion to postpone this until we can get a firm number because how can we make a decision without knowing what the actual reality of this is?

Mayor Prejna: You can make that motion and I guess the Chair would ask that in the future if individuals have questions, because this agenda does come out on Friday, correct? And you have Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and Tuesday to talk to staff ahead of time, we're putting staff on, at a very deer in the headlights situation because you're asking them for information and they had four days where they could have provided whatever you needed. So if you would still like to make a motion to postpone feel free to do that, but....

Alderman D'Astice: Motion to postpone.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second? Mr. Cannon has made a second. Further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll then?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Majikes, Gallo, Banger

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was postponed to the April 24, 2018 Council meeting.

**I) Resolution No. 18-R-31 / Award Contract for Construction Engineering Services for Euclid Avenue Bike Path Project**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

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Mayor Prejna: Do I have a motion to adopt this resolution? Alderman Banger has made that. It has been seconded by Alderman Veenbaas. Mr. Cannon you have pulled this one.

Alderman Cannon: As I stated previously I'm guessing because we just postponed H I don't know why we would even be working on this one at the moment until we get a resolution to the first one.

Mayor Prejna: Are you making a motion to postpone?

Alderman Cannon: I'll make a motion to postpone then.

Alderman D'Astice: Second

Mayor Prejna: Seconded. Any further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Majikes, Gallo, Banger

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was postponed to the April 24, 2018 Council meeting.

**J) Resolution No. 18-R-32 / Approve Change Order #1 (Consolidated and Final) for the Construction of Squibb Avenue Extension and Reconstruction/Widening**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Alderman Banger made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman Majikes. Mr. D'Astice you have pulled this one.

Alderman D'Astice: Thank you. This appears to be adding more, if I'm correct, to consent that was rejected a couple of weeks ago. So, and this I believe Mr. Gallo brought this to our attention asking why did it take so long to get these numbers back to the council and why isn't this in real time? And at that time I voted no and this is just increasing that amount as I read this. Please correct me if I'm wrong, Fred. Is this not increasing that amount that we rejected several weeks ago?

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Vogt.

Mr. Vogt: Yes Alderman D'Astice. It is increasing the amount that was considered by the Council four weeks ago when, at that time, staff brought to the City Council only three items that is on this list for items and we informed the council in that report that there were additional costs primarily due to soils or excavations and the like. What we've done in that month since the Council voted 3 to 3 on that matter was to be able to work with our City Engineer and finish all of the negotiations for all of the outstanding items at that point. The Change Orders were brought to City Council back in March because we felt it important to try to pay the contractor at that time as a progress payment for work that they had already done and for work that the City Engineer and City staff had already reached agreement on. So what you're seeing here at this meeting is the culmination of all of the other outstanding items that we had at that time.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. Vogt. Mr. D'Astice.

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Alderman D'Astice: I understand and more than likely this council's going to approve this, but my bigger question is what are we going to do in the future so that we don't get a change order that was completed in May, June, whatever was completed and now we're getting it six months, eight months later. That's the bigger question of this. So I will defer, that's all I have to say on this.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Mr. Gallo do....

Alderman Gallo: To your point about....

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Gallo

Alderman Gallo: Yeah

Mayor Prejna: Do you wish to be recognized?

Alderman Gallo: Well

Mayor Prejna: Thank you.

Alderman Gallo: To your point I, and approval, I begrudgingly voted to approve it, but yes, these things should not continue to occur and so we know that it's part of a package from previous conversations, change orders, but we don't want to see this going forward.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Mr. Vogt?

Mr. Vogt: Thank you Mayor and if I may, staff is working on a report for the Committee-of-the-Whole next week that will discuss change order processes. We'll discuss project engineering and how we have to administer some of the things that are encountered in the field that are done on a short-term basis because there's cost involved with the contracts. Obviously the biggest thing with Squibb Drive was the earth excavation items which basically get resolved towards the end of the project after the road is graded and the pavement is put in. Items such as storm sewer watermain are here of lesser amounts. Certainly one of the discussions we may want to have, or the council may want to have, is at what point or at what cost, or at what percentage of a contract do you want to see items in potential change order form or we do those as progress reports when we have payment approvals to the contractor. Number of things that staff will bring up for discussion next week.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. Vogt. Any further discussion? Yes Mr. Cannon.

