

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – February 12, 2019**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL:

Present: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Williams

Absent: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the audience are reminded that these proceedings are being videotaped for current and future broadcast over the City’s cable television channel.

Staff Members Present: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Police Chief John Nowacki, Director Public Works Fred Vogt, Assistant Director Public Works Rob Horne, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Jim Macholl

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Prejna: The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2019 City Council Meeting. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman Budmats made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Williams. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Mayor Prejna – I am requesting a motion to deviate. Do I have such a motion? Alderman Budmats made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Banger. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. We will deviate from the Agenda.

Terry Valentino, Fire Chief - Thank you everybody. We have a great showing in the back from active members of the Fire Department, City workers as well as retirees from the Fire Department. I want to thank everybody especially the families that have showed up for today. This is exciting for us, once a year we have our ceremonial swearing-in of the promotions in the last six months. Tonight we are swearing in a Battalion Chief, a Lieutenant and two Firefighter/Paramedic’s. I welcome everybody to stay and get some photo ops afterwards. This is an exciting time for Rolling Meadows, we have a great groundswell of outstanding individuals. I keep saying that Rolling Meadows, not only the Police, Fire and Public Works, we are second to none in the Northwest Suburbs. As I continue to tell our Firefighters that we are second to none I believe that wholly and I am proud and honored to be your Fire Chief. With that being said I will officially turn things over to the Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONY

- ◆ **Battalion Chief Rick Acosta - Promotion**
- ◆ **Lieutenant Ryan Harding - Promotion**
- ◆ **Fire Fighter/Paramedic Jacek Brylewski – New**
- ◆ **Fire Fighter/Paramedic Charles Myers - New**

Mayor Prejna – We're now going to take about a 5 minute recess for pictures.

Is there a motion to close the floor? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Banger. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay.

Mayor Prejna closed the floor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Prejna – This is a slow time we've only done one ribbon-cutting and that was for ToothStars that opened up on Plum Grove Road/Kirchoff Road. If I was a kid that's the place I would want to go, between the digital TVs and all of the electronics you wouldn't even know they were working on your teeth.

WARD REPORTS:

Mayor Prejna - Are there any Ward Reports this evening? Seeing none, that moves us on.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mayor Prejna – The Council meeting is now open to members of the audience for 20 minutes to address the City Council on matters that are on the agenda or regarding other issues. We ask that persons wishing to address the City Council keep their comments to 5 minutes in length. Comments must be addressed to the Council as a whole through the mayor, and profanity may not be used in any form.

Mayor Prejna - The first signatory is Dr. Goyal. It is nice to see you. For many of you who may not be aware he has run the anti-smoking campaign and has been involved with the City of Rolling Meadows for how many years?

Dr. Arvind K. Goyal – Mayor, you're asking me a difficult question.

Mayor Prejna -I'll just let you speak. I just thought I'd give some background, we don't normally do that.

Dr. Arvind K. Goyal – Thank you very kindly. Mayor Prejna, Honorable Aldermen, City Manager Mr. Krumstok, Staff and Residents of this wonderful community. I'm Arvind Goyal, I'm Chair of Rolling Meadows TIPP Committee, TIPP stands for Tobacco Information & Prevention Program. When we were naming the committee approximately 22 years ago there was a contest between the high school students, Honor Society students in Rolling Meadows and somebody proposed Smoking, Croaking and Choking Committee but we didn't like that so we've stayed with the name here.

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I do want to say again that this is one of the unique municipality's local governments that was one of the first in the nation if not the first that appointed a Tobacco Prevention Program which was a part of the City budget because it cared so much for the health and wellness of its residents and it has stayed. Our role has been educational and support the good initiatives that you've supported over the years.

I used to practice not far from here, less than half a block for about 30 years as a family doctor, it is a family town. Today, I work for Illinois Medicaid, it's a program for the poor, 3.2 million people and that's about 25% of the State's population. The reason I tell you this is because I see the disease caused by smoking directly and indirectly. Out of the \$22 billion a year that the State government spends for medical care of the poor, approximately \$1.9 billion a year is due to smoking. Having said that, as of this time tobacco used still after all you hear every agency of the Federal and State Governments is conscience working to reduce smoking rates in spite of that it remains the most preventable health hazard in terms of what you can do to prevent disease. I wouldn't name all the diseases but it kills 480,000 people in the United States every single year. 18,300 in Illinois as of two years ago that's the last year that I have numbers for. Most of adult users of tobacco had their first cigarette at the tender age of 11.3 years, that's fourth or fifth grade. Recognize approximately 95% of people who smoke regularly as adults they started their first cigarette under the age of 21, many of them before 18. The moment you have your first cigarette there is at least a 33% chance that you'll never be able to quit.

The National Youth Tobacco Survey, it does in annual survey on tobacco every year. They came out with their annual report for 2018 as of yesterday so when I read it I thought it was perfect timing for us. It said that 27% of high school students and 7.2% of middle school students smoked. Most of them had tried both, the regular cigarettes and the vaping. Vaping is a phenomenon which is increasing by leaps and bounds for the past five years. 38% increase amongst high school students and 28% in middle school students within a year, the last survey was 2017. 34% of Suburban Cook County 12th grade students have used tobacco.

I want to say that the Ordinance that is before you today will reduce access to those under 21 to tobacco and if you're able to do that here I think it would be a big accomplishment way ahead of the State which is expected to pass the Ordinance Tobacco 21 this summer, last year it was vetoed by the Governor. The City has another chance to adopt this Ordinance and it is for everybody's good. Thank you very kindly.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you, Dr. Goyal. The next signatory is Dr. Susan Kern.

Dr. Susan Kern – Thank you, Mayor Prejna and the members of the City Council. I really appreciate the opportunity to also testify in favor of the pending Ordinance which increases the age of 18 to 21 for sale of tobacco products including e-cigarette products. I'm also a member of the Township, I'm a Palatine Township trustee and I think I may know several of you from that venue. I also represent members of the Chicago Cook County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society which I have served for 30 years in leadership positions representing the physicians of the Northwest suburbs of Cook County. So speaking on behalf of them, I want to let you know that both the Chicago Cook County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society have passed policy supporting raising the age for smoking from 18 to 21 and this was many years ago. We've also provided testimony to the City of Chicago when they were in the process of passing their ordinance which raises the level to age 21 and we feel that it was very important for physicians to be at the table and part of that testimony. I believe that was one of the reasons it was successful is that the physicians of this State endorsed this resolution and to protect the youth of our State. I should also mention that our leadership in this State and we have lobbyists down there will also be providing testimony when Tobacco 21 is reintroduced as Dr. Goyal alluded to. We will be at the table again testifying robustly in favor of passing of this ordinance.

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Just the last little tidbit, I am a physician and pathologist, I was at Northwest Community Hospital for over 20 years and prior to that I served on active duty in the United States Army in their medical corps and I have to tell you that when we went on maneuvers they gave us leftover provisions from previous wars it included besides cans of food or cigarettes. I'm saying this because the Army unfortunately for many years, for decades encouraged smoking among young recruits. As a pathologist I saw the outcome of chronic cigarette use among the military particularly young individuals. So I would urge you to support the resolution that you so wisely put forward making Rolling Meadows one of the additional suburban municipalities that will raise the age from 18 to 21 for sale of tobacco products including e-cigarette's. Thank you so much.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you for coming forward. The next signatory is Ryan Daly.

Ryan Daly – Thank you City Council. My name is Ryan Daly and I'm here to talk about the proposed sewer line for Brookview/Sunset. For those of you who aren't aware my neighborhood has septic systems and next year we're going to do redo the roads be pavement. Public Works was smart enough to say, since we're going to be redoing the road why don't we put some sewer lines in and save some money so we don't have to rip the roads up. I'm glad they're thinking ahead which is good. I have identified three issues that I would like City Council to be aware of with this project. One issue is the cost, the second issue is residents support and the third issue is the land acquisition.

So the first issue is cost. The City is looking to pay for 50% of the cost and the homeowner would pay for the other 50%. Just to get the sewer line in the road each house would have to pay \$16,600, just to put a sewer line in the road. To connect, that cost goes up to \$41,660. By doing nothing, by putting a sewer line in every house is going to get a bill for over \$16,000. Yes, it could be spread out over 20 years but that is \$833 a year for 20 years. That will mean our property taxes will go up and our house values will go down with a special assessment on there.

The second issue is support. So referencing the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda from January 15, 2019, out of 22 properties owners, 11 are supportive of the project so that's barely 50%. Now you can argue that maybe it's 20 houses or 21 houses, the point is that this is just barely 50% and there is not an overwhelming majority of people that want to do this. Most people don't want to spend \$16,000 to have a pipe out of the road.

The third issue is the land acquisition. There's a design here, I don't know if anybody has looked at this but on the north side of Sunset this design is drawn on private property. So right now this design cannot be built because it's on private property. The City is going to have to acquire land in order to do this. According to the survey a majority of the responses said they want the land appraised and then have the City purchase the land. The majority said that they would want to negotiate the sale of the land to reduce this cost of \$16,000 and two people don't even want to give up the land. So this can get potentially very ugly if we're talking about land acquisition.

I would say if the City wants to proceed with this I would recommend either moving this on to public land or acquire the land first. I don't want to see happen is we get a bid for \$16,000 or whatever it ends up being and then one or two houses don't want to do it that it's going have to get redesigned and it's going have to get rerouted. If the City wants to do it, I recommend getting a land first just so we know where we can go and then after that we can design it, put it out for bid and figure out how much the cost. So for those reasons due, the cost for each resident and the lukewarm support, I'm asking that if this does proceed then to consider acquiring the land first and that way we know what we can do. Right now this plan cannot be built. I just want the city Council to be aware of that. Thank you.

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Mayor Prejna – Thank you for coming forward. The next signatory is Cory Hohs.

Cory Hohs – I'm here today, I'm looking to address 19 – R – 21. My name is Corey, I am CEO and one of the founders of a company called Haas Alert, we focus on helping to remove collisions from first responders, public safety vehicles, police, fire and EMS. We work with construction companies and utility. Already this year, across the United States, there has been 10 first responders struck and killed while at the scene of an incident. Myself, I was almost struck and killed by an ambulance so this is what really spurred the company to where it is today. We've actually been working with the City of Rolling Meadows Fire Department for a few months now. Actually the City just with the few fire trucks that we've piloting in has alerted over 4000 drivers in navigation apps such as Waze. We see this as something beneficial to the City. One of the things we also do is we like to say that there's no city should be priced out of safety. We're a Department of Homeland Security contract company, we've been successful getting grants for municipalities for NTSA, various DOT's, we work with Federal Highway, NTSB all on helping to push digital alerting within communities and making sure that it's not only a state-funded technology but also at the local level. So National Safety Council is all grant that is federally funded where a member of and they have a program called Road to Zero, so this focuses on helping to bring zero collisions. So we've taken it upon ourselves to recognize that as zero deaths and collisions for first responders. Actually, police, fire, EMS collisions are the biggest death and injury, it's not fighting fires or fighting crime. All the issues come down to helping to prevent collisions. There is a National Safety Council grant that I mentioned, it was filled out, this was not a contract, this is no commitment, there's nothing that the City is committed to. As standard grant processes go, a lot of people apply to these, nothing is actually formal until you receive a letter saying that this is being offered to you would you like to take it. I think there were some questions that came up, was this a contract that was signed, were funds exchanged? I know one of the gentlemen had called one of our customers and was trying to figure what was going on although we did not get any calls ourselves so I'm not sure who it was but our customer just called us. What's key here is that this is a grant, maybe the City gets it and maybe it doesn't. There's thousands of cities that are applying for this and if the City doesn't want to do it all you have to do when it's awarded is say we don't want it. As a small business owner we would encourage the City not to pull this because if the City does get it awarded and doesn't want to do it we can always give it to Arlington Heights, Palatine, I grew up in Rolling Meadows so we do want to bring these safety solutions to the Chicago suburbs. I would say that since the process has gone through there's a noncommittal on the paperwork on the grant that was submitted, let it sit and if it comes back and it's awarded and if the City doesn't want to participate they don't have to. I do want to make clear that there is zero cost for the City. This is a project for three years, it takes 15 minutes per vehicle to be activated, it's not a lot of City time, it includes marketing, it includes installation, it includes the devices, it includes service, there's really nothing that the City has to do. If at the end of the three years, the City doesn't want to participate there's no cost to the City to remove it. Out of the 65 departments that we're in not one person has removed the service. Just want to make it clear on what those details were. I'm not sure what the process is here but if there's any questions could be happy to answer anything right now.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you for coming forward. The next signatory is Patricia Callahan.

Patricia Callahan – Thank you Mayor Prejna. Good evening, Council. I just wanted to go ahead and share a few thoughts. It is my understanding that we are going to have another housing project come over to the Dominick's site. One of the things that I want to express to you, the Council, does have a choice as to what Clark Street does with that piece of property. You can tell them that we do not want all 11 acres or 9 ½ acres of homes. You can reject that, you have the power as the Council. At one point, Kirchoff was our main street in the City and we can take that piece of property and we can turn it into commercial property or we can do mixed uses because the City has the power to do that because heads and beds does not bring retail because we have no space for retail. We have heads and beds, they're already here. We

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have no space for retail if we put heads and beds on that space. Where are we going to put retail? If we have 1 ½ acres for restaurants, where are we going to put more retail in our downtown? We don't have any space because we've given it up for heads and beds. Where are they going to go? They're going to go to Arlington Heights, they're going to go to Schaumburg and they're going to go to Palatine because we do not have the space for retail because it's the other way around. Business brings in people and that's what we need to do. You guys have the power to go ahead and tell Clark Street no I really don't think that we should do that, that plan isn't viable. I really think that you need to go ahead and look at that space as and you guys could do that, you have the power. If it sits vacant, well they're paying taxes because this is our main street right here, this is our City's main street. We can make it a place where people come to. I also find that when it comes to the firehouses it's kind of disappointing that we're taking the fire station on Hicks Road that has drive through bays, now wasn't that one of the problems and one of the reasons why we did not rebuild and rehabilitate our fire station on Meadows Drive because they have to back in to the bays? Now the new one up on Hicks Road, a brand spanking new fire station is going to have back in bays because the lot is not going to allow drive through bays, that's kind of doing things in reverse, don't you think? I think what you guys only to do is kind of maybe step back a little bit and do some planning. Planning works. Think about it. Have a good evening.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you Ms. Callahan for coming forward.

Mayor Prejna closed the floor.

Mayor Prejna - The Council moves to its first order of business, Consent Ordinance, 2nd Reading.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 19-06 - Approve a Request to Modify an Existing Special Use to Allow Additional Cars to be Parked For Sale on Site and Allow All Mechanical Repairs to be Performed on Site – 3975 Algonquin Rd – Luxury Imports Auto, Inc. (2nd Reading) This was postponed from 1/22/19 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Prejna – At the January 8, 2019 City Council meeting, two amendments were requested to the original ordinance draft (a) to increase the total number of vehicles allowed to be parked on site from 22 to 24 (originally 15 vehicles for sale, to be changed to 17 vehicles for sale), and (b) to revise the required height of landscaping along Algonquin Road. Both amendments are reflected in the draft Ordinance as presented herein.

As a result of the requested amendment staff visited the site and checked the proposed site plan against the approved site plan for the new billboard being constructed on the site. It was verified, per Alderman Cannon's observation, that three concrete "pillars" were indeed removed at the north side of the building to facilitate the placement of the crane for the installation of the billboard support post. Each of the concrete "pillars" had previously supported a parking lot light pole. The approved site plan for the billboard did not identify the three pillars and lighting structures for removal.

The petitioner is proposing to provide for an alternative means of providing site lighting to the parking area along the north side of the building, by the placement of lighting mounted on the 3975 Algonquin Road building wall, lighting mounted on the new billboard support post, or by some combination of locations. A photometric plan has been provided to City staff for review and approval. The existing permit for the billboard will need to be revised.

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This action would allow for the ability to provide two additional parking spaces at the site, to increase the total number of vehicles to 24, including the number of vehicles for sale to be increased to 17.

Staff is recommending the addition of Condition #14 to the Ordinance as follows:

14. The petitioner must cause for the replacement of previously existing site lighting that was removed by the billboard construction contractor in a manner acceptable to the City, to equal lighting levels that previously existed at the site on the north side of the building.

Is there a motion to amend this Ordinance based on Staff recommendation? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D'Astice. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Banger, D'Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is amended.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance as amended? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D'Astice. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: D'Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved as amended.

B) Ordinance No. 19 – 07 – Amend Ordinance to Increase the Age to Purchase Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Products (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna - This Ordinance, if adopted, would increase the age to purchase tobacco and electronic cigarette products from 18 to 21.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Majikes has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Banger. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

C) Ordinance No. 19 – 08 – Amend Ramlin Rose Planned Development for Additional Signage and Parking Lot Landscape Island Installations (Preserves at Woodfield – 4700 Arbor Drive) (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would allow an amendment to the existing Ramlin Rose Planned Development to allow a modified sign in a new location at the site, and the installation of several curbed landscape islands within a portion of the site parking lot.

The new signage is proposed to be installed at the main entry to the Preserves at Woodfield, located at 4700 Arbor Drive. The change in signage is considered to be a positive change for the site.

The landscape islands are requested by the petitioner to act as traffic control for the site, encouraging drivers to slow down; it will also add some green space to the site.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Williams
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

D) Ordinance No. 19 – 09 – Approve Liquor License Application for a Class A2 Liquor License for Donato Restaurant Group, Inc. – DBA – Isabella’s Café at 5540 New Wilke Road (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would approve an application for a Class A2 liquor license. This liquor license application is being requested by Donato Restaurant Group, Inc. DBA – Isabella’s Cafe. [Donato Restaurant Group, Inc. is also the owners of Anna’s Red Apple Pancake House & Café located at 2121 Plum Grove Road). This new restaurant/café and video gaming establishment will be located at 5540 New Wilke Road (the old Spice Grill). They are in the final process of completing the build out. They hope to open April.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Majikes has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D’Astice. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Williams, Cannon
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

E) Ordinance No. 19 – 10 – Amend the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class G1 Liquor License for Video Gaming for Donato Restaurant Group, Inc. DBA Anna’s Red Apple located at 2121 S. Plum Grove Road (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would approve the City’s third Class G1 liquor license for video gaming in the City of Rolling Meadows. The Illinois Gaming Board is in the process of reviewing and hopefully approving a video gaming license for Anna’s Red Apple which is located at 2121 S. Plum Grove Road.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes. Is there any discussion? Mr. Cannon.

Alderman Cannon – I would like to make an amendment to this. I’m for this license but I would like to ask that we include in here that the owner of this property advertised that they’re in the City of Rolling Meadows, their website says they are in Palatine even their web address is Palatine. I would request that all their advertising they do in public, either on the internet or I paper form include the City of Rolling Meadows in there somehow.

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Krumstok? It’s the mailing address.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – I think it’s more of an attorney question because I don’t know of a municipality that can dictate that.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – I think that’s more of a Federal Government Post Office question.

Mayor Prejna – I do agree with you Mr. Cannon, I’m just not sure we can fight the U.S. Post Office.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – We can put it in but I just don’t know...

Alderman Cannon – I just want acknowledgment that it’s in Rolling Meadows.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – I totally get it. Maybe they can put Rolling Meadows in parentheses.

Alderman Cannon – That’s fine, that’s all I want.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – I understand, I just don’t know what they can do.

Mayor Prejna – So you’re asking that they have to advertise in Rolling Meadows?

Alderman Cannon – Yes, that’s what I’m requesting. Unless it’s illegal, I’m assuming it’s legal. Again, their web address says they’re in Palatine.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – It’s not a question of whether it’s unlawful, if their mailing address is in Palatine, it’s Palatine.

Alderman Cannon – Even in their web address it says Anna’s Apple House of Palatine.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – Maybe we can ask them to make that Rolling Meadows.

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Alderman Cannon – Maybe we can make it as a suggestion then.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – That would be better.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – The Ordinance just deals with the liquor, we can have those continued conversations.

Alderman Cannon – I'm selfish because it's in my Ward. I just like to get that acknowledgment that it's in Rolling Meadows.

Mayor Prejna – There are a couple more restaurants.

Alderman Cannon – I know, I would like all of them to say they're in Rolling Meadows.

Mayor Prejna – Any further questions? Do you withdraw your motion?

Alderman Cannon – I withdraw my motion.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Is there further discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D' Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

F) Ordinance No. 19 – 11 – Amend the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class G1 Liquor License for Video Gaming for Rep's Place, Sports, Burgers & Beers located at 3200 Kirchoff Road (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would approve the City's fourth Class G1 liquor license for video gaming in the City of Rolling Meadows. The Illinois Gaming Board is in the process of reviewing and hopefully approving a video gaming license for Rep's Place, Sports, Burgers & Beers which is located at 3200 Kirchoff Road.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Majikes has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Williams. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Gallo, Banger, D' Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

G) Ordinance No. 19 – 12 – Approve the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds Series 2019 (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of 2019 General Obligations Bonds not to exceed the principal amount of \$8,500,000. Proceeds from the bond sale will fund the remaining expenditures for the construction of two new fire stations including land acquisition, demolition of existing structures, engineering and design costs and the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment; and for water main underground utilities – capital infrastructure projects.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Banger. Is there any discussion? Mr. Budmats.

Alderman Budmats - This Ordinance is for money, we haven't even used the money that we borrowed last year. I think it's unwise to acquire the debt until such time as we need it. Our contractor hasn't done anything on the fire stations due to the weather since December 1, 2018 and now we're paying interest on the bonds that we haven't even used and we're looking at acquiring more bonds. I really think that it's time to take a step back and wait until we actually need the money, why do we need to acquire more debt for something that we haven't even spent the last debt that we acquired? So I would recommend that we do not vote for this at this time, it doesn't mean that it's not necessary, it just means we don't need it now. So why don't we spend what we've already borrowed before we borrow more?

Mayor Prejna – Thank you Mr. Budmats. Further discussion? Mr. Gallo.

Alderman Gallo - I'm not saying that we don't need the funding but I don't agree with the appropriation of the funding. I do believe that there are other projects, capital improvement projects that would benefit from this funding. So at this time I would not support it as the same as last.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Is there further discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Banger, D'Astice, Williams, Cannon, Majikes
NAYS: Budmats, Gallo
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 5 in favor and 2 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

H) Ordinance No. 19 – 13 – Property Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance for the 2018 Bond Series (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would abate the taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 for the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois (2018 general obligation bonds). The City's 2018 bond closing occurred after the City adopted the FY 2019 Budget. Therefore, the City would need to adopt an additional abatement ordinance to avoid adding the amount of the FY 2019 bond payment to the property tax levy.

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Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Is there any discussion? Mr. Gallo.

Alderman Gallo - I just have some questions being assisted along the way, maybe hold my hand in how this works out financially because the way I read it from the packet it seems like it's essentially a shell game and we're just moving money around so we don't have to say for what and when we borrowed actual money because we're paying back money from reserves that were supposed to be going toward the 2018 bonds which is essentially the fire station. So if you can help me understand that so when it's time to talk to residents about how we borrow our money what this actually does and how this works?

Mayor Prejna – Ms. Gallagher, I believe that would be your department.

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Alderman Gallo, the budget was approved for 2019 with a two-year, two-part process, meaning that we accumulated reserves in the general fund for the debt service payment that will occur for the 2018/2019 bonds. That debt service payment doesn't occur until July 4 for debt and the principal payment doesn't occur until December 2019. The property tax was approved with reserves in that for the 2019 budget. So the purpose of this Ordinance is to abate the amount that is located in the bond ordinance that the 2018 debt service bond ordinance. That was the intent all the way through the budget process and also through the bond issuance process. The bond proposal ordinance that was approved for 2018 included this amount which was \$696,000, the first principal and interest payment for the 2018 bonds and that was to be abated, that was the intent all the way through. The closing took place December 18, 2018 and the purpose of this is to abate that so it does not appear on the property tax levy for this year.

Alderman Gallo - So essentially that means it doesn't appear as though our property tax levy increase as a result of our 2018 borrowings?

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – Not at all. It's fully transparent through the budget process. Again, as we mentioned before that levy that was created for this budget year is reflected in our 2019 budget and it shows in the tax levy that we have already appropriated, that this was already the intent of the bond ordinance was to abate this amount after the fact of the debt service closing.

Alderman Gallo - So a layperson wouldn't interpret it as we're just shifting money so we don't have to recognize as paying back or increase taxes in the future as a result of the first borrowings for the fire station, the first round of fire station funding?

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – Alderman Gallo, there is no shifting of money. I would be very clear that we file all of our regulations with the MSRB which is the Municipal Securities Exchange Board and the SEC. We also go through a Bond Counsel and our City Attorney review.

Alderman Gallo – I'm not implying that you're shifting...

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – Also, what I would tell you is that this was all laid out in the bond issuance process and the Bond Counsel has already outlined that we would be doing this through the tax abatement process so it doesn't appear on this levy year. I just want to clarify that.

Alderman Gallo – Perfect.

Mayor Prejna – Further discussion? Mr. Budmats.

Alderman Budmats - I understand the budget process and I understand what Alderman Gallo is asking. The truth is, I think the people of Rolling Meadows have integrity, that we're the kind of people that when we say we're going to do something we're going to do it. We buy something, we pay for it. When this Council voted to build two stations for \$15 million, the people understand that they're going to have to pay for it. It just feels like if we have the courage to tell the people that they're going to spend \$15 million for fire stations we should just tell him that your taxes are going to go up for that and we're not just going to tell them that it's going to go up 2% and the next year it really goes up 4.7%. Why don't we just pay for it when we buy type thing? So I'm not going to be voting for this, I understand the concept, I understand the whole deal but the truth is, to me it feels in some ways a little dishonest that we're not really raising your taxes but then next year we really raise your taxes. I just have a hard time voting for this.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Further discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: D'Astice, Williams, Cannon, Majikes, Banger

NAYS: Budmats, Gallo

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 5 in favor and 2 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

I) Ordinance No. 19 – 14 – Terminate Property Tax Levy for the City's Special Service Area No. 5, Kirchoff Stormwater Improvements - Utilities Fund (Fund # 20) (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would terminate the Property Tax Levy for the City's Special Service Area #5 taxing district for water main improvements in the Hicks / Industrial Road area. The final tax levy was \$69,458.62 and expired on December 31, 2018 with the FY 2018 Budget.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D'Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Banger. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

**J) Ordinance No. 19 – 15 – Amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget & Staffing Plan
(2nd Reading)**

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, will amend the FY 2019 Budget and Staffing Plan for the Community Development Division of Public Works. The part-time position of Community Development Clerk Typist will be changed to Full-Time.

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Williams. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Williams
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

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

Mayor Prejna - The next item on the agenda is the Consent Ordinances in for 1st Reading. It consists of three (3) items K thru M. Does any Alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances? Mr. Budmats?

Alderman Budmats – I would like to pull item M.

Mayor Prejna – That leaves us K and L. The Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining two (2) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes. The question is shall the remaining two (2) Ordinances be moved forward for 2nd Reading?

K) Ordinance No. 19 – 00 – Amend Liquor License Code – Reduce Class A1 to Five (5) and Reduce Class B to Seven (7) (1st Reading)

Mayor Prejna – The total number and classification of liquor licenses for the City is determined by the City Council. If any license, of any class, is not renewed or the license is surrendered, canceled, revoked, suspended, or otherwise terminated, such license shall be rescinded and not be restored, and the total number of liquor licenses of that class to be issued by the City shall be reduced accordingly.

CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE UPDATE:

Fresca Supermarket will not be renewing their City of Rolling Meadows Class B Liquor License. In addition, it was recently learned that Bells Liquor, which had held a Class B Liquor License from the City had closed and therefore has relinquished their license and will no longer be operating a liquor store in the City.

CLASS A1 LIQUOR LICENSE UPDATE:

The Holiday Inn is currently closed and a substantial renovation and rebuilding is underway. In regards to the Class A1 Liquor License that they held, the license has been relinquished due to said redevelopment of the Hotel.

L) Ordinance No. 19 – 00 – Amend 106-18(a) of the City Code – Parking Prohibited in Specific Places, specifically on Keystone Court (1st Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would establish parking restrictions in certain locations on a public street in the City; specifically, on Keystone Court. The inclusion of this street location within the City Code, Traffic Section 106-18(a) will establish enforcement of traffic regulations, and consistent posting of signs.

Specifically, the location of the additional parking prohibition is to be:

- Keystone Court, west side of the street, from a point 345 feet south of the Algonquin Road south edge of pavement, to a point 410 feet south of the Algonquin Road south edge of pavement.

The reason for the parking prohibition recommendation is that this location had a number of neighboring business patrons parking on the street. Motorist visibility is compromised in navigating the nearby driveway. A 90 day “temporary” posting of “No Parking” signs in this location has been successful in remedying the problem, with no hardships created.

On-street parking has been prohibited on the east side of Keystone Court for many years. The area businesses all have on-site parking lots for patrons, employees, and operations.

Again, the question is shall the two (2) remaining Ordinances be moved forward for 2nd Reading. Will the Clerk please call the roll.

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Williams, Cannon
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed the two (2) Ordinances move forward to 2nd Reading.

Ordinance M was pulled by Alderman Budmats.

M) Ordinance No. 19 - 00 – Amend Chapter 18 “Building and Building Regulations” Code of Ordinances Rental Dwelling Licensing Program (1st Reading)

Mayor Prejna – This Ordinance, if adopted, would remove the sunset provision of established in the Rental Dwelling Licensing program, administered by the Community Development Division of Public Works.

This program has been in place for over twenty-five years. It operates smoothly and efficiently and has had very few problems. It has been a prototype for other communities. Staff is recommending keeping the program in full effect and removing the sunset clause to make the program non-expiring, and permanent.

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Is there a motion to move this Ordinance forward to 2nd Reading? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon.

Alderman Budmats – Thank you, Mayor Prejna. First a legal question, this Ordinance has already expired so do we have the option to extend it? If it's already expired do we have to reintroduce it?

Jim Macholl, City Attorney - I think what we've done in the past is that we just went ahead and remove that sunset provision so that it would stay in effect.

Alderman Budmats – Okay. The fact that Staff didn't catch this before it expired, I'm wondering if they had a chance to fully evaluate it thoroughly or if they caught it at the last second in that it was missed. I wish to modify it. I would like to extend the sunset provision for one year to give Staff the opportunity to consider things like Air B&B's or VRBO's which have come into vogue since this act's been passed. Maybe those are, in fact I know that Schaumburg's change their policy based on these kind of new economic realities and maybe we need to do the same thing as well. I would like to make an amendment and ask that we extend it for one year as it currently exists 12/31/19 and let Staff come back to us and tell us if changes need to be made to the existing policy because of those new economic realities.

Mayor Prejna - Is there a motion to amend this Ordinance? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Is there discussion on the amendment? So we're amending this Ordinance for one (1) year with a sunset clause? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

Mayor Prejna – We go back to M. Do I have a motion to move the Ordinance to 2nd Reading as amended? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Is there discussion on the Ordinance as amended? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance move forward to 2nd Reading as amended.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

N) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2/12/2019

Mayor Prejna: The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from February 12, 2019 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the warrant? Alderman Banger made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Williams. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Banger, D’Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Prejna - The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of twelve (12) items, Items O thru Z. Does any Alderman wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Gallo – I would like to pull Items Y and Z.

Alderman Budmats – I would like to pull Item X.

Alderman Cannon – I would like to pull Items V and W.

Mayor Prejna – Any others? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the seven (7) remaining Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. The question is, shall the remaining seven (7) Resolutions be adopted?

O) Resolution No. 19-R-11 – Approve the Submittal of a Grant Application for the Algonquin/New Wilke Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the City to submit a grant application to Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways for the “Invest in Cook” program. This is the third year of this grant funding program.

P) Resolution No. 19-R-12 – Award a Contract for Engineering Services for 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program # 2

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the award of a professional services contract for engineering design and inspection services for the 2019 annual Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer Rehabilitation program.

RJN Group, Inc., Wheaton, Illinois has provided the necessary engineering services for most sanitary sewer and storm sewer infrastructure maintenance projects for the past several years, along with assistance with the annual MWRD Inflow and Infiltration report.

Q) Resolution No. 19-R-13 – Authorize the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Cook on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff and the City Of Rolling Meadows Police Department for the Provision of Wide Area Network Equipment and Connectivity

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorized the Rolling Meadows Police Department to use the Cook County Sheriff’s Department County-wide Criminal Apprehension Booking System (CABS) as a no-cost alternative.

The County through the Office of the Sheriff will provide a Live Scan System (electronic fingerprint scanning device), which will include a computer, fingerprint scanner, cabinet, monitor, camera and printer. This will allow the Rolling Meadows Police Department to transmit fingerprints, digital photos and other information to other Cook County law enforcement agencies and the Illinois State Police. In exchange the Department will provide a safe and secure location for the equipment and appropriate lines and utility service.

R) Resolution No. 19-R-14 - Award a Contract for the Purchase of Genesis Rescue Systems Extrication Equipment

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the purchase of 2 full sets electric / cordless powered rescue extrication equipment from Equipment Management Company. The purchase would consist of two (2) Cutting tools, two (2) spreaders, two (2) Rams, and full complement of battery power packs.

S) Resolution No. 19-R-15 – Award a Contract for the ADA Modifications of Traffic Signals on Kirchoff Road at (6) Intersections (Change Order #1)

Mayor Prejna – This resolution, if adopted, would authorize a contract with Meade Electric to furnish Materials and Labor for the proposed American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Modifications to been completed with the Traffic Signal Improvements and Modifications at (6) six intersections on Kirchoff Road.

On December 18, 2018, City Council awarded a contract to Meade Electric to furnish the materials and labor to upgrade the traffic signals at six (6) intersections along Kirchoff Road. Due to an oversight by Staff, the proposed work to update the ADA Pedestrian Signals was not included in the proposal. The adoption of the ADA Transition Plan requires that the City complete these improvements due to Federal funds being used to resurface Kirchoff Road.

T) Resolution No. 19-R-16 – Award a Professional Design Engineering Services Contract for the Weber Drive/Waverly Park Water Main Improvements Project

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the award of a contract, in an amount not to exceed \$98,177.21, for professional design engineering services needed to replace approximately 7,600 linear feet of water main along Weber Drive, and in the Waverly Park Subdivision. This project was identified as the highest priority utility project associated with the recent City Council actions related to the issuance of an infrastructure bond, upcoming in 2019.

U) Resolution No. 19-R-17 – Award a Contract for Phase 2 of the Water System SCADA Telemetry Project

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would award a contract to Concentric Integration for \$84,800.00, which will authorize the second of a two phase project needed to update the City’s water system SCADA telemetry network. This Second phase of this project includes the installation, programming and system activation of the newly built Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) equipment panels, and the new cellular modems completed during the first phase of the project. Completion of this phased project will allow the SCADA water computer to communicate through a new private (secured) cellular network to the potable water stations throughout the City with far more reliable service at a significantly lower cost.

Mayor Prejna – Again, the question is shall the seven (7) remaining Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the roll.

AYES: D’Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed the remaining seven (7) Resolutions are adopted.

Resolution V was pulled by Alderman Cannon.

V) Resolution No. 19-R-18 – Authorize Submittal of a Grant Application for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) for Quentin Road/Hartung Road Bike Path

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the submittal of a grant application to CMAQ for the proposed construction of a bike path on Quentin Road in several gap locations between Highland Drive and Hartung Road (including the crossing of Salt Creek), and on Hartung Road between Quentin Road and Fox Lane. This route is identified in the City’s Master Bike Path Plan.

Do I have a motion to move this forward? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes.

Alderman Cannon – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. V and W kind of go together, I guess I can talk about both of them at the same time. Obviously, this idea is very close to my heart long before I became an Alderman, I petitioned the City Council back about 15-18 years ago. They actually put a sidewalk in in front of our

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water pumping station all the way over to Silent Brooke but it's only a regular sidewalk. The only question I have, I'm not opposed to this but it's such a large amount of money, I just don't understand why bike paths have to cost so much money when we could be building streets. I don't know why we couldn't just expand the sidewalk and just be done with it. To spend \$54,000 on engineering and not even include the bridge is confusing to me. The other thing that I would ask our Public Works Department to consider since Hartung is actually split between us and Schaumburg, to maybe contact Schaumburg to see if they would be willing to help at any level, either with engineering costs or construction costs. They have a lot more money than we have, they're building a huge bridge Roseville Road right now over Central Road that's costing them millions of dollars just for a bike path extension. It's just something I'd like to see, all support this but I really would look for ways we could reduce the cost of this. It's just a lot of money. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you, Mr. Cannon. Any further discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Cannon, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice

NAYS: Williams, Budmats

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 5 in favor and 2 opposed this Resolution is adopted.

Resolution W was pulled by Alderman Cannon.

W) Resolution No. 19-R-19 – Award a Contract for Phase I Engineering Services for proposed Quentin Road Bike Path Improvements

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Phase I engineering services for the proposed Quentin Road bike path improvements, including Hartung Road.

The proposal for engineering services, as submitted by the City Engineer, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. is at a cost of \$53,436.

Do I have a motion to move this forward? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes.

Alderman Cannon – I guess the only other question I would ask about this, is if we approve this and the County comes back and says we have to redo the bridge, if we have to redo the bridge it's going to cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars more and I think we would end up eating a lot of that. Is that correct, Mr. Vogt?

Mayor Prejna - Mr. Vogt, are you the person for that? Or is it Rob?

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director - It would be myself. It's more of the State instead of the County in terms of the creek crossing. If we are unsuccessful in convincing the State and the County Highway Department that we can do a lesser crossing or interim crossing as we're kind of unofficially calling it right now we would have to come back for a change order to do additional engineering work. At this point, we're mildly confident that we can be persuasive and omit that from the project.

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Alderman Cannon – If we had to do a bridge can you just even give a high and low ballpark of what it might be, in light of the fact that we are doing one of those on Euclid right now with Arlington Heights.

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director - It's really up culvert extension in this case and not a bridge to facilitate crossing the creek, we'd have to widen or extend that culvert to the west. The engineers have given us an estimated basic rough cost of \$225,000.

Alderman Cannon - I understand the statement you made regarding the culvert. We would actually widen the bridge also, the bike path portion of it up on top? Right now it's 6 or 7 feet wide so it would have to go to what, the same size as the bike path?

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director - It would be pushed to the west, whatever the width is determined with a rub rail or moving the guardrail or some protective nature for the bike path.

Alderman Cannon - We would have to do the top and too? Does that include extending the top also?

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director – Yes.

Alderman Cannon – Okay. In conjunction with that, if we approve this engineering, where at in the process do we find out whether they'll approve it one way or another? Do we have to submit all of our plans before we would know?

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director – No. Absolutely not. That's one of the reasons why we do Phase I and call it preliminary. We do a cost assessment and generally a process like this would have us attend IDOT Federal Highway funding meeting to plead our case. We've had other bike path designs over the years where we've had to ask for exemptions or omissions whether it's width, whether it's setbacks from roadways. It's not unusual for the City in this case to make this request.

Alderman Cannon – The last comment I would make, I've been out of town for a couple of weeks and when I got back I realized that with our plowing out there, the path that's out there right now is right up against the fence for a few blocks and I noticed that our plowing situation has actually damaged some of the fences out there. So I think we need to make an effort to move it back farther to the west away from the fences. I don't know what we can do legally but if we rebuild it in the same position we're just going to cause ourselves all kinds of financial issues in the future regarding those fences.

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director – So noted and we are aware of the situation out there with the recent snowstorms and the plowing. Those have been reported and will be causing those repairs. We will be looking at that with the Phase I engineering to see how far we can move it further away from the fence without getting too close to the road. That will all be part of the Phase I engineering.

Alderman Cannon – Great. Thank you very much.

Mayor Prejna – Any further discussion on W? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Williams

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Resolution is adopted.

Resolution X was pulled by Alderman Budmats

X) Resolution No. 19-R-20 – Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Fund for Hicks/Euclid Bike Path Extension

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would authorize the submittal of a grant application to ITEP for the proposed construction of a bike path on the west side of Hicks Road (from Kirchoff Road to Euclid Avenue), and on Euclid Avenue (from Hicks Road to the Countryside Park entrance). This route is identified in the City’s Master Bike Path Plan.

ITEP funds, if approved, generally provide for 80% of construction costs. The cost estimate for this project is \$1.1 million-\$1.2 million, of which City costs would be \$220,000-\$240,000. The proposed bike path project would include the installation of a pedestrian traffic signal installation at the intersection of Hicks Road/Euclid Avenue.

Do I have a motion to move this forward? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes.

Alderman Budmats - This is within my Ward, I enjoy the bike path, I regularly bike it in the summer and I can tell you that to place a bike path on Hicks between Kirchoff and Euclid is absolutely 100% worthless. There are two sidewalks on each side of the road that are completely unused, all of the houses on the back of Adams to the east have no driveways so that’s a totally unused sidewalk unless you’re walking your dog. There’s nobody who leaves their house and goes out onto that sidewalk, they go out on Adams Street so that sidewalk is virtually unused. I understand the need for the pedestrian crossing at Hicks and Euclid and I also understand where you could want to have a widen bike path going from Hicks to the west to Countryside Park. Then once you get there I don’t know what you’re going to do after that, I guess go back to sidewalk. I guess the point is, to do it for that stretch from Kirchoff to Euclid along Hicks is a waste of money and I don’t want to support a waste of money that we can maybe repave one of the streets in my Ward that so badly needs to be repaved with that same dollar. I ask that we can come back with it modified in that way. Other than that I will be voting no.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Do you have any comments, Mr. Vogt?

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director - We can certainly look at modifying the scope of the application if that’s the desire of Council to have Staff do that. We do have of time to do this, this isn’t a matter that would have to be yes/no and we wouldn’t apply. We do have time in terms of the ITEP funding cycle for the next couple of months I believe it is probably summer before. If that’s the desire of Council we can certainly do that.

Mayor Prejna – Yes, Mr. Williams.

Alderman Williams – Two things, I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Cannon on the fact that the cost of these bike paths seem to be exorbitant to say the least. I’ve failed to understand how a bike path cost that much money unless you’re making them like you’re going to be running heavy equipment on them. At the same time, I agree with Mr. Budmats that the one along Hicks is totally unnecessary. It’s very seldom used for walkers or anything other than could be used for bikes, for that matter I’m not so sure that along Euclid gets that much foot traffic because there’s the fencing and all of the houses, they’re housing projects condominiums that go all the way up to Plum Grove. I will be voting against it.

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Mayor Prejna – Further discussion? Mr. Budmats, do you wish to make an amendment saying that you would like Staff to come back at a later date? Is that something that will work, Mr. Vogt? I'm asking Staff what will work, we can either vote it down tonight or if Mr. Budmats requests...

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director – You could move to amend the motion to eliminate Hicks if that's so desired or at least see if we can feasible proceed with a grant application for the other half. We can always look to getting more data. Like I said a few minutes ago, we certainly have more time to research it, bring it back and put it on the Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda as an update a month or two from now if you're so desirous with proceeding with part of it would be helpful to Staff.

Mayor Prejna – The Chair is making that suggestion, would you like to put that in form of a motion, Mr. Budmats?

Alderman Budmats – Yes. Could we ask Staff to come back to us with an amended motion at some point in the future rather than voting on this?

Mayor Prejna – Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Gallo. Is there any further discussion? Mr. Cannon.

Alderman Cannon – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I don't disagree with us coming back at this but I guess I would question the wisdom of just putting a bike path from Hicks to Countryside Park. It's like a path to nowhere from nowhere. I don't bike but it doesn't connect anything other than regular sidewalks. These things do get crazy expensive what I don't understand what the benefit would be.

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Vogt is ready to jump in on that.

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director – Thank you, Mayor. Several reasons why this application is proposed the way it is and we've had several discussions over the last couple years with the Traffic Review Committee as well. Part of it being concerns that we've had from residents in the area particularly on Vermont Street for the pedestrian crossing and we've had discussions with Cook County Highway Department in that regard. The Highway Department has indicated that if we were to do a project such as a bike path to improve pedestrian nature they may look at options including putting in a left turn lane, putting in a safety island in the middle of the intersection to assist people crossing Hicks Road, a number of things that we really can't have the County do. The County has indicated to us that they would want to see some sort of an improvement project. The pedestrian crossing that's proposed as part of this project at the Hicks/Euclid intersection is of importance, the fact that the length from Countryside Park then to Plum Grove Road where we would be able to tie into an existing bike path is quite lengthy. We felt that was too big a project, too costly a project and would look to do it incrementally. Going back to Hicks, certainly that could be incremental as well, wherever we can and where the City desires to include bike paths we've kind of done it in segments over the years as well.

Mayor Prejna – We could table it. Mr. Krumstok.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – You could table it, that's what I was going to say. We'll bring it back in a few weeks with some of the discussion. There's actually two parts that we can actually have because we've talked about modifying it and everything else. I do want to reiterate, there's been some comments, a bike path to nowhere, I can tell you that certain people do bike that area and they go wherever they can get to Countryside Park. There is a use for it and that it has been discussed. The best I can tell you is that this does come to Staff every so often asking why we don't have a safe area. We did look for grants because of the crossing and some of the other pieces. The other comment that has been stated and I just want to clarify, sometimes bike paths are so expensive is because we are using Federal and State money

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and there's specific rules how you have to build a bike path, not just the depth of the concrete and the width, there are actually rules that get into it. If a municipality was just doing an overlay that's a different kind of issue. I would ask, please table it tonight and we'll be back in March with this. The other thing that I would say is maybe we should a quick Staff write up about why some of these bike paths do have additional costs. This way we can just do some more communication on it.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Do I have a motion to table this Resolution? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Cannon. Any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Williams, Cannon

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Resolution is tabled.

Resolution Y was pulled by Alderman Gallo

Y) Resolution No. 19-R-21 – Authorize City Manager and/or City Attorney to Advise the National Safety Council that the City did not Authorize the Filing of a Grant Application

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, would advise the National Safety Council that the City of Rolling Meadows did not authorize the filing of a Road to Zero grant application.

Do I have a motion to move this forward? Alderman Majikes has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Gallo.

Alderman Gallo – I want to put a little perspective around this Road to Zero grant application. Starting with the criteria of eligibility and what this actually is. The Road to Zero coalition requires that you be a member which I am a member of, that's something you put your email address in and hit submit and you become a member. The other component for criteria to be eligible is that you be a representative of the City where an initiative is taking place and since I receive compensation from the City of Rolling Meadows and I file my tax returns against the revenue I receive from the City of Rolling Meadows and have a City of Rolling Meadows email address and I'm a local elected official for the City of Rolling Meadows, I feel I'm a valid representative for the City of Rolling Meadows. The third component was having to have an initiative in your community that leads to safer roads or improving traffic safety which we heard earlier from the Haas Alert team that our fire trucks and ambulances have been doing for quite a few months now.

Fast-forward a bit to the actual application. As mentioned, this is the National Safety Council and because road safety and traffic safety is so significant and dangerous. This is a national contest offered from Alaska to Hawaii across every state in the continent to Puerto Rico which means there are thousands of applicants vying for these dollars and at the end of the day only 11 to 15 will receive revenue for their reward. So essentially to reframe this, this is equivalent of me taking my business card and putting it in a fishbowl at a restaurant to receive a free lunch and should I be lucky enough to actually have it reviewed and find our initiative be interesting enough to spend more time, money and project power toward, the National Safety Council would come back to me and allow me to know that. At that time, much like the restaurant program after I'm doing my due diligence behind the scenes, come to the City Council and lay before them the actual parameters. The fact that we are selected and this is a real thing because right now this is completely

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immaterial, there is no moving forward, there is no contract, there is nothing other than a wing and a prayer that we'll have this. So right now I think we're getting a little bit ahead of ourselves in that which we're pursuing and if we did bring it before the Council, I would put it before you to make a determination whether or not you wanted to turn down free money, an opportunity to collect data that can save residents and more importantly our first responders who we put on our roads. If you wanted to that's fine, I know we've turned down the grants for fire stations and things of that nature before so that would be on the Council and I'm okay with that. But I have a couple concerns about this seeing this here on the agenda knowing that this is so immaterial is that I need to understand what the actual problem is with me having a little bit autonomy to do preliminary work, to bring something before the Council and it's prematurely here right now. Is it because I'm trying to improve road safety? Or improve safety for our first responders? Or is it because it's Joe Gallo who's actually doing this and that's a problem? Because if we're going to follow rules and say that City Staff members are the only ones who can fill out applications and we follow rules then we should follow rules when City Manager's spend beyond their limits of \$80,000 and a contract for demolition on Hicks.

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo...

Alderman Gallo - I'm just making a point about rules...

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo...Mr. Gallo...

Alderman Gallo - So my question is...

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo point of order. I would ask you to stay on task...

Alderman Gallo – I am on task.

Mayor Prejna - And I did respect your opportunity to pull this. Please...

Alderman Gallo – My question is, what is the problem with me doing preliminary work and if we so get the luxury of receiving this, bringing it before the Council for a vote? What's the problem?

Mayor Prejna - I will give you my insight to it. My first inkling of what was happening, I picked up a newspaper article that was not totally correct about what was happening with this because I then proceeded to ask our City Manager and no one in the City knew what you were speaking about. The City Manager did not know about it and the City Attorney did not know about it and I'm told that no department head was aware of this initiative. The City Manager reached out to you and asked for a copy of this grant which...

Alderman Gallo – I told him standby.

Mayor Prejna - Correct, we never received it.

Alderman Gallo – I had gotten it.

Mayor Prejna - We now have it.

Alderman Gallo - I understand that, so why am I going to bring it to you and you know that...

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo, you've given us more information tonight which you could have done previously. Now, Mr. Gallo, you put this forward for a grant, I think it's a great idea that the City can

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move forward with these items however there are only certain members of the City mandated that could apply for grants so I agree that the opportunity is great. I think when you ask, why has this become such a matter, it was simply that if you had given us the explanation that you gave us tonight in January, this probably would have never come forward, we would've had a better understanding of what was going on. My understanding is coming from our City Attorney, the City Council can only make applications for grants. Am I correct, Mr. Macholl?

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – Yes, the City Council never provided the authority to do that.

Alderman Gallo – And we are not bound by any contract...

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – I don't know what the terms of it are so if you want to call it a contract, I don't know what it is, I don't know anything about it. But be that as it may, no one on this dais, the City Manager or any department head has the ability to just go ahead and send off documents on behalf of the City, it doesn't exist. That's the basic problem.

Alderman Gallo – There is a double standard there and that's if we want to follow rules, rules are rules. If a City Manager has a rule that he could not exceed a certain spending limit however he does and this Council turns a blind eye to it than rule is not a rule.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – Rules have nothing to do with it.

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo...Mr. Gallo...we're dealing with this right now, we're not dealing with the City Manager. Mr. Gallo, this looks like it's a very promising idea, however as the City Attorney has stated it would be like someone saying I'm going to apply to get a snow plow into my Ward because I think we should really have one of those. I think there's two factors here Mr. Gallo, 1) all you had to do is communicate to us and we could've told you what the process is, and 2) only the City Council or their designated representatives can come forward with this. Again, I think it has a great deal of promise, I think it can go forward. Any further discussion?

Alderman Majikes - Thank you. I'm almost 100% sure that there isn't one person up on this Council, in this room, or in this City that wants our first responders in jeopardy. We want them to be safe. So that is not even a point to be brought up because it's a given we want them to be safe. I actually had a resident contact me when they read this article and I knew nothing about it. So my problem with it all, as the Mayor just stated, the lack of communication. I think it's a wonderful idea, I would support it if it went through but the fact that when I then read the article and it pretty much sounded it was a done deal the way the article was written. I know you don't have control on how reporter writes...

Alderman Gallo – I don't write articles.

Alderman Majikes - but you were interviewed. Then I did watch the Mayoral interview yesterday with the Daily Herald and you did refer to it again sounding like it was a done deal.

Alderman Gallo – No.

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo, let her finish please.

Alderman Majikes - My only issue is the fact that I get a phone call then from resident totally caught off guard and their thinking this is all done. They just read this article, what is this, when is this being done, this money is being spent. The lack of the communication...

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Alderman Gallo – No money is being spent.

Mayor Prejna – Mr. Gallo...Mr. Gallo...

Alderman Majikes - Okay, can I please finish?

Mayor Prejna – Point of order, okay? I've tried to be respectful to everyone, you've had your opportunity to speak and no one interrupted you, would you please have the same respect for another member of the Council?

Alderman Gallo – Yep.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you.

Alderman Majikes – What I'm saying is that they asked me about the money that could be spent on this and I had no answers because there was nothing communicated to me. Is this the type grant that has to be matched? I don't know because there was no information shared so it puts in Alderman in a bad spot when a resident is reaching out on something another Alderman did an article and I can't give them the proper answers. All I have the problem with is the lack of communication so I can then respond with the proper information.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Further comment from the Council? Mr. Banger.

Alderman Banger – Thank you. This is a timely issue for me, I had a community gardener reach out with some potential grants. Cook County Farm Bureau was offering community gardens in the area grants and I'll be going through Public Works to see exactly how this works and then I imagine they'll file for a grant on my behalf. Just the thought of these, it's a body of Council up here and just after the past seven years of seeing grant applications come in front of Us for approval so we could read about them and know about them. I'm always mindful of subscribing to something or getting something, it's rare to get something for nothing. A lot of times you'll get on a 90 day trial and I just had a web service send me a note that said your trial is up it's time to start paying. I just want to know everything upfront and again this is a body of Officials and I think the proper way of bringing it in is to send it through Staff onto the agenda. Regardless of what this is about and how beneficial it might be, if this is the new way of doing things I have three or four organizations that I'd certainly like to join on behalf of the City but I'm not going to because that's not the way it works. Kudos to Alderman Gallo for being passionate about this and trying to get the City involved but it's not the right way to do it in my opinion so I'll be voting for these two Resolutions. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Mr. Cannon.

Alderman Cannon – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. A couple questions I would ask, Mr. Mayor. I know we had a gentleman from the State of Illinois last February who talked about future tech things that might help us and I was wondering if since that time has there been like a Tech or Tech of the Future Committee formed in our City?

Mayor Prejna – We at that time, at that meeting Mr. Gallo came forward and said, if I can quote it directly, he came forward that he'd like to organize one and he would come back to us with a charter which has not happened at this time. We technically do not have a committee, he did come back with one.

Alderman Cannon - Okay. I guess I would go along with Mr. Banger, there's a couple of issues that I had with the fire station where I actually had some contacts that I was told that I could even talk to them

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about items that I was aware of that I think the City can save a lot of money on. I wasn't even allowed to talk to the vendor nevermind make a deal with them or sign any papers. I think the process, I would agree with some of the comments, I think this seems like it might be an interesting idea I guess if it were handled in the right manner I believe it would be something that I would be supportive of but the way this has been handled I think it's kind of an embarrassment to the City. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Further Comments? Mr. Budmats.

Alderman Budmats - So without looking at the source, I'd like to look at the merit of what's being talked about and why. I really don't see a reason for us to pull it based on the merits and how it's been explained at this point. I understand we're not happy about how it came to be but based on what it is and how it's been explained and I've read the application, it doesn't appear it creates any liability on the City's part to keep the application in place. So to remove the application at this point would probably cut off our nose and make our face look good, there's no sense in doing it. So I'm going to vote that we leave the application the way it is. There's a fine line that we need to establish as a Council, Mike is saying that he wants to be able to contact somebody, I contacted somebody and we saved a ton of money on the lifts and John contacted people and he came up with a great program for the restaurant initiative. If we stymie or we take away the impetus for Aldermen to demonstrate initiative the City is going to suffer. We're here, we all have expertise we can bring and share with the City, that's why we're here. So to limit ourselves in being able to do that in the future seems foolish and it also seems foolish to turn away \$180,000 free dollars if they happen to find their way here. So I'm not going to vote against it just because of how it came to be, I'm going to vote for it based on the merits of its own program.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Further comments? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

Alderman Gallo – What's the question?

Mayor Prejna – Resolution 19-R-21, is this Resolution, if adopted, would advise the National Safety Council that the City of Rolling Meadows did not authorize the filing of a Road to Zero grant application.

Alderman Gallo – So what's the action, for the City to pull it?

Mayor Prejna – Yes will pull it; No will not.

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – Excuse me, let's define pull? You vote it up or you vote it down.

Mayor Prejna – That's basically where we're going,

Jim Macholl, City Attorney – Just so there's no misunderstanding.

AYES: Majikes, Banger, D'Astice, Williams, Cannon

NAYS: Gallo, Budmats

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 5 in favor and 2 opposed this Resolution passes. This Resolution is adopted and will advise the National Safety Council that the City of Rolling Meadows did not authorize the filing of a Road to Zero grant application.

Resolution Z was pulled by Alderman Gallo

Z) Resolution No. 19-R-22 - Authorize City Manager and/or City Attorney to Demand that the Illinois Autonomous Vehicles Association Remove City Seal and References to the City of Rolling Meadows

Mayor Prejna – This Resolution, if adopted, will authorize the City Manager or the City Attorney to demand the Association remove the City seal from the Association’s materials and also remove the City as a municipal partner, until further notice.

Do I have a motion for Z? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Majikes.

Alderman Gallo – I’ve learned of our City seal being on this website the day the packet came out. Yes, I am involved in the Illinois Autonomous Vehicle Association, I’ve been a founding member. Yes, the Haas Alert system is a program that’s taken with pride through the Illinois Autonomous Vehicle Association with vehicle to vehicle response and I think inadvertently they put our logo up because the system is in play in our fire trucks and ambulances. As the email I sent to you Mr. Mayor and to you City Manager Krumstok on Sunday saying the logo is already been down since Saturday would have much easily taken care of with a quick phone call from the City before without having to make a big todo about this unless there’s a reason to make it an issue. I’m just curious as to why we wouldn’t want to demonstrate if anybody’s looked at the other logos available on the Illinois Autonomous Vehicle Association website. Rivian, UIC Chicago, the developer of the atomic bomb nuclear age, and we don’t want to show that we have progress through participation and be on the same platform as these people and have our City Manager look at the logos and encourage conversation and collaboration but I guess not.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Further discussion?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – You know I don’t usually step out of bounds but Alderman Gallo I do need to mention that I did look at it and I did prepare a Resolution that would have made it authorized but with everything that was going on, there was a discussion with the City Attorney and I did see Rantoul and I did see others. Your connotation and your comments are inappropriate and unacceptable. Again, I don’t usually step out of bounds but I did look at it and we have a policy and we do have things that we’ve done before that’s why it was really easy to do a Resolution. There’s a difference between the seal and the logo. When you make comments about it, ask and communicate.

Mayor Prejna – Any further comments?

Alderman Gallo – I have one further comment. I did not suggest or request our logo be put up there in any way.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – In no way did we say that you did it and it doesn’t say anywhere in there and there was no connotation about you. You’re the one that now stated that they removed on it and that was it. I will leave it at that. You didn’t communicate.

Mayor Prejna – Thank you. Any further comments? Will the Clerk please call the roll.

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AYES: Banger, D' Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes

NAYS: Gallo

ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 6 in favor and 1 opposed this Resolution is adopted.

Mayor Prejna – This now brings us to Other Business & Reports.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: None

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) 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 this Friday (February 15, 2019).
- 2) A Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, February 22nd from 12:00 pm (noon) to 6:00 pm at the Neuckranz Fire Station (2455 Plum Grove Road). Walk-ins are welcome, but you can also register at 877-258-4825 or visit vitalant.org and use group code 572C to donate.
- 3) March 2nd – 18th Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Library. For more information, please visit the Library. They do need readers!
- 4) March 2nd – Taste The Town – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Tickets cost \$15.00 at the door.
- 5) The last day for regular voter registration, to vote in the April election is March 5th. Early voting for the primary election begins March 18th. Please check with Cook County for voting locations.
- 6) March 7th – 10th Rolling Meadows Library Spring Book Sale. Please contact the Library at 847-259-6050 for hours or visit www.rmlib.org
- 7) Rotary St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th. This is the 19th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner prepared by the Rotary Club of Rolling Meadows and will take place from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive).

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For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Rolling Meadows Park District Director Amy Charlesworth at 847-818-3220 or Public Works Director Fred Vogt at 847-963-0500.

- 8) March 10th – Law Enforcement Torch Run – Polar Plunge for Special Olympics (Illinois) – Twin Lakes (Palatine) starts around 12:00 pm (noon) and ends at 3:00 pm. If you would like to donate or participate please contact Chief Nowacki. This is a unique opportunity to support Special Olympic athletes by taking a leap (or a big step) into the cold water of Twin Lakes. (Note: The torch run is conducted in June).
- 9) 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. Reminder that residents will continue to receive printed versions of “News & Views” in March, May, July, September and November. Future “e-News & Views” will be loaded onto the City website April, June, August, October and December.
- 10) The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is offering 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.
- 11) On Wednesday, February 20, 2019 the Planning and Zoning Commission will be conducting a workshop regarding the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission on February 5, 2019 did have a public hearing and they are now just having this workshop. If anyone else would like to come in and have additional conversation about the Comprehensive Plan.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

2) Committee-of-the Whole Meeting

- 1) ComEd
- 2) Comp Plan Update
- 3) Utility Rate Study
- 4) Brookwood Update

Fred Vogt, Public Works Director went over the following:

3) Traffic Review

In 2018, the City Council authorized the update of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, last updated in 2006. A consultant was chosen (Teska Associates) and work commenced in Summer, 2018.

The process included and will continue to include extensive public engagement, including the following:

- Kick-off meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Ad-Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Appearance by Teska at Fridays Rock! and Roll in Meadows on September 7, 2018
- Online and paper survey available from September through mid-November, 2018

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- Stakeholder interviews on September 13 and 14, 2018
- Visioning and Goal Setting Meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Ad-Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee on October 2, 2018
- Focus group interviews on October 16, 2018
- Open House #1 on October 25, 2018
- Open House #2 on December 11, 2018
- Strategizing and prioritization meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Ad-Hoc Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Activities (such as poster boards) available to the public in City Hall at various times
- Public Hearing of the Comprehensive Plan Draft on February 5, 2019
- Planning and Zoning Commission Comprehensive Plan Draft Workshop (to be scheduled late February, 2019)
- Continuation of the Public Hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on March 5, 2019
- Tentative first reading of the Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan on March 26, 2019
- Tentative second reading of the Ordinance and adoption of the Plan on April 9, 2019

The initial draft document was received from Teska in mid-December. After staff reviews, a second draft was prepared in late January, 2019, posted online, and distributed to the Planning and Zoning Commission members for their review.

The Planning and Zoning Commission, at their monthly meeting on February 5, held a public hearing regarding the draft of the Comprehensive Plan Update. At this meeting, the Commission decided to postpone their vote until their regularly scheduled March 5 meeting. In the meantime, the Commission has requested an additional workshop to be scheduled in February to allow for more in depth review of the draft Plan, as well as time to provide the opportunity to solicit more input from the residents and businesses. Staff is working on scheduling the workshop, and will advertise the Plan's availability to the public.

It is staff's intention to bring the draft plan to the Mayor and City Council at its February 19 Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion and comment. A copy of the draft plan will be provided to Council with the packets. However, if Council wishes to examine the draft plan in advance of receiving the packets, the draft has been posted on the Comprehensive Plan website (www.plan4rollingmeadows.org).

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

4) Taste the Town

Please save the date and hopefully you can attend on Saturday, March 2nd, as the 3rd annual TASTE the TOWN event will take place!

This indoor 'taste-of-Rolling Meadows' will feature delicious, sample portions, *while supplies last*, of the following (list as of February 7th): The Stadium Sports Club, Giant Sakura, Pita Pita, Rep's Place, Picante Mexican Bar & Grill, Buona Beef, Fratello's, Honeybaked Ham, Jersey Mike's, Grande Jake's, and Senor Tacos.

To taste from these fine Rolling Meadows establishments, guests will be charged \$15.00 per person to enter the event, which will also feature live music by the popular How2Go Dueling Pianos. There will also be a cash bar with beer, wine, pop and water at this event.

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We hope to see you on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Community Center, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for this fun night out!

This event is hosted by the City of Rolling Meadows, the Rolling Meadows Park District, Community Events Foundation and Chamber of Commerce.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Prejna – I wasn't going to speak but I feel it's necessary. You know, Mr. Gallo, you made a comment is this just Joe Gallo, I just want to say since you've come on the Council I have reached out to you a number of times asking you how can I help you. I have defended you in front of this Council as you have acknowledged by email. I have brought you to meetings when I was with Congressman Krishnamoorthi to let you know, even though it was a Mayors meeting, how we can work together. So when you brought this up tonight I felt the fact that I didn't even get the courtesy of a phone call and no one else received the courtesy of a phone call. I'm sorry, Mr. Gallo I've reached out to you from the very beginning and I will still reach out to you and if there's anything I can do to help you. There are things that were happening that I asked you and I tried to bridge with other members of the Council and you told me that you weren't interested. So I wasn't going to come forward with this but my hand is still out there if you'd like to work on something. There is something in the last two years that on a number of occasions I have brought you even when there was a meeting or there was an idea for the Dominick's property that you were brought forth to a meeting even if was just exploratory but you were brought into it because it was your Ward. I want it to be known out there that I have reached out to you and I've tried to communicate to you and I hope you appreciate that. I know you're smiling right now but do appreciate the fact that I've tried.

Alderman Gallo – I appreciate your attempt but I also appreciate your candor here publicly but your patronization privately. So with that I will keep it what it is. Thank you for your outreach.

Mayor Prejna – I'm sorry you feel that way Mr. Gallo. I certainly do. Any other matters not on the Agenda? Ms. Majikes.

Alderman Majikes – Thank you. I would just like to ask if, I don't know if Staff would be able to put it together or the Technology Council to put it together. Is this Committee formed? Who are the members? Have there been meetings because then we probably wouldn't have been going through what we just went through a little while ago? It says right here to show commitment to road safety Rolling Meadows has founded the City's first Technology Council. Just for transparency like we're always talking about, I think it would help everybody so that if we want to see minutes from those meetings we can and we'll know who is on that committee. I'm just asking if that information is out there and I missed it somehow.

Alderman Gallo – If you're asking, I'll answer you. I'm holding the charter back because I am not going to start having a group of residents push initiatives that this Council doesn't seem to have the capacity to want to pursue because this Council doesn't have the capacity to want to listen to residents and what the residents want. I'm not going to stand here on a soap box like you all are doing. We're not doing this tonight.

Alderman Majikes - I didn't know asking for information was a soap box, Mr. Gallo.

Mayor Prejna – We're here and we'd love to work with you but you have told us what your thoughts are. Any other comments?

Alderman Majikes – No, thank you, Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT:

Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Mayor Prejna - There is one item that will be discussed in Closed Session. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman Majikes has made the motion and it has been by Alderman Banger. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll.

AYES: Banger, D’Astice, Williams, Cannon, Budmats, Majikes, Gallo
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Prejna - With 7 in favor and 0 opposed we will now enter Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action at this time.

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk