

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2022**

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica

Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent. A quorum was present.

Members of the audience were reminded that the proceedings were being recorded for current and future broadcast.

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Rob Sabo, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Police Chief John Nowacki, Battalion Chief Ben Dwyer, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Business Advocate Martha Corner and City Attorney Melissa Wolf

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Gallo asked for motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

Mayor Gallo asked for motion to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2021 City Council Meeting. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Reyez. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**     **None**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gallo welcomed everyone back and welcomed Rob Sabo, the City's new City Manager to his first Council meeting.

**WARD REPORTS:**

Alderman Budmats stated that in his last Ward report he talked about a resident that reached out to him regarding the signs still being up at the old fire station on Plum Grove Road. As a result, Public Works/Fire Department removed the signs the next day. Alderman Budmats and the resident would like to pass long their thanks for such a quick response.

Alderman O'Brien gave an Economic Development Committee update. They welcomed two new members, Jeanine Molinelli and Heather Larson. Martha Corner gave an overview of Cook County Class 6b Classification Tax Incentive. EDC reviewed their three 2022 goals of assisting existing businesses, attract new businesses and aesthetics and identified a primary and secondary lead for each sub-goal. At the February meeting, the leads will provide additional details and ideas to focus on during 2022. Two separate entities expressed interest in the former Great American Bagel and the former Egg'legtic Café. Staff had a very positive meeting with the owners of the former Taco Bell property on Kirchoff and Meadow. Finally, the State of the City event is in the very early planning stages, more details will follow at a later time.

Alderman Sanoica stated that a resident reached out regarding some concerns on how the snow plowed in the Colleen Court area during the recent snow storms. She spoke to Public Works and remedies are in place going forward. If anyone has any issues with snow removal, please reach out to Alderman Sanoica or reach out to Public Works directly as resident feedback is taken into consideration to make sure everyone is able to safely leave their homes during inclement weather.

Alderman Vinezeano stated that she received calls from residents regarding traffic/parking concerns near the COVID testing site at Old New Wilke and Central. Rolling Meadows Police will monitor that area going forward.

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

Mayor Gallo stated that there was one person signed in that did not wish to speak but was available for any questions for item C on the agenda.

### **PENDING:**

#### **A) Ordinance No. 22-01 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman Budmats stated that since we're extending the State of Emergency and given the current state of the positivity and the fact that Northwest Hospital has stopped doing elective surgeries, why are the meetings still in-person and why isn't there an option for meeting remotely?

Mayor Gallo stated that while this is not up for discussion at this time but in our presence here and in City Hall efforts have been made to keep it safe for all those attending. While the public is not allowed in the Council Chambers, we are taking precautions such as social distancing, wearing masks and we have the ultraviolet light system in the HVAC system so at this time we will remain in-person but will monitor the situation and if there are any health concerns we will go back to full remote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

**B) Ordinance No. 22-02 – Authorize Approval of the “Final Plat of Subdivision of Calabrese Subdivision”, for the properties at 2321 Brockway, Palatine, Illinois, and 4940 Emerson Avenue, Palatine, Illinois (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

**C) Ordinance No. 22-03 – Grant Approval of a Special Use Authorizing a Major Change to the V-Land Planned Development Authorized by Ordinance 03-52, and Other Relief Necessary to Allow for Modification of the Existing Wall Signage for Huntington Bank at 1415 Algonquin Road (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES (1<sup>st</sup> Reading):**

The Consent Ordinances in for first reading consists of three (3) items, items D thru F. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances. No items were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the three (3) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Mayor Gallo read the titles into record.

- D) Ordinance No. 22-00– Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- E) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend Pay Ranges for Seasonal and Intern Positions for the City of Rolling Meadows (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- F) Ordinance No. 22–00 – Designate Representatives to the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (NSMJAWA) for the City of Rolling Meadows (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinances were moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 1/11/2022**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Warrant. Alderman O’Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Sanoica

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of thirteen (13) items, items H thru T. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions. No items were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the thirteen (13) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Mayor Gallo read the titles into the record.

- H) Resolution No. 22-R-01 – Appoint Rob Sabo as IPBC Delegate Representative and Joyce DeLeon as Alternate Representative**
- I) Resolution No. 22-R-02 – Appoint Rob Sabo as IMRF Delegate Representative and Joyce DeLeon as Alternate Representative**
- J) Resolution No. 22-R-03 – Appoint Rob Sabo as IRMA Delegate Representative and Joyce DeLeon as Alternate**
- K) Resolution No. 22-R-04 – Approve National League of Cities Voting and Alternate Voting Delegate Appointment**
- L) Resolution No. 22-R-05 – Appoint City Representatives to the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)**
- M) Resolution No. 22-R-06 – Appoint Director and Alternate Director(s) as City Representative to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC)**
- N) Resolution No. 22-R-07 – Authorize an Agreement Between the City of Rolling Meadows and the Illinois Department of Transportation for Maintenance and Energy Costs, Associated with Traffic Signals at Shared Intersections under Local Jurisdiction (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2031)**
- O) Resolution No. 22-R-08 – Authorize an Agreement between the City of Rolling Meadows and the Illinois Department of Transportation for Maintenance and Energy Costs, Associated with Traffic Signals at Shared Intersections under State Jurisdiction (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2031)**
- P) Resolution No. 22-R-09 – Approve FY 2022 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Appropriations for Public Works Maintenance Operations**
- Q) Resolution No. 22-R-10 – Award a (1) year extension contract for Janitorial Services for City Facilities provided from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023**
- R) Resolution No. 22-R-11 – Authorize the Execution of a Contract with DACRA Tech, LLC for the City’s Citation and Adjudication Software Solution**
- S) Resolution No. 22-R-12 – Authorize a Contract for Forestry Maintenance Services for FY2022**

**T) Resolution No. 22-R-13 – Authorize the City of Rolling Meadows’ Participation in the National Multistate Opioid Settlement and Ratifying the Execution of Related Settlement Agreements**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolutions were adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Appointments:** None

**Mayor’s Proclamations:** None

**City Clerk’s Report:** None

**City Staff Reports:**

**Rob Sabo, City Manager reviewed the following:**

**1) Community Items of Interest**

- 1) The January Newsletter can be found on the City web site. Please visit [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) and click on the “News & Views” tab.
- 2) Public Works will provide Christmas tree pick-up service to all refuse customers from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup>. Residents should remove lights, tinsel and ornaments, and place trees at the curb (cut side facing the street) on their regular refuse collection days.
- 3) The City’s annual holiday light recycling program is taking place until February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Holiday lights, extension cords and power strips can be dropped into the collection boxes outside of City Hall. For details about this program, visit [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com).
- 4) The Rolling Meadows Police Department continues to accept donation for the new HOPE FUND that will assist victims of disasters, domestic violence, child abuse and other hardships that necessitate the need for financial assistance. Donations to the HOPE FUND can be made by visiting the Go Fund Me page located at [www.gofundme.com/f/rmpd-hope-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/f/rmpd-hope-fund).
- 5) The City’s 2022 community events calendar is now available on the City’s website, Facebook page and at City Hall. Be sure to reserve these dates to enjoy the concerts, parades, fests and other special events in Rolling Meadows this year.

- 6) City Hall will be closed on January 17, 2022 in observance to the MLK Day holiday.

**Martha Corner, Business Advocate reviewed the following:**

**2) December 2021 New Businesses**

- 1) Veteran Inspection Services, LLC – Nondestructive Testing Service
- 2) Freez-O Electricals – HVAC Repair
- 3) UMSA Investments, LLC d/b/a Lab Elite – COVID Testing Site
- 4) Gray Beard LLC – Sales of Specialty Chemicals
- 5) MRG High LLC d/b/a Green Zone CBD & Vape – Vape, CBD & Vitamin Shop
- 6) Caravel Autism Health, LLC – Provides Therapy to Autistic Children

**Rob Sabo, City Manager reviewed the following:**

**3) January 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda**

- 1) *Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Rolling Meadows Related to the City's Pay Plan (postponed at 11/23/21 City Council Meeting)*
- 2) *Building Codes & Local Amendment Updates*
- 3) *Water Shut-off Policy*

**Rob Sabo, City Manager reviewed the following:**

**4) January 25, 2022 City Council Draft Agenda**

*MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*

*MOTION TO DEVIATE:*

*MAYOR'S REPORT:*

*WARD REPORTS:*

*MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:*

*PENDING:*

- A) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)*
- B) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend Pay Ranges for Seasonal and Intern Positions for the City of Rolling Meadows (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)*

- C) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Designate Representatives to the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (NSMJAWA) for the City of Rolling Meadows (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)*

*CONSENT ORDINANCES:*

- D) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)*
- E) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve Special Use to Allow an Electronic Message Sign and other Relief Necessary to Accommodate the Electronic at 2720 Kirchoff Road (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)*
- F) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend Liquor Code to Add New License Classification for Hotels (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)*
- G) *Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Rolling Meadows Related to the City’s Pay Plan (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)*

*NEW BUSINESS:*

- F) *MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT January 25, 2022*

*CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:*

- G) *Resolution No. 22-R-00 – Approve Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with Illinois Department of Transportation for Proposed Hicks Road Bike Path – Phase II Engineering*
- H) *Resolution No. 22-R-00 – Award a Contract for Phase II Engineering Services for Hicks Road Bike Path*
- I) *Resolution No. 22-R-00 – Approve FY 2022 Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Appropriations for Public Works Maintenance Operations*
- J) *Resolution No. 22-R-00 – Award Contract for Preliminary Engineering Services for Kennedy Pond Survey*

*OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:*

*Mayor's Appointments:*

*Mayor's Proclamations: Alice Fitzgerald Turns 100 Years Old*

*City Clerk's Report:*

- City Staff Reports:*
- 1) *Community Items of Interest*
  - 2) *February 8, 2022 City Council Draft Agenda*

*MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:*

*CLOSED SESSION:*

*ADJOURNMENT:*



**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Alderman Vinezeano stated that she has received phone calls and emails from residents and local business owners regarding the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Cook County Public Health vaccine mandate. It's a hot topic in the community and wanted to address it this evening.

Mayor Gallo reminded Council that there is no discussion during Matters Not on the Agenda and noted that since this is a Cook County mandate we will defer to them for enforcement. We will not tie up City resources and we will not enforce mandates that have the potential to cripple already hurting establishments given the current economic time.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1) **Union Negotiations – 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** - Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- 2) **Pending or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** – To consider litigation, when an action against the public body has been filed or is probable or imminent based upon the finding of the City Council.
- 3) **Personnel - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** – To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body.

Mayor Gallo stated the he would like to entertain a motion to go into closed session under section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Union Negotiations, under section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act based upon the finding that Litigation against the City on a certain matter is probable or imminent and under section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Personnel. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Reyez. There was no discussion.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. City Council entered into Closed Session.

The audience and press were advised that they do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

January 11, 2022 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on January 25, 2022.

*Judy Brose*  
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