Alderman Cannon: So Fred for a point of clarification I just want to make sure that I'm on board here. So our original estimate was \$925,000 and it looks like the project came in about \$650,000 all together? Am I correct with my numbers or am I off there?

Mr. Vogt: The final amount will be about \$650,000.

Alderman Cannon: So we're a lot lower than what we originally thought?

Mr. Vogt: What the Engineers had estimated, correct...

Alderman Cannon: Thank you for that.

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Mr. Vogt: Based on the bids received.

Alderman Cannon: I appreciate that. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: Thank you. I guess in my previous life as a worker on a survey crew working with project layout, change orders were kind of a daily thing. So these weren't too surprising. I get the points my colleagues mention about timing of these. I'm not going to say I necessarily, personally think it's something I want to see whenever they come plus or minus because as Mr. Cannon pointed out this came minus \$250,000 below the contractor's, or below our budgeted amount based on the contractor's proposal which Fred described to me as very competitive which ended up in our favor. We've had these discussions in the past about change orders and I think it's always good to point out that we have to be careful the message we send, or we'll never get a low bid again because contractors will know that we'll haggle with them over things like this and so they'll add 20% in cost, or they'll do something like that so we won't see any bids like this come in and I know we had this conversation years ago, probably five or six years ago, when there's a change order for some utility conflict right off of Plum Grove and that was a big conversation and at the end of it I think we all agreed boy if we were contractors thinking about doing business with the City, hearing that discussion we'd either think twice or we'd pad the bid because who know what sort of reaction we'd get if anything unexpected happens. So just a word of caution when we're looking at this. Also, I just wanted to point out Mr. Cannon's point. This came way in under our estimate so thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

Ms. Cotugno: Budmats?

Alderman Budmats: I'm sorry, could you repeat the motion? We've had so much discussion I'm at a loss.

Mayor Prejna: The resolution, if adopted, would approve Change Order Number 1 for the construction of a new roadway extension and the reconstruction of a portion of the existing Squibb Avenue from Apollo Drive to Ring Road.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, Veenbaas

NAYS: D'Astice

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was adopted.

**K) Resolution No. 18-R-33 / Approve Release of Closed Session Minutes and Tapes**

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Alderman Majikes has made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was adopted.

### **OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Appointments:** The Mayor has no appointments at this time, but I will announce that at the end of the month, and you'll be receiving it next week, we have several commissions that need re-appointments, so I will be giving you names and phone numbers out to them, plus there's one new Pension Board, I believe, so we'll be sending out the resume and the information on that one.

**Mayor's Proclamations:** 1) Arbor Day – Tree City USA

Mayor Prejna read the proclamation.

**City Clerk's Report:** None

### **City Staff Reports:**

#### **1) Community Items of Interest**

- 1) Earth Day activities are set for April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Individuals who want to participate should meet at Old Public Works (3200 Central Road). For additional information, please contact Public Works at 847-963-0500.
- 2) Rolling Meadows Business & Community Showcase is scheduled at the Rolling Meadows High School on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is a way for local businesses to connect to residents and other professionals in Rolling Meadows. Please plan on attending.
- 3) Just as a friendly reminder, yard waste collection and street sweeping has started throughout the City. For more information, please contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit [www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks](http://www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks)
- 4) Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Fire Chief Valentino and some members of the Rolling Meadows Fire Department will be doing the cooking for The Rolling Meadows Golden Years Council. The location for this event is at Park Central (3000 Central Road). There is a fee for this event.
- 5) The Garden Club's Hometown Plant & Craft Sale is Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Public Works Building located at 3200 Central Road (William D. Ahrens Building).
- 6) The Historical Museum (3100 Central) will also be having an open house on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> during the Plant and Craft Sale.

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- 7) Have you seen the April electronic “News & Views” or “e-News & Views?” If not, visit, [www.cityrm.org](http://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 June, August, October and December.
- 8) There’s an Open House, some people are calling it a Grand Opening, but it’s really an Open House at Anytime Fitness at 3256 Kirchoff Road, coming up this Saturday. It’s from 11am to 2pm. There will be a ceremonial ribbon cutting around 11:00am. I say around because you can never guarantee what time we start, but that is again Anytime Fitness which is in the downtown, 3256 Kirchoff Road. That’s from 11:00am to 2:00pm and they do have some specials during that Open House.
- 9) The other item I wanted to mention, and I did give copies to City Council members, and this letter is actually being sent out by 214 and we will put this on actually on some other locations and mention it a few more times, but 214 is doing what they are calling a preview night at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, to go over their construction projects that will be happening at Rolling Meadows High School. This will be conducted in the theater in the High School, but they do have renovation, repair, and creating an addition at the High School. So again this will be scheduled for this preview night, 7:00pm on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rolling Meadows High School.

### 2) Presentation of the April 17<sup>th</sup> Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda

Mr. Krumstok presented the agenda for the April 17, 2018 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

### 3) Business & Community Showcase

Ms. Corner: City Staff is currently coordinating the first ever City of Rolling Meadows Business & Community Showcase, to be held on Saturday, April 28 at the Rolling Meadows High School. The event, open to the public, free of charge, runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A closed business-to-business networking hour for all business and community groups participating will run from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Showcase is set-up so local businesses can network and show their services and products to residents and other leaders. This is a great way to shop and learn about Rolling Meadows businesses in a relaxed environment.

- 1) **Showcase Exhibitors:** To date, with more time left for businesses to register, the following businesses or community groups will be hosting displays:

- A3 Promos
- Arlington Dermatology
- Avenue Mortgage
- Buona Beef
- City of Rolling Meadows
- City of Rolling Meadows Fire Department
- City of Rolling Meadows Police Department
- Complete Home Inspection Services

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- Divine Design & Marketing, Inc.
- FAR Insights Group
- Illinois Grappling Club
- Infragilis Fitness
- Joelle's Hallmark
- Luxury Auto Imports
- Meadows Christian Fellowship
- Motel 6
- MW Recyclers, Inc.
- Northwest Suburban College
- Plum Creek Supportive Living
- Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce
- Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows
- Rolling Meadows Park District
- Rolling Meadows Public Library
- SafeScreener.com
- S.A.L.T. (Seniors & Law Enforcement Together)
- Scenter of the Mind
- The UPS Store
- Unbreakable Ink
- Village Bank & Trust

2) **Additional Showcase Attractions:** To further enhance the Showcase experience, businesses will be free to give out various items including samples, pens, coupons, calendars, etc. The following activities will take place during the event:

- Performance – Carl Sandburg Junior High School Orchestra
- Licensed raffle – Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce
- Live demonstrations – Illinois Grappling Club
- Live music during the course of the event by Josh Patterson

3) **Showcase Marketing:** In general, staff is working to conduct marketing before, during and after the Showcase event through the following marketing channels:

- City electric sign (Kirchoff Road at City Hall)
- City Facebook page
- City website
- City newsletters (*News & Views*, *Business Messenger*)
- *Daily Herald* advertising
- *Daily Herald* community events calendar
- Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce briefings
- Rolling Meadows church bulletins
- S.R. 53 electronic billboards

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Mayor Prejna: Are there Matters Not on the Agenda this evening? Yes, Alderman Majikes

Alderman Majikes: Thank you. I just ask if maybe at a future COW meeting, obviously not next month or next week, or whatever, that maybe we could discuss about Animal Control. I've had a few residents reach out about some problems and if we could have a discussion I'd appreciate it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Ms. Majikes.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1) Union Negotiations - AFSCME – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 2) Union Negotiations – Local 150 – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**

Mayor Prejna: There is a request to go into Closed Session tonight that does require a motion and roll call vote. Is there such a motion? Alderman Veenbaas made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none the question is shall the council go into Closed Session? The Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna: With seven in favor and none opposed we will now enter Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to open session.

ENTERED CLOSED SESSION AT 8:57 pm.

ENTERED OPEN SESSION AT 9:40 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

City Council meeting of April 10, 2018 adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

April 10, 2018 Council Minutes Approved by Council on April 24, 2018.

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Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk