

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – April 11, 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:

Staff Members Present: 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, Assistant Public Works Director Rob Horne, 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 March 21st Committee-of-the-Whole meeting and the March 28th Council meeting. Is there such a motion? Alderman Cannon made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman Banger. 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:

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: None

Are there Ward Reports this evening? Mr. Prejna

WARD REPORTS:

Ward 2:

Alderman Prejna: Got to have a couple of events this week. Holiday Inn, they had an event where they showed off their new enhancements and we also had a new company where I believe Alderman Majikes was Mayor Pro Tem so that was kind of a cool thing and also I noticed that this came out so this is heads

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up from Divine Design which is one of our local companies in Rolling Meadows so I just wanted to hang that out there. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you very much. Are there any other Ward Reports? There are no others. So let's move into signatures on the council and there are signatures this evening.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Tonight we have six people signed in it appears and I see that there are three from the 5600 Apollo group and I don't know if you want to speak individually or together. What is your preference? Just one of you? Maybe you can come forward to the microphone please and address the council and public. And your name is?

Rob Rogers: My name is Rob Rogers. I am the president and owner of School Health Corporation. I was disappointed that I couldn't be here for the last reading, but I'm really excited to be here tonight to say how enthusiastic and excited I am to join the Rolling Meadows community. My company, School Health, is a third generation family owned business. This happens to be our 60th year in business. The first 30 years we were in Addison, Illinois. We made a move in, and built a new facility, in 1993 out in Hanover Park, Illinois. We've been there for approximately 30 more years. We really outgrew that facility a couple of years ago so we've been looking for a couple of years and just really excited about this opportunity to redevelop a great piece of property in Rolling Meadows. We're excited about the plan. I've got 130 employees of which 100 are able to work in our building today because we don't have room for everybody, but they're all excited about the opportunity to relocate the business to Rolling Meadows. I have to say the reception by the staff, Linda Ballantine and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, she's put me in touch with a lot of contacts that we're planning to leverage and utilize. We met our neighbors, Weichai. They introduced us to Laura over at the Clearbrook Center and I was on the phone with her today. We're going to get a tour of some of the workshops with some of the folks that work in their facility to potentially take care of property. School Health is in the business of providing health and medical supplies to schools so our customers are health care professionals. School nurses, athletic trainers, speech pathologist, people that take care of children and we have a division of products that support children and adults with different abilities, so Clearbrook would just be a great partnership for us. I do have my team here with me this evening that's helping develop the property so Chris Nickola from Trammell Crow, if you have any questions about the preliminary PUD submissions, and then Conor Desmond from Liston & Tsantilis if you have any questions about the 6b application..

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Very good. We always appreciate you coming, people coming in and putting a face with the company. We also appreciate everything you've done for the City of Rolling Meadows and what you are going to do I know so this obviously is with regard to the 2nd Reading of the ordinance 17-12, so if there's any conversations concerning that we would certainly direct them with you. Anyone else from the Apollo group want to come forward? I have two more names. I've got Conor Desmond and Chris Nickola.

Mr. Nickola: Not unless anyone has questions.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: We appreciate you being here as well then. Thank you. The next person on the agenda is a distinguished guest I see. His name is Mr. Tom Rooney, the senator of our district.

Tom Rooney: Thank you Mr. Mayor, members of the council. I'll be quick because I'm not very topical as far as your agenda tonight, but whatever night you choose to do the swearing-in for the new folks and alieving of the old folks, I already know we're going to be in session down in Springfield so I

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just didn't want to get my, I didn't want to miss my chance. I wanted to make sure I got my chance to be able to say congratulations to those who won, both those in front of me and behind me. I wanted to be able to say good run to the others who ran and most importantly I wanted to be able to make a few comments for the Acting Mayor. It's not really within keeping with the rules to speak specifically to one person. I already know that because I used to read those rules so I'm going to bend them a tiny bit. Mr. Mayor you were called upon by the council to fill the role of Acting Mayor, which quite frankly is a little bit odd of a role as you're trying to kind of mind the store as best you can while other things happen around you. I know people who have served in that position before and they've said it's a little strange. But in keeping an eye on the things that have happened here both as any resident can and as talking with other people it is very clear that you have worked very hard. You have been even handed and you've been good natured and I don't think anybody could ask for anything more out of an acting mayor position. So I offer you my personal thanks as the person who created this crazy situation that you got thrown into and I hope that when the swearing-in comes around there's enough time for the City of Rolling Meadows to offer it's thanks to you for your service as Acting Mayor as well. Thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Well thank you very much. It's been an honor and a privilege so I'm humbled by your conversation. Thank you. Linda Ballantine, would you like to come to the microphone? You're next.

Linda Ballantine: I'm actually here for two different things. So I'll start with our 2017 Circle of Success honorees. I would like to let you know who those are. For Business Leader of the Year it is going to Warner Cruz, President and Owner of J C Restoration over on Golf Road. Community Leader is going to Tracy Crawford, Executive Director with NWSRA, Northwest Special Recreation Association. Community Enhancement Award is going to Arthur J. Gallagher. Business of the Year is Younan Carpet One. Communications Partner is Divine Design and Marketing. Our Chamber Volunteer of the Year will be Barry Skolak, the Manager over at BMO Harris. Community Outreach is going to Meijer and Special Recognition is going to District 27, Senator Tom Rooney for his years of service as an alderman and as a mayor and for his support to the Chamber as a volunteer and just in all different areas. So I did want to make you aware of this. We are going to be publicizing this with not only our Chamber members that came out recently, but in the press and stuff so I did want you to be aware of it and I hope you can attend our Circle of Success Recognition Dinner on May 25th. The other thing I'm actually here for, and I believe all of you should have received within your packets a memorandum from the Rolling Meadows Chamber. I just want to reiterate the Chamber's support for the 6b Tax Incentive for School Health Corporation. After we reviewed all the documentation we felt that they more than met the qualifications for the 6b and the Chamber recognizes the challenges that are going to be before them in obtaining an older building that they are going to be demolishing and building a new one of over 130,000 plus square feet of a state of the art corporate headquarters. As you know there has been a lot of changes going on, on Golf Road and all for the better. It has really made that area quite different from what it was and I think it will continue to evolve in a very positive manner with even more significant businesses coming in to that specific area. So whatever we can do at our end to keep that going we certainly will as a Chamber, but of course we need the City's assistance with that and so we are looking for your support tonight of the 6b Tax Incentive. Thank you very much.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you. We have one more name on the list. It's Larry Schultz. Please come to the microphone. You have the floor for five minutes.

Larry Schultz: I don't know if this the proper place, but I'm wondering if any kind of decision has been made on the grass and sidewalk over on Central Avenue. Where they put the new sewer line in. I'm sorry that Mr. Vogt isn't here that I could have asked him, but if any decision has been made as to when this is going to happen?

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Acting Mayor Veenbaas: The way we handle these particular situations is you can't really ask questions to us, but I will just say that you can be directed to the Public Works Department and they can give you that information directly and we have one of them here tonight. Fair enough?

Mr. Schultz: Okay, thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING**

**A) Ordinance No. 17-12 / Approve Preliminary Planned Development for 5600 Apollo Drive
(2nd Reading)**

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the ordinance

Alderman D' Astice made the motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Alderman Banger.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there any discussion on this? Seeing none, the question is shall the ordinance be adopted? 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:**

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

B) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 4-11-17.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 Warrant as presented by the Finance Department? Alderman Cannon made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D' Astice. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the warrant be approved? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

- C) Resolution No. 17-R-41/ Approve Release of Closed Session Minutes and Tapes**
- D) Resolution No. 17-R-42 / Award Contract for Green Community**
- E) Resolution No. 17-R-43 / Approve Purchase of Dump Truck**
- F) Resolution No. 17-R-44 / Approve Temporary Easements for Proposed Euclid Bike Path**
- G) Resolution No. 17-R-45 / Support of Cook County 6b Classification Tax Incentive for Property Located at 5600 Apollo Drive, 5600 Apollo LLC, Applicant**

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That brings the council to the resolutions for this evening. There are five of them that could be grouped together in a Consent Agenda if the council so wishes. They are Items C through G. Would any alderman like any of those items removed from the Consent Agenda? Mr. Judd?

Alderman Judd: E, F, and G

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: E, F, and G, we have only two left then, that's C and D.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the remaining resolutions.

Alderman Banger made a motion to approve the resolutions and it was seconded by Alderman D'Astice.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Again, the question is shall both of these resolutions be adopted. The Clerk will please call the roll.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

The resolutions were adopted.

E) Resolution No. 17-R-43 / Approve Purchase of Dump Truck

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the resolution.

Alderman Banger made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Alderman D'Astice

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd you asked that this item be pulled. Do you have any comments or discussion on this one?

Alderman Judd: I have no comments. Thanks

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: No comments, any other comments on this? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: Judd

ABSENT: 0

The resolution was adopted.

F) Resolution No. 17-R-44 / Approve Temporary Easements for Proposed Euclid Bike Path

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the resolution.

Alderman Banger made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Alderman D' Astice

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd you asked that this be pulled. You're entitled to first comments.

Alderman Judd: I have no comments, thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: No comments, any other comments? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: Cannon, Judd

ABSENT: 0

The resolution is adopted.

G) Resolution No. 17-R-45 / Support of Cook County 6b Classification Tax Incentive for Property Located at 5600 Apollo Drive, 5600 Apollo LLC, Applicant

Acting Mayor Veenbaas read the background on the resolution.

Alderman D' Astice made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Alderman Banger

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. Judd you asked that this be pulled. You're entitled to first comments.

Judd: I have no comments, thank you.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Mr. D' Astice

Alderman D' Astice: First of all seeing how School Health is looking to relocate in my Ward I want to preliminarily welcome you Mr. Rogers, and then as a member of the Economic Development Committee it should be noted that it was a unanimous vote by the Committee to approve the 6b and one of the things that many of us thought was very much in, helped to move this along not only the fact that they're going to tear down an old building and build a new building, but the property taxes on the new building with the 6b in place will be equal to or slightly higher, I believe, than what the current property taxes are being paid. So for the next 10 years there is no loss of revenue. It's the same or a little bit better and they'll be bringing a lot more business in. There may be some sales tax done, not a lot, but there could be some there too as well, so I am, I along with the entire Economic Development Committee are in favor and strongly encourage everyone to say yes to the 6b.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you Mr. D' Astice for those positive comments. Any other discussion with regard to this resolution? I see no other comments. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: Judd

ABSENT: 0

The resolution is adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: 1) Ms. Gallagher to the Board of Trustees Fire Pension Fund

Alderman Prejna made a motion to approve the appointment and it was seconded by Alderman Banger.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Is there any discussion of the appointment? Seeing none the question is shall the appointment be approved? All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the appointment is approved.

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) 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
- 2) Earth Day activities are set for April 22nd 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.
- 3) Wine & Cheese Affair scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum (3100 Central Road). Tickets are \$25.00 per person or Two for \$40.00. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at City Hall or at the door on the event. For more information, please contact Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500.
- 4) The Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation will be conducting a Fundraiser at Portillo's, located at 1900 West Golf Road, on Thursday, May 4th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You will need to bring in a flyer (available at City Hall) or show a copy of the flyer from your smartphone.
- 5) Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, May 20th – 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Fire Chief Franzgrote 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.
- 6) The Garden Club's Hometown Plant & Craft Sale is Saturday, May 13th – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Public Works Building located at 3200 Central Road (William D. Ahrens Building).

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- 7) The Historical Museum (3100 Central) will also be having an open house on Saturday, May 13th during the Plant and Craft Sale.
- 8) Have you seen the April 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 June, August, October and December.

2) The Wine and Cheese Affair

Ms. Ciezak: The Rolling Meadows Historical Society and the Community Events Foundation will be hosting the 2nd Annual Wine & Cheese Affair at the Rolling Meadows Historical Museum on Saturday, April 22nd, from 6 – 9 pm.

This open-house style wine & cheese tasting will feature 10 different wines and delicious appetizers from Stadium Sports Club, Uno’s Pizzeria and Jewel-Osco, amongst others.

Guests to this event will SIP many varieties of wonderful wine, SAMPLE unique appetizers & assorted cheese, SAVOR the retro memories, as you explore the 1950’s replica house and education center in the heart of Rolling Meadows.

Special Features of the evening include:

- Museum tours
- Chicago teams autographed sports items, including the Cubs and Blackhawks. These will be Silent Auction items for sale with minimum bids.
- There will also be music and many exciting raffle items, with a 50/50 pot split.

Space to this event is limited, so purchase your tickets now at City Hall or at the door on event day. Ticket prices are \$25 per person or 2 for \$40.

Proceeds from this event will support the Rolling Historical Society AND the exciting events and programs brought to you by the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation.

THANK YOU to the generous sponsors of this event: Stadium Sports Club, Uno’s Pizzeria, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Jewel-Osco.

We hope to see you there!

3) Presentation of the April 18th Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda

Ms. Gallagher presented the agenda for the April 18, 2017 Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I’d just like to make a comment on that. That’s going to be a pretty full night with 8 item agendas on that night. I know there’s going to be like from the Cook County Minimum Wage Information to Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, that’s one I’m bringing forward. That would be more information. Business Market Survey will be more information.

