

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2021**

Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 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, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton , 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 *January 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman McHale. 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, McHale
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor; 0 opposed, the minutes are approved.

The next set of minutes to approve are from the *January 26, 2021 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor; 0 opposed, the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

I would like to ask for a motion to deviate to introduce the 'Rolling Meadows' Proud Program. Is there an Alderman willing to make a motion to deviate? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, we will now deviate from the agenda.

At the end of 2020 I received an email from an individual, I'm going to share the email in a moment, when I received it I forwarded it on to Manager Krumstok because it was a very sincere letter. From the sincerity to the letter and from all that was occurring in 2020 and what obviously carries over as of 2021, we thought it was a good idea to establish a program or an opportunity to recognize people or businesses within the community that are doing positive things of merit, either allowing them to be recognized for their character, judgment or their actions. This inaugural recognition goes to an individual by the name of **Stephan Polus** and I can't express better than the individual who provided the accolade for Stephan and for his recognition. What I am going to do is take a moment to read the letter. The individual didn't want to be known or recognized as the person bringing Mr. Polus forward. I did ask as I thought it would be much more heartfelt if it were to come from them to Mr. Polus but they weren't interested and I could appreciate and respect that and as a result after Mr. Polus' recognition there will be future individuals and entities recognized and those will be found in our virtual or digital platform such as our *News & Views* online and throughout our social media platforms. This will be the only one done deviating from a current City Council meeting. I would like to go ahead and share what this individual shared with us about Mr. Polus.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am reaching out to endorse an exemplary member of your community. My young sons have played hockey with the Rolling Meadows Renegades for years and have been extremely fortunate to be trained and mentored by their coach, Stephan Polus. He is the Youth Hockey Coordinator and has been with the organization for several years. While in his 20's he was formally trained as a Medic and travelled the world risking his own life for others. He is also an internationally decorated Karate medalist who established and operated a Karate school in New Mexico before returning to Illinois.

During the 2020 Pandemic and quarantine, I believe he went above and beyond to engage our kids. He single-handedly created Zoom sessions for skills, encouragement and engagement for these kids while they could not be together on the ice. Not only does he bring charisma, creativity and energy to the rink but also in all that he does. His natural ability to inspire kids along with imparting a strong sense of equality and achievement is unparalleled at the RMPD organization.

Stephan never hesitates to assist an individual if they're injured or need assistance at the rink when issues arise. Over the years, he has stepped up on numerous occasions to stabilize someone until the proper authorities could arrive on the scene. He is quick to act. He's compassionate and always puts the safety of others above his own.

Stephan not only works in Rolling Meadows but was also born and raised there. He graduated from Rolling Meadows High School and is now raising his 2 sons in the community.

If there is anything in the form of a certificate or letter that could be awarded to him I believe that would be very meaningful and well deserved.

Though I wish to remain anonymous with this request, I hope you find an opportunity to recognize him. Thank you for your time as well as your service to us all especially throughout this pandemic.

-Anonymous-

After reading this letter about Mr. Polus, I do know Stephan through friends of friends as Rolling Meadows often does. He is a good man, his heart is in the right place, he's dedicated to this community and obviously others outside of this community who come in and participate in our park district programs they see that as well. This is just the small things that we can do in return to recognize individuals to show them that any time good deeds occur somebody is watching and recognition is always available. I do believe Mr. Polus is on the call and if you are Mr. Polus feel free to say a few words.

Stephan Polus – Mayor Gallo and ladies and gentlemen of the City Council. That letter kind of hit home a little bit, I'm not going to lie. That was actually pretty cool. If anything, just reading that letter is probably all I need. Back in spring when we shut down as everybody knows, we have your basic level hockey tots all the way up through 14 youth, we have over 200-350 kids. I'm in charge of at least 200 kids and just to go so fast and be on the ice 2-3 times a week and then just nothing these kids were kind of going stir crazy and we really needed to come up with an idea. I reached out to a couple of the parents because they've been awesome with ideas and one of them said what about Zoom. I figured I'm not very tech savvy so unless I can't hit it and then it works I'm not very good at it. I started learning the platform and started to do off ice training. I started a YouTube channel for the kiddos that didn't have the time or couldn't be on a certain day or time so I did some trainings on YouTube. I also coordinated with the Chicago Wolves, there was an individual who trains goalies so he made a couple of videos for me as well and allowed me to post it on my YouTube channel for the kiddos and they seem to really enjoy it. I tell their parents all the time that I'm not there just to teach your kids how to play hockey, I'm trying to teach them to be better individuals. During one of my coaching sessions, I always tell my kids that the two words coaches like to hear "yes coach" and "thank you coach." It's really implementing a lot of the behaviors and manners on the ice and off the ice and to be a gracious winner and gracious loser as well. These kids are building blocks of our community and they need all the help they can get especially in these times. We just figured it would be a good idea to put on these Zoom sessions and to keep with it. I also put on with several other parents that agreed to do a couple of yoga classes for the kids. They loved it, they loved watching me getting contorted and try to walk up my wall. I had a few of the kiddos who

unmuted themselves and said coach this is not going to end well, I had my feel halfway up the wall and she was right, I fell on my head. I also taught a few karate classes with the kids, I've been doing that since I was five and they seemed to enjoy that. Just trying to keep these kids involved and we do have a lot of them from Rolling Meadows, we do share with Arlington Heights, Palatine, Elk Grove and some from Lake Zurich, so regardless of whether they live in Rolling Meadows they are partaking in a program in Rolling Meadows so I feel we did the best we could to include them and do whatever we could to keep them active in this really crazy time.

Mayor Gallo – That's great. They always say that if you can make an impact on one then you've done your job. I always believe that if you made your impact on one more than likely you've impacted another. So I appreciate that for what you've done and I know that these individuals and the parents of these students do as well so thank you.

Stephan Polus – I love being out here and I just want to give back. Like you had said, I've been all over the place and I just wanted to come back home and give back to my community as much as I can. I was born here, I live here and I have my two crazy kiddos here.

Mayor Gallo – I can relate. I know the feeling and I applaud you for that. Like everyone else I can't wait for things start to get back to a sense a normalcy too. We've been holding these Zoom meetings since March 13, 2020 when we called our first hybrid meeting to begin the state of emergency locally and just trying to get back in to some sort of sense of normalcy. Thank you for helping trying to maintain normal in these irregular times.

Stephan Polus – I couldn't have done it without the parents, the kids and the Renegade staff. We work very well together and I couldn't have done it without them and my kiddos and their parents.

Mayor Gallo – I don't want to make you feel like you're obligated to remain on for the rest of this evenings City Council meeting but you're more than welcome to. I don't know if you heard from Judy already, our Deputy Clerk, she will be sending home a certificate recognizing you for your actions. It's a small token, it's not as grand as the impact you left on these kids. You're more than welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting or you could have yourself a wonderful night. Thank you for everything you've done.

Stephan Polus – Thank you very much Mayor Gallo and ladies and gentlemen of the City Council, I really appreciate this, I really do. This is pretty cool and I hope to see other members of the community being nominated as well, I think it would be good for the community.

Mayor Gallo – Agreed, thank you. If we're going to continue promoting this program, we're going to continue asking individuals to bring forth another person or business who they recognize doing extraordinary things during these extraordinary times and look for those in future editions of our *News & Views* and on our social media channels. With that, it's time to ask for a motion to close the floor? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the floor is now closed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica - In an effort to engage with Ward 7 residents and Rolling Meadows stakeholders during the State of Emergency, I will be hosting 8am virtual coffee sessions on Sundays via Zoom. Interested residents can join these calls by going to the 7th Ward Alderman page on the City website at www.cityrm.org, and navigating to the government tab, City Council, 7th Ward Alderman. As a reminder, residents can reach out to me at any time via e-mail at ward7@cityrm.org or by calling 847-394-8500 extension 1057.

Para mejorar la comunicación entre yo y los residentes habrá videollamadas los domingos desde el 21 de febrero antes de las reuniones oficiales para discutir los temas de la agenda. Para iniciar una sesión, visite mi página web en cityrm.org, y haga click en government, después city council, y después 7th Ward Alderman. Ahí están los enlaces para las videollamadas. También siempre me puede contactar por e-mail ward7@cityrm.org o por teléfono 847-394-8500 extensión 1057.

Alderman Vinezeano – I received two emails from two different residents that wanted me to send their thanks to Public Works for the past two weeks for all of their effort of clearing snow and keep our streets clean. They just wanted to give a shout out to our amazing Public Works.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The next step is to open the meeting to the public and there is a signature on the sign in sheet. In order to secure the rights of the citizens of the City to a fair and just representation before their elected officials, and to guarantee to the elected officials an order and dignified form in which to conduct the City's business, no person shall be allowed to engage in any activity that will disturb or disrupt the orderly proceedings of the City Council.

Per Rules of Procedures the public is to address the City Council, and the fact that no member of the City Council responds does not mean that the City Council or any member thereof agrees or disagrees with the comment.

In order to attain this objective the following rules of conduct are hereby established:

1. Any person who seeks to address the City Council at this time for public comments, shall be permitted to speak only upon recognition of the Presiding Officer and such person shall adhere to the following provisions:
 - a. Each person addressing the City Council shall state their name for the record.
 - b. Each person shall be granted no more than 5 minutes of the allotted 20 minutes in order to address the City Council.
 - c. Questions and/or commentary shall be limited to City business. Comments supporting or opposing a nominated person's candidacy for elective office of the City shall be out of order.

- d. Commentary shall be directed to the Presiding Officer unless the Presiding Officer permits the individual to address the Council Members or other City officers present.
- e. Discussion shall take place in a professional manner which displays mutual respect.
- f. Profanity shall not be used in any form or manner.

Tessa – I am attending this meeting because I am doing a merit badge for Boy Scouts of America. The merit badge is called Citizenship in the Community and one of the requirements is that I have to attend a City Council meeting. I'm working towards my Eagle Scout which is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. I have a few questions. I did look at the agenda and was wondering why you want to paint the fire hydrants? Would you re-elect committee members if they don't show up? How much did your economy develop over the year?

Mayor Gallo – Thank you for asking us those questions and I do believe that you had been informed in advance that unfortunately at this time we don't get into question and answer but there will be answers to your questions provided later.

Tessa – Thank you for allowing me to attend this meeting.

Mayor Gallo – You're welcome and good luck with getting your badge. That's a good thing to aspire towards.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 21-03 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (2nd Reading)

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

B) Ordinance No. 21-04 – Amend the City Code Regarding the Organization and Operation of Committees and Commissions of the City of Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Sanoica – I met with the Environmental Committee last week to discuss some of these changes and see if they had any input with regards to the way that it was currently structured. We had a lot of discussion regarding this item and there are some changes that they would like to see. Therefore, I would like to move to amend Section 9 of the Ordinance to increase the number of members from five to seven, given the very many active members that we have. Secondly, to provide that at least three of the non-aldermanic members of the Environmental Committee must be residents of the City of Rolling Meadows and the remaining three may reside outside of the City of Rolling Meadows. The language I have here is for five and we're trying to increase to seven. I may need the City Attorney's assistance on this because we have to have a quorum of residents per state statute of three plus the aldermanic representative and then another three which can then be non-residents.

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – Yes that would equate to seven, Alderman Sanoica. You as an Alderman (if you continue to be the aldermanic member), three residential members and then the remaining three would be allowed to reside outside of the City.

Alderman Sanoica – Then to repeat that for everyone. To amend Section 2-752 of Section 9 of the Ordinance, to increase the number of committee members from five to seven and to then provide that at least three of the non-aldermanic members of the Environmental Committee must be residents of the City of Rolling Meadows and the remaining three members may reside outside of the City of Rolling Meadows. At this time, Mr. Mayor, can I provide some background as to why that's necessary? Or would that be included in the discussion aspect of that motion if it's seconded?

Mayor Gallo – You can save it for the discussion. Let's go ahead and see if there's a second to move your motion request forward and then absolutely bring it up in case if there is any further definition or information needed you can provide that. I do see Alderman Vinezeano provided the second and so we do have the motion on the floor to move it forward. Is there any questions or discussion on Alderman Sanoica's amendment? It doesn't look like there are any questions but please provide the background I think it will help for clarity overall anyway.

Alderman Sanoica – The Environmental Committee as a sub-committee has been active for a number of years. This Committee not only includes residents within the City of Rolling Meadows but it also includes teachers that are involved in school districts within Rolling Meadows and that serve Rolling Meadows students and also individuals that either have lived in Rolling Meadows for long periods of time and moved to neighboring areas and had a continued interest in regional issues including streambank stabilization for Salt Creek and other such larger community initiatives. Due to their increased involvement initiatives we felt that it was necessary to allow them the opportunity to have leadership positions on the Committee and to not exclude them from continuing to contribute and provide these services to our City. That's the reason for these proposed changes and I'll be happy to answer any additional questions from those lengthy discussions.

Mayor Gallo – I appreciate you bringing this forward now that the Environmental Committee is becoming its standalone entity and not a subcommittee of the defunct Urban Affairs so I hope that we expect other committees to find their way through this evolution as well. Are there any other points of discussion on Alderman Sanoica’s proposed amendment? See none, will the Clerk please call the roll on the motion for the amendment that is on the floor?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed the motion for the amendment is approved.

Mayor Gallo - Ordinance No. 21-04 is now back for final approval with the amendment included.

Alderman Vinezeano - I am working with Tess and helping her with her badge. She did send me her questions and said that we would address them on each topic. So to address her question on whether we would nominate another representative to a committee if they were not showing up or basically quit participating and so to address that, I would hope as Mayor that you appoint them that that would not be the case. I wanted to address her question.

Mayor Gallo - Thank you for providing the clarification for Tess on that. Appointments will be made and if somebody doesn’t show up for whatever reason we could figure out why and move forward accordingly. Any other discussion on this Ordinance as amended? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance 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 Ordinance is adopted.

C) Ordinance No. 21-05 – Grant Approval of a Variation from Section V-2C of City Code Chapter 122 (City of Rolling Meadows Zoning Ordinance), 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, at 2104 Quail Lane (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman McHale. Is there any discussion? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance be adopted, 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 and 0 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

D) Ordinance No. 21-06 – Authorize a Text Amendment to update Section III-5-C-8(b)(vii) of City Code Chapter 122, City of Rolling Meadows Zoning Ordinance, regarding Outdoor Seating Regulations (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman O'Brien 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, McHale, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES (1st Reading):**

The next item on the agenda are the Consent Ordinances. It consists of four (4) items, items E thru H. I am going to pull line item G. Does any Alderman wish to remove any other item from the Consent Ordinances? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining three (3) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Is there a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1st Reading? Alderman McHale has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

E) 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 (1st Reading)

F) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend Section 6-37, Entitled “Restriction on Number and Classification”, of Article II, Entitled “Licenses” of Chapter 6, Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the City Code in Order to Reduce the Number of Approved GA (Gaming Accessory) Licenses in the City of Rolling Meadows (Anna’s Red Apple - 2121 South Plum Grove Road) (1st Reading)

H) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend Article IV, Entitled “Water” of Chapter 110, Entitled “Utilities” of the City Code of the City of Rolling Meadows in order to Differentiate between Public and Private Water Mains and Identify, Ownership Maintenance and Repair Obligations (1st Reading)

Again, the question is shall the three (3) Ordinances be moved forward for 2nd Reading? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Ordinances will be moved forward for 2nd reading.

Item G was pulled by Mayor Gallo.

**G) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend City Pay Plan – Create Part-Time Fire Inspector
(1st Reading)**

Mayor Gallo – I pulled this because I found out late on Friday afternoon that it appears that this position will be required to be a Union position. I think that without knowing the full impact or ramifications of that because I do understand that this was a change from what the previous conception of what this roll was going to be. I would like to make a motion to postpone this so that we can address it in the next City Council meeting during Closed Session as this does have to relate to Union positions, negotiations, compensations, etc. Is there an Alderman willing to make that motion to postpone this to the next City Council meeting for Closed Session discussion? Alderman McHale has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Is there any further discussion on this? I think it also makes sense to also give Alderman McHale some time to understand this fully.

Alderman O'Brien – I just wanted to confirm because I know that we did talk about this in multiple sessions before it came to this point. I didn't think it would be impacted if it went Union or not, it is based on the number of hours and if it stayed below that it would not impact any of the pension options with the Union, has that changed also? I thought if we stayed below the hourly threshold which is where the cost savings was from paying current firefighters overtime pay at time and half or whatever their rates are. It was going to be lower than that but maybe something changed with hours increased.

Mayor Gallo – That was part of my conversation that I don't want to address in a public platform seeing that it's Union.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – Being under or around 19 hours a week keeps us under the IMRF threshold which is the pension number. The rest of the discussion, as the Mayor alluded to, would be in closed session as we have had this discussion in the past.

Mayor Gallo – Any further comments or discussion on this? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this Ordinance is postponed to the next City Council meeting in Closed Session.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

I) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2/9/2021

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from February 9, 2021 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the Warrant? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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 Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of eight (8) items, items J thru Q. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Budmats – Item L.

Mayor Gallo – Any others? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the seven (7) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman McHale.

- J) Resolution No. 21-R-08 – Authorize the Purchase of Structural Firefighting Gear (SFFG)**
- K) Resolution No. 21-R-09 – Award a Contract for the Purchase of a New Ambulance**
- M) Resolution No. 21-R-11 – Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for Funds Awarded for the New Wilke and Algonquin Intersection Improvement Project Through the Invest In Cook Grant Program**
- N) Resolution No. 21-R-12 – Approve a Supplemental Agreement as part of the Primary Agreement between the Geographic Information Systems Consortium (GISC) and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to Share Utility Data**
- O) Resolution No. 21-R-13 – Authorize Expenditure of Budgeted Funds for Painting and Improvements Required for the Elevated Water Tank at 3201 Central Road**

- P) Resolution No. 21-R-14 – Award a Contract for SCADA Server Upgrade Improvement Project**
- Q) Resolution No. 21-R-15 – Authorize an Amendment of the Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission**

The question is shall the seven (7) Resolutions be adopted? 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, the Resolutions are adopted.

Item L was pulled by Alderman Budmats.

- L) Resolution No. 21-R-10 – Authorize the Execution of a Property Use Agreement with Rolling Meadows Community Church**

Mayor Gallo - Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats.

Alderman Budmats you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Budmats – I’ve had conversations with staff and with Barry on this item and recently in the process have become aware that we really haven’t had a conversation yet with the Church about this. This is just something that we’ve come up with to extend the length of time for the lease from the current one year renewal to a three year renewal. I think it’s probably better that the City and the Church at least have some informal discussions and have a handshake agreement before we, as a Council, approve the agreement with them not even having a chance to digest it. Otherwise, they can be wrongly considered un-neighborly if they balked on it after we passed it as a Council. I would like to table this for two meetings from now (3/9) so staff has a chance to meet with the Church and talk them about the extension. Up to now, we have been paying literally almost nothing for the use of the property for the City Markets. I appreciate them being good neighbors but I don’t want to take advantage of that and I think that we have an obligation to at least be fair with our neighbors and I would like to find out if there is some way we can serve them. Additionally, since the Markets are such a success I would like to see if they would be interested in and even if we can broach the topic of having a first right of refusal for the next 20 years or whatever, if they ever decide to sell the property the City can consider purchasing it. Those are the kinds of things that I wish staff could talk with the Church before we approve an extension agreement they haven’t seen yet. I’m just making a motion to postpone it for a couple of meetings so that they can get this accomplished. If they get it accomplished earlier that’s great we can bring it back but I think it’s a little premature for us to be looking at it right now.

Mayor Gallo – As I understand it, you’re making a motion to table this to at least the March 9th City Council meeting to give staff some time to make sure that there’s opportunity and language in that

negotiation to preserve that space for future City hosted events and other opportunities to be good neighbors to one another, correct?

Alderman Budmats – Correct.

Mayor Gallo - Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion on this motion to table until March 9th?

Alderman O'Brien – If we do table this to March 9th, does that impact any of our planning? Or at least potentially starting the somewhat normalcy of the City Markets, would that curb any planning or securing vendors and entertainers?

Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager – I think we're fine with the timeframe. We have plenty of time to ask them to review the contract, sign and get it back to us. We're very good with time.

Alderman O'Brien – Good, thank you. Did Alderman Budmats say that he wanted a conversation with the City and Church staff about the City having right of first refusal to purchase the property? That might be for a later discussion. I would not be in favor because I know we've had many discussions about that, we don't even need to go down the properties that the City currently owns that we're trying to sell. Was that part of the deal on the tabling is to also include a right of first refusal?

Mayor Gallo – Not to put words into Alderman Budmats mouth, this City Market and the events with the craft fairs have changed venues a couple times now and it would just be unfortunate to continue to have to change venues when residents are getting comfortable at a specific venue. If that Church decides to relocate because they want to upgrade to a larger facility or downsize to a smaller facility, there's opportunities in this negotiation to ensure that we can continue to host these events on that property or something to that capacity. I believe that is what Alderman Budmats is getting at.

Alderman Budmats – I'm not looking for the City to become a huge land owner, it's just at this point it's a successful event and I'm trying not to impede the ability to continue on. I don't anticipate anything changing for the Church so this could be 20 years down the road but who knows maybe none of us will get the chance to vote on it with term limits. It seems to me to be prudent to that if it's something that's successful that we should consider making sure we continue to use it because downtown property is at a minimum and we want some place central to hold these kind of events. It's actually the only place we have anymore.

Mayor Gallo – I can appreciate your position and perspective of trying to look at it with a sense of tenure behind it and not just in the immediate future. Like you said, you're not expecting the Church to change facilities or anything like that but it's important to make sure that we can maintain the venue for the events that we have planned on our calendars. Any other items?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – I just wanted to make a clarification of that issue regarding the potential right of first refusal to purchase the property. That would be a completely separate agreement. It would not be a component of the land use agreement that you'll be considering in a couple of weeks.

Alderman O'Brien – Do we have to split Alderman Budmats amendment?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney - No, it wasn't an amendment it was simply a motion to postpone to consider this agreement at the March 9th meeting. There is no need to amend anything.

Mayor Gallo – Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this Resolution be tabled until March 9, 2021? 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. This Resolution is tabled until March 9, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Economic Development Committee – Appointment

- Blake Goldie

I would like Council's approval for the appointment of *Blake Goldie* to the *Economic Development Committee*. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? 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 and 0 opposed, *Blake Goldie* is appointed to the *Economic Development Committee*.

Police Pension Board – Reappointment

- Mark Nannini

I would like Council's approval for the reappointment of *Mark Nannini* to the *Police Pension Board*. Is there a motion to approve this reappointment? Alderman McHale made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, *Mark Nannini* is reappointed to the *Police Pension Board*

Mayor's Proclamations: Don Wenzel Retirement

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) 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 12th.
- 2) As mentioned at the January 12th City Council meeting, at this time, due to COVID-19 continuing in the area, the February and March City Events, namely the Taste of the Town, that was scheduled for February 27th, and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, that was scheduled for March 13th, are being cancelled.
- 3) The City and Vitalant have scheduled another Blood Drive for Thursday, February 25th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm in City Hall (Council Chambers). Due to the need for social distancing, appointments are really needed for this event and may be scheduled by contacting Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Wearing of a face covering (mask) is required. Walk-ins will only be accommodated if no scheduled appointments are present in the Council Chambers.
- 4) March 14th – daylight savings time begins. Remember to spring forward one hour and it is also a smart idea to change the batteries in your smoke alarm & carbon monoxide detectors.
- 5) Have you seen the February 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.
- 6) The Rolling Meadows Fire Department continues to offer home safety surveys to the City's Senior Citizens. This Senior Safety Program is for City residents aged 65 and older. Trained Fire Department personnel will perform a safety survey, provide guidance to minimize the risk of fire & injury and install free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to residents who request this home program. This program is funded by a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. Seniors, who would like to participate, please contact the Fire Department at 847-397-3352.
- 7) First Installment Cook County property tax bills are out and property owners have until May 3rd to pay without any late charges. (The first installment is actually due on March 2nd, but thanks to an ordinance passed back in November by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, property owners can pay without any interest charge through May 3rd).
- 8) Kung Fu Tea, located at 1643 Algonquin Road, will officially be open to the public on Friday, February 12th. They are bubble tea specialist with a selection of hot & cold drinks, including

coffee & slushes. Each drink is customized and you can choose from classic teas, milk teas, fruit teas, slushies' and more. You also get to pick your toppings, sugar levels, and ice levels. Toppings range from bubbles and milk cap to different types of beans and jellies. They also offer seasonal flavors and toppings!

- 9) Please Shop, Dine and Order in Rolling Meadows (it is more important than ever). During these times, it is significant to remember our big boxes, restaurants and small businesses.
- 10) Thinking about a summer project? Submit your permit request early so you're ready to go when the weather breaks. Unsure what you need for a permit? Community Development has started a pre-submittal consultation program that will run through April 1st. Residents can meet with a plan reviewer or an inspector for up to 30-minutes to discuss necessary paperwork and steps involved. This is a new program and is going to run from December 1st through April 1st every year. To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions, please contact Community Development at 847-506-6030.

Mayor Gallo – A quick point for clarification on Kung Fu Tea, make sure if you're going it's the 1643 Algonquin that's nearest to the intersection of Algonquin/Golf because we do have two 1643's on Algonquin. Just want to make sure everyone is aware that it's at corner of Algonquin and Golf for Kung Fu Tea.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works went over the following:

2) Traffic Review Committee – January 2021

Just one item to report. We had an interest in installing handicap restricted parking on a public roadway. That issue was discussed at length with the City Engineer, Police Chief and City Attorney. That request was ultimately denied for a variety of reasons. We tried to elaborate fully on the staff memo. If there are any questions, please contact staff.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

3) February 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda

- 1) *Procedures for Filling Vacant Committee & Commission Positions (Alderman D'Astice)*
- 2) *Business Licenses and Development Fee Revision*
- 3) *Video Gaming Relief Discussion*

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

4) February 23, 2021 City Council Draft Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021 COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING AND FEBRAURY 9, 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 (2nd Reading)*
- B) Resolution No. 21-00 – Amend Section 6-37, Entitled “Restriction on Number and Classification”, of Article II, Entitled “Licenses” of Chapter 6, Entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the City Code in Order to Reduce the Number of Approved GA (Gaming Accessory) Licenses in the City of Rolling Meadows (Anna’s Red Apple - 2121 South Plum Grove Road) (2nd Reading)*
- C) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend City Pay Plan – Create Part-Time Fire Inspector (2nd Reading)*
- D) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend Article IV, Entitled “Water” of Chapter 110, Entitled “Utilities” of the City Code of the City of Rolling Meadows in order to Differentiate between Public and Private Water Mains and Identify, Ownership Maintenance and Repair Obligations (2nd Reading)*

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

- E) 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 (1st Reading)*
- F) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Operators pay gaming terminals (1st Reading) – (Placeholder)*

NEW BUSINESS:

- G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2/23/2021*

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

- H) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Approve Green Infrastructure Green Opportunity (GIGO) Grant*
- I) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Approve Forestry Maintenance Contract*
- J) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Authorize the Application for 2021 Cook County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.*
- K) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Authorize the Certification of Matching Funds Availability for 2021 Cook County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)*

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:
Mayor's Proclamations:

City Clerk's Report:

- City Staff Reports:*
- 1) *Community Items of Interest*
 - 2) *FY 2020 December Financials*
 - 3) *January 2021 New Businesses*
 - 4) *2022 Budget Calendar*
 - 5) *Capital Improvement Committee Dates*

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

CLOSED SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Vinezeano – I know that we renewed the agreement with Colliers. I did have some residents reach out and wanted to know why there was pictures being taken at old fire house 15. I didn't have answers, I assume it was probably for updating our listing. I was hoping that staff could give Council an update on the sale of the properties that we have listed.

Alderman Bisesi – I just want to give a quick thank you to all the residents that took time to fill out the survey regarding the Chipper Program. There was over 1200 residents that filled that out and put some real thought into it.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 2) **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 Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien
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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

February 9, 2021 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on February 23, 2021.

Judy Brose

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