

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2023**

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale 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: Mayor Gallo

With 7 present and 1 absent. A quorum was present.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Rob Sabo, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Glen Cole, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Finance Director Molly Talkington, Deputy Police Chief John Sircher, Fire Chief Pete Sutter, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Mohr, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Chief Information Officer Waseem Khan, Attorney Melissa Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

MOTION TO DEVIATE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

WARD REPORTS: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES

There were no signatures on the sign-in sheet at the time the meeting was open to the public. However, a member of the public asked to speak after the floor was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem McHale asked for a motion to open the floor for public comment. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The floor was open for public comment.

Roxane S., a resident from Saratoga Condominiums stated that she's contacted Public Works regarding an LED street light (at the entrance of the complex on Algonquin Road) that has been out for a long time and would like it fixed because it's very dark.

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale asked for a motion to close the floor. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Bisesi.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The floor was closed.

PENDING

A) Ordinance No. 23-02 – Adopt Various Amendments to the City of Rolling Meadows Code of Ordinances (2nd Reading)

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale read the title into the record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

B) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Amend Sections 122-42, 122-88 and 122-331 of the City of Rolling Meadows Zoning Code of Ordinances to Define and Regulate “Tobacco, Vape, and CBD shops” as Special Uses in the C-1 and C-2 Zoning Districts (1st Reading) *(Continued at November 22, 2022 City Council meeting for Planning and Zoning Commission re-review)*

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale read the title into the record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st reading. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano.

Alderperson Vinezeano made a motion to postpone this Ordinance until February 28, 2023, until after Council discusses this topic at the February 21, 2023 Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting and was seconded by Alderperson Budmats.

Alderperson Sanoica asked if this affects any businesses that are have in flight and Assistant Director PW Charlton stated that there is one applicant waiting for the text amendment to be approved so they can start the Special Use procedure. They thought that the zoning text amendment could proceed and any other business licensing provisions or any other issues Council may bring up during the COW could be amended to the business license or if further amendments were required to the zoning code then that could be done

at that time. Because it's a special use, Council could attach any conditions in the Ordinance that would address any specific situations, it can be done either way.

City Manager Sabo stated that the licensing is going to be discussed at the COW meeting not the zoning consideration. Council directed this back to Planning & Zoning for further discussion about changing the use to a Special Use requirement and that meeting was held, direction was provided and is now back for consideration before the Council this evening.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 5 in favor and 2 opposed. This Ordinance was continued to the February 28, 2023 City Council meeting.

ORDINANCES

- C) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Authorize a Special Use pursuant to Section 122-301(3) of the City of Rolling Meadows Zoning Code of Ordinances to Allow an Automobile and/or Truck Repair Facility, for an Exception to Section 122-157(6)(h) to Allow Continued Use of a Facility that Does Not Provide Compliant Parking Lot Lighting, for a Variation from Section 122-78(a)(4) for an Enclosed Refuse Screening Area Located in the Required 30' Corner Side Yard, and to Allow a Non-Conforming 210 square foot Wall Sign to remain on Applicant's Tenant Space, All to Accommodate an Automobile and/or Truck Repair Facility in an M-1 Zoning District at 3737 Industrial Drive (1st Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale read the title into the record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st reading. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien.

Alderperson Budmats stated that he's willing to vote for this for first reading but in reading the information he was very troubled by the fact that the owner of the property doesn't make any direct promises to Staff, everything is based on what the tenant thinks what the owner is willing to do. Alderperson Budmats doesn't think the tenant has the ability to speak for the owner and doesn't want to trust the tenant's testimony when the owner is the one who is going to be held responsible especially where this property is located, so close to Route 53 and so close to the potential Bears Stadium. He doesn't want Council to make a mistake because of a tenant who is eager to move into a space that would serve their purposes. Alderperson Budmats would like Staff to have a conversation with the owner of the property. If the owner is not willing to make commitments to Staff that are in line with the tenant's commitments we need to know that prior to voting on this for the 2nd reading.

City Manager Sabo stated that Staff has been engaged with the owner of Molon Motors, he was part of the application process in a sense that he had to approve the application given the fact that this is to locate this business on his property. Staff is happy to follow up with the owner to have a discussion regarding the commitments and put the final outcome of the conversation into the CAS for the next meeting.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance moved forward for 2nd reading.

NEW BUSINESS

D) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 1/24/2023

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale asked for a motion to approve the Warrant. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Reyez.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Consent Resolutions consisted of six (6) items, items E thru J. Mayor Pro-Tem McHale asked if any Alderperson wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions. No items were removed.

Mayor Pro-Tem McHale declared it in order for one motion to consider the six (6) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. Mayor Pro-Tem McHale read the titles into the record.

- E) Resolution No. 23-R-06 – Renew Annual Subscription for Maintenance of VMware Services**
- F) Resolution No. 23-R-07 – Renew Annual Subscription of Cisco SmartNet – Maintenance for the City's Network Switches**
- G) Resolution No. 23-R-08 – Renew Annual Subscription of Cisco Phone System Licensing and Support**
- H) Resolution No. 23-R-09 – Approve and Ratify Emergency Repairs to the City's Water and Sewer Infrastructure for Repairs at 2201 Campbell Street, 3975 Algonquin Road, and 2907 Grouse Lane Completed by Airy's Inc. for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$37,889.41**

- I) Resolution No. 23-R-10 – Approve of FY 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Appropriations for the ReBuild Illinois Program for Public Works Road Reconstruction Program**
- J) Resolution No. 23-R-11 – Authorize a Performance Bonus for City Manager Rob Sabo**

ROLL CALL:

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

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:

- 1) City Manager Sabo provided a brief update on the City's electricity aggregation program in light of letters that were recently sent by ComEd pertaining to the City's alternative supply contract that is ending at the end of January. The City of Rolling Meadows procures electricity supply on behalf of residents and small businesses ("electricity aggregation") to provide a lower rate than available from ComEd. The City's current contract with Dynegy, which has provided a fixed rate of 6.9 cents per kWh over the life of the contract from January of 2020 to current, is ending at the end of this month. All Rolling Meadows electricity customers who participated in the aggregation program will be transitioned back to ComEd's electricity supply at a rate of 9.665 cents per kWh in February 2023. Letters were recently mailed by ComEd announcing this upcoming change. This transition will not result in any changes to your electricity service and ComEd will continue to be responsible for your billing and customer service.

At this time, the City continues to seek a competitively priced contract which will create savings versus the ComEd rate. Given unprecedented volatility in energy markets, the City hasn't yet entered into a successor contract. The City continues to work diligently to obtain competitive pricing with the goal of avoiding a scenario where ComEd's rate may be lower than the aggregation rate, as ComEd's rate does change twice per year in May and October and the new ComEd rates as they fluctuate are not known until shortly before their effective date. If the City enters into a new contract, the City will provide updates via all communication modalities.

Residents can choose to contract with an alternative electricity supplier on an opt-in basis. The Illinois Commerce Commission provides the Plug In Illinois (pluginillinois.org) website which offers information about alternative supply offers that individuals can opt-in to along with information about ComEd's supply rate. The City cannot recommend any opt-in alternative supply vendors. However, we encourage residents to carefully review any offers. Some contracts may be more expensive than the ComEd rate or impose a penalty for cancelations. Our best advice is to read the fine print to ensure you understand all terms of the supply agreement.

Ultimately, as stated, the City's goal is to secure a contract that will provide our community savings and we will continue working towards that goal. Residents may contact City Hall with any questions on the electric aggregation program by calling 847-394-8500.

- 2) The City's annual holiday light recycling program continues through February 7th. Holiday lights, extension cords and power strips can be dropped into one of the collection boxes outside of City Hall, 3600 Kirchoff Road.
- 3) Interested in a career in local government? The City of Rolling Meadows is a great place to work. The City currently has a few different full-time positions open and accepting applications including IT Business Analyst, Public Works Management Analyst, Water Maintenance and Refuse Maintenance. Plus there are valuable seasonal opportunities for high school and college students in the Public Works Department such as Clerical, Maintenance and Engineering Intern positions. Visit cityrm.org/jobs for details and more information.
- 4) Residents from Rolling Meadows and Palatine have united to form "People Helping People", an organization with a mission to ensure that students have access to basic needs. A 'free store', or "Comfort Closet", will be available for Rolling Meadows High School students through February 15th. These "Comfort Closets" will rotate to other schools and shelters throughout the year. Please consider donating new items from their wish list shown which can be viewed on the City's Facebook pages or website at cityrm.org. Local collection sites include RM City Hall, RM Library and Rep's Place. Look for the purple collection boxes near the front door.
- 5) Finally, I'd like to take a brief moment and introduce the City's new Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Glen Cole. Glen began with the City yesterday and came to us from the Village of Lake Bluff where he served as the Assistant to the Village Administrator for just under 6 years focusing on administrative and community development functions. Glen is a respected local government professional and has served in various leadership roles in the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants and is also active in the American Planning Association. Prior to his time with the Village of Lake Bluff, Glen served as a Management Assistant with the City of Mission, Kansas. Glen is a certified planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners ("AICP"). He holds a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas. Please join me in welcoming Glen Cole to the Rolling Meadows team!

2) **February 14, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda**

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the February 14, 2023 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Aldersperson Vinezeano was hoping that Staff could have a conversation with Arlington Heights regarding the former Mobil gas station at the corner of New Wilke and Central Road. She's been noticing a lot of abandoned vehicles and vandalism on that property.

Aldersperson Budmats received a call regarding a stop sign on Algonquin Parkway/Algonquin Road (southbound) that is upside down.

CLOSED SESSION:

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 Pro-Tem McHale asked for a motion to go into closed session under section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Personnel. Aldersperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Aldersperson Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi
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 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

January 24, 2023 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on February 14, 2023.

Judy Brose

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