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I'm going to pull the Employee Ordinance Clarification Number 5, if you would please tell Mr. Krumstok that. I'm going to pull that due to ongoing union negotiations.

Ms. Gallagher: I will relay the message.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Thank you for doing that.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

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

Alderman Cannon: I've got a couple of things. First of all I would just like to say congratulations to our Public Works Director Fred Vogt becoming a grandfather for the first time today. I think many people in the room know it, but I think it's pretty exciting for him. He's on his way to Rochester to see his daughter and I think granddaughter I believe right? Is it a girl?

Mr. Horne: Grandson.

Alderman Cannon: Grandson, sorry. Anyhow. The other thing I want to ask a couple of things Mr. Mayor. We changed our liquor hours for Class B liquor licenses a week or two ago. I'm wondering have we contacted all of the liquor license holders with a certified letter letting them know that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: To my knowledge I did talk to Mr. Krumstok about that on Monday during my weekly meeting and he was going to check for me to see if they were notified because I mentioned to them as well, to him as well that some of the owners didn't appear to know.

Alderman Cannon: I was in one store today and they were not aware.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So, Ms. Gallagher, I wonder if you could make a note please and check that out for us and maybe get something back to the council on what's going on. I apologize I didn't get an answer back on Monday, but it was brought to my attention Monday and I believe there is an intention to let the business owners know in some shape or form, preferably a letter, but I'm not sure what's going to happen. Valerie do you know?

Ms. Gallagher: I'll relay the message to Mr. Krumstok.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: If you could please let the council know.

Ms. Cotugno: I was going to say I can send a letter because I know who the liquor license people are, so I'll send a letter.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: We'll do that then. It's a great thing that you brought up to the council.

Alderman Cannon: As long as they know.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: That's vital. Thanks very much for bringing that to our attention.

Alderman Cannon: And the other thing I would like to know, I was wondering during the next meeting or two if we could get a report back. We passed the really aggressive program for knock downs and

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replacement homes. I see nothing in the press at all about it. So are we getting the message out to anybody and if we haven't, what plans do we have of getting that message out? I think it's a really important program that might get a lot of interest if we get it out there and let people know about it.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Good point too. To my knowledge nothing has gone out. Ms. Gallagher do you know anything about that item?

Ms. Gallagher: I know that Mr. Krumstok probably has some things listed for the News & Views at some point and other ways to get the word out, but I definitely will relay the message and make sure that he reports back.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Community Development, do you know? Have you made any announcements?

Ms. Dehner: It's going to be in the next News & Views for sure. It's already written up for that.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Which comes out in....

Ms. Dehner: I'm not exactly sure.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I want to say more like May, is it May?

Ms. Gallagher: Well we have the April that's already been out and we have the May one that's coming out, so that one would be the next one I believe.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: Okay, so most likely May then.

Alderman Cannon: Well that's good, but I guess I'd like something a little more aggressive than that. There's builders that don't live in Rolling Meadows that don't get News & Views and there's major building companies that have regional headquarters and national headquarters here in the Chicago area that are actually aggressive that do this kind of work and I think if they were aware of this that might be a very attractive thing. There was an article that I gave to Mr. Krumstok a couple of weeks ago. There was a whole section in the Chicago Tribune that was published with names and names of companies so the gentleman or woman that ran that division I think that would be important if they were aware of exactly what we do.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: I'm fine with that and Ms. Gallagher maybe we can bring this to Barry's attention too. He'll be back this week and we can get back to you and the rest of the council as well.

Alderman Cannon: One last thing, I'm sorry to be talking so much...

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: We enjoy you

Alderman Cannon: Everybody does. Last night we had a meeting with some of the residents from Brookview and Sunset. It was a pretty successful meeting. Dan Seveska was there and Fred did a great job representing the City. It was a really robust discussion. There were 10 homeowners there out of 19. I guess I would ask if anybody is watching if they could get a hold of the other 9 neighbors that weren't there to see what they might want to do. So we kind of gave them the pros and cons on everything that was out there. Fred is going to come back with some more exact numbers to them so they can make a

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better decision going forward, but I think the people were very appreciative of Fred and Dan coming out and spending the time with them.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: To my recollection that's 10 of 19 is that what you said? So a little more than half. But the others were notified and couldn't make it for one reason or another.

Alderman Cannon: Absolutely, yes.

Acting Mayor Veenbaas: So let's put that one back on the radar screen too. Anybody else? No other Ward Reports then or any other matters that are not on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

City Council meeting of April 11, 2017 adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

April 11, 2017 Council Minutes Approved by Council on April 25, 2017.

Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk