

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2021**

**Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing to order at 7:32 p.m.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica

Absent: 0

With 6 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the virtual audience are reminded that these proceedings are being recorded for current and future broadcast.

**Staff Members Present Remotely:** City Manager Barry Krumstok, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Jeff Moxley, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Acosta, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

Public comment will be afforded to the public who are joining us on this conference line as long as they provided their contact credentials and the subject matter for which they would like to speak about before the deadline as noted on tonight's agenda.

Members of the public present in the City Council Chambers listening to the meeting will be afforded the opportunity to provide public comment in accordance with the procedures applicable to public comment at an in-person meeting of the City Council. Namely, members of the public must have signed-in before the start of the meeting.

In addition, any written comments that were submitted prior to the meeting will also be read.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *December 15, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman O'Brien made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 6 in favor; 0 opposed, the minutes are approved.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**      None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

I have two quick items that I want to touch base on briefly. The first was brought to my attention at the end of last week which is the Salvation Army and the \$25,000 grant that the Council approved to go to Rolling Meadows families in need. They distributed a little over \$8000 to Rolling Meadows families so that's a bit of positive news. The other item, as we concluded last year, we all learned in the papers and some of us through emails and staff memos that there were 18 families who were displaced as a result of fire. I'm happy to report that there was a GoFundMe Campaign established and that Campaign to date has raised just under \$10,000. If anyone is interested in participating or sharing, the link can be found on the City's website or social media channels. I'm happy to provide some information saying that these residents will receive this funding and hopefully help get them started with a little bit of respite.

**WARD REPORTS:**

**Alderman Vinezeano** – I have two items that were brought up by a resident. One was about the M/I Homes trailer and when that would be removed now that most of the townhomes are just about built. At the time we didn't really have an answer from them but I did get an email today from Manager Krumstok that it will actually be leaving by the end of next week. The second item was about the Taco Bell property which unfortunately is not a new topic that we have talked about before. Just to update residents, again the property owners are still not very interested in selling the property or really doing anything with the property but the City does continue to monitor ordinances that would apply to the property to maintain the outside and inside to assure residents that it is being at least maintained.

**Alderman Bisesi** – I'm going to kind of jump on what the Mayor was saying regarding the 18 families. I want to also thank staff for everything they've been doing to assist, Natalia and her team are true heroes. I just wanted to make that for the public record that those guys, as usual, doing an outstanding job.

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

The next step is to open the meeting to the public but I have been told that there were no requests for public or written comments and we do not have anyone in the Council Chambers requesting to speak so we will move forward.

➤ **PENDING:**

**A) Ordinance No. 21-01 – 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)**

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance be adopted, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

I am requesting a motion to deviate to swear in our 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman. Do I have such a motion? Alderman Budmats made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O'Brien  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, we will now deviate from the agenda.

**Mayor Gallo swore in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman Karen McHale**

At this time I would like to ask for a motion to close the floor? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, the floor is now closed.

Mayor Gallo Called the Meeting Back To Order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica  
Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

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

The next item on the agenda are the Ordinances. It consists of one (1) item, item B. Is there a motion to consider the first Ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

**B) Ordinance No. 21-00– 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)**

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the Ordinance be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this Ordinance will be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**C) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 1/12/2021**

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from January 12, 2021 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the Warrant? Alderman Budmats made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of two (2) items, items D and E. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the two (2) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien.

**D) Resolution No. 21-R-01 – Adoption of the Local Business Assistance Program for 2021**

**E) Resolution No. 21-R-02 – Approve FY 2021 Motor Fuel Tax Appropriations for Public Works Maintenance Operations**

The question is shall the Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolutions are adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Appointments:**

I do not have any other appointments, however after the next Committee of the Whole meeting when we discuss Committees and Commissions I should be bringing forth a couple more appointees for a couple other committees.

**Mayor's Proclamations:** None

**City Clerk's Report:** None

**City Staff Reports:**

**Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:**

**1) Community Items of Interest**

- 1) Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Blood Drive held on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> that was conducted by the City of Rolling Meadows and Vitalant.
- 2) Public Works will continue to collect discarded Christmas Trees for disposal until Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remove all decorations and place trees at the curb (trunk end facing the street) for pick-up on regular refuse days.
- 3) City Hall will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be regular refuse and recycling collection on this day and throughout the week.

- 4) Thank you to everyone who donated and helped out those residents recently displaced from Couch Light Condominiums fire that happened during the early morning hours of December 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) The City, SWANCC, and Elgin Recycling are conducting a holiday light recycling program again. Collection boxes are located outside of City Hall. Items that are accepted include the following items: mini-lights (or Italian lights), c7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, and LED lights, etc....All colors and lengths will be accepted. The City cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables. The program runs through February 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) At this time, due to COVID-19 continuing in the area, the February and March City events, namely the Taste of Town and St. Patrick's Day Dinner are being cancelled.

**2) Traffic Review Committee Report – No Report for December 2020.**

**Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:**

**3) January 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda**

- 1) *Watermain Ownership*
- 2) *Long-Range Holiday Plan throughout City*
- 3) *News & Views Mayor & City Council Rotation for Back Page Column*
- 4) *Committee & Commission Discussion*
- 5) *Animal Contractor Recommendation and Preferred Provider for the City & Residents*
- 6) *Economic Development 2020 Recap*

**Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:**

**4) January 26, 2021 City Council Draft Agenda**

*MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING AND JANUARY 12, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING*

*MOTION TO DEVIATE:*

*MAYOR'S REPORT:*

*WARD REPORTS:*

*MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:*

*PENDING:*

- A) *Ordinance No. 21-00 – 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)*

*CONSENT ORDINANCES:*

- B) Ordinance No. 21-00 – 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)*
- C) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve a Variation to Reduce the East Side Yard Setback from Ten Feet (10') to 2.6' to Allow a Second Story Addition on Top of an Existing Foundation in an R-3 Zoning District, and Other Relief Necessary to Accommodate a Full Second Story Addition Over the Existing Foundation at 2104 Quail Lane (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)*
- D) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve Text Amendment to Outdoor Seating Regulations (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)*

*NEW BUSINESS:*

- E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 1/26/2021*

*CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:*

*OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:*

*Mayor's Appointments:*

*Mayor's Proclamations:*

*City Clerk's Report:*

- City Staff Reports:*
- 1) Community Items of Interest*
  - 2) FY 2020 November Financials*
  - 3) December 2020 New Businesses*

*MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:*

*ADJOURNMENT:*

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

**Alderman O'Brien** – I know myself or Alderman Vinezeano usually give an EDC update, just a reminder on that is that we will be meeting again hopefully in March. We've moved it to the first Monday of the month to not conflict with the Planning and Zoning's meeting so it allows us more time for discussion. Also, just for awareness, over the holidays I was catching up on my reading and I did see the Daily Herald ran an article that we had kind of talked about the Chambers, where Mount Prospect, Palatine and Arlington Heights there is some new type of association or agreement going on. I do want to point out that it did clearly say in the article that all will remain separate organizations but there is some type of effort going on in place.

**Mayor Gallo** – There will be more to come on that. Thank you for sharing that.

**Alderman Bisesi** – Just want to mention one last time that the survey is still out there for reinstating the Chipper Program. If you haven't filled it out please do so. We will be taking those results to help inform the Council so that we can take the proper direction based on our resident's feedback.

**Mayor Gallo** – I have one item to bring up. This item was brought to my attention by a couple of residents over the past two week break. They brought to my attention that the Council is not displaying their video when they're engaging on these calls. I know that it's not ideal that we're hosting virtual meetings but given the circumstance between alternatives of potentially putting people at risk or having virtual meetings. I think virtual meetings are safer. The comment came up that when we're in City Council meetings, we're all on camera so it should be no different now if we're in our home environment. I understand that there can be some uncertainty about opening up the camera to your home and I sympathize with that but out of respect for the residents who brought this up, if you're willing to put on your video we all have computers from the City that have video capabilities and that way the residents can see us when we're speaking when we have things to say. I would appreciate it if we did follow those guidelines in order to make the meetings more interactive. I just want to share that information and would request that Council members and staff using computers with video capabilities use them when possible. For the most part most of us have so I do appreciate that. These are extraordinary times.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

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

There is a request to go into closed session for only one item now. It does require a motion and a roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor, 0 opposed. We will now enter into Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we 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 12, 2021 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on January 26, 2021.

*Judy Brose*  
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