

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – February 13, 2018**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas

Absent: Cannon

Staff Members Present: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Deputy City Clerk Ginny Cotugno, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Police Chief John Nowacki, Public Works Director Fred Vogt, Business Advocate Martha Corner, and City Attorney Jim Macholl

Mayor Prejna read the following statement:

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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Prejna: The first item on the agenda this evening is a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and the January 23, 2018 Council meeting. Is there such a motion? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it was seconded. Are there any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes? Seeing none the question is shall the minutes be approved? All those in favor please signify by saying aye; those opposed? The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to deviate from the agenda? Alderman Banger made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall the council deviate from the agenda. All those in favor say aye; those opposed? The ayes have it and the council will deviate from the agenda.

1) Public Hearing – CDBG Call for Projects

The Cook County Bureau of Administration requires the City of Rolling Meadows to hold a Public Hearing regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Funds. This Hearing is to solicit input from the Community regarding future funding and program needs.

Let the record show this Public Hearing opened at 7:33 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

The Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds a variety of needs some of which include Single Family Rehabilitation, Fair Housing Activities, Housing Counseling, Affordable

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Housing Opportunities, Infrastructure Improvements, Commercial Rehabilitation, Capital Improvements and Public Service Activities.

The City of Rolling Meadows encourages any interested parties or organizations to present any current or future request or ideas regarding the use of Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

The City of Rolling Meadows City Council will be requested to approve any Community Development Block Grant project applications at a regularly scheduled meeting in late March or in early April, 2018, to meet the schedule as established by the Cook County Bureau of Administration.

The City is required to follow the established procedures of the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program regarding project submittal and established limitations on funding. The City of Rolling Meadows will also consider any necessary revisions to its Five Year Plan on file with Cook County Department of Planning and Development, at a future City Council meeting.

Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to speak regarding the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program?

Let the record show this hearing closed at 7:35 p.m. February 13, 2018.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Krumstok, I'm going to ask you to help me out on this since I left my notes. Mr. Vogt, I'm not sure if it's going to be Mr. Vogt, our Public Works Department has received a number of rewards for their employees in the last couple of weeks and I left my notes at home, Fred if you want to wing it go for it, but I think we.....

Mr. Krumstok: No, the Public Works Director is sick and should not be talking, but....

Mr. Vogt: I'm not prepared to present myself anything or anybody else anything tonight.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: What the Mayor is actually mentioning, and we actually have mentioned in our February eNews&Views, which is on the internet, we had three Public Works Employee recognized for Leaders of Excellence. Public Works Director Fred Vogt was presented with the Top 10 Public Works Leader of the Year Award. Internal Services Superintendent Don Wenzel received the Professional Manager of the Year Emergency Management Award, and Water Utilities Superintendent John Somogyi received the APWA Samuel A. Greeley Award and that actually recognizes dedication and continued service to a local public agency. All three of them were recognized at a recent luncheon that was done by APWA and we appreciate all their service.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you and next time I'll put my notes, I'll pin them to me so I don't lose them. A couple of other things that I did want to mention that I've been involved with is Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers, on Sunday March 4th, is going to have a Bowl-A-Thon again to raise money and there will be more information coming forward, but I also received information on February 23rd and 24th USA Sled Hockey benefit game for the Paralympic sled hockey team will be taking place here in West Meadows Ice Arena so I would like to bring that out there. I know I will be in attendance there so I just wanted to

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let everyone know that that's coming and we have a number of activities that I would like to see the community come out and support. I do have a sadness to report that one of our retired officers, Sergeant Dave Carlson, passed away recently. He was a veteran of many years and for those who knew him in the community he was a great credit to not only the community, but to the Department, so I just wanted to say that the City of Rolling Meadows and many of us, our hearts go out to you. We thank Dave for all his years of service. Moving on to Ward Report, are there Ward Reports? Seeing none, this moves us on to the Meeting Open to the Public.

WARD REPORTS: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

Mayor Prejna: Opened the floor to the public. The first signatory is Bill Amundsen. As usual Mr. Amundsen it's always great to see you here.

Bill Amundsen: Thank you. With tonight's passage of the 2nd Reading of the change of the Dominick's property to residential pretty much effectively turns the whole south side of Kirchoff Road into residential. It's a shame that the property is going to residential when the property could be used for something that would develop tax money for the City of Rolling Meadows. If everybody is so intent on changing our commercial into residential, we could start by condemning the Jewel Shopping Center and turn that into residential and then when we're through with that we can go over to the Meijer property and we can really stuff a lot of multiple dwelling in over there and when you're through with that then we can maybe condemn the Walmart triangle and turn that into residential so that Rolling Meadows is going to end up being pretty much a bedroom community. Now we're going to be spending what is so far to cost 9 million dollars to relocate fire stations and you know there's going to be overruns and overages and everything else. It's going to 12 million dollars. The City has to repay Police and Fire retirement funds, 50 million dollars. All of this is going to have to come out of the taxpayers' pockets. You know, you people should check with some of your constituents. There's a lot of anger about the cost of real estate taxes in this City. I don't understand why we have not hired an Economic Development person that has the contacts with other Economic Development people. They go to different shows and conventions and they get in touch with other companies that are moving or planning to expand and looking for property. Caterpillar was looking for a place to go. They ended up in Deerfield. Rolling Meadows, if they settled in Rolling Meadows, they go on 53 and take a straight shot down to 55 and down 116 to Peoria. But they're in Deerfield. It adds another 45 minutes at least of travel time, but we can't just sit back and say we're Rolling Meadows. Let's come to Rolling Meadows because we're here. We lost out on IKEA. They came to us, but we couldn't do anything to release that property from the protective covenant, so Rolling Meadows is going to have to get busy and get some Economic Development person in here that can get some business into town. There's no reason for that Dominick's property to have laid fallow so long. There are a lot of businesses that could have come into town and if they say Rolling Meadows is too small, but look at all of the residential around us. Considerable amount of residential around us. We would pull from them like the other towns that they settle in would pull from their neighboring communities. So let's try and get something in this town that's going to give the City some tax relief. Because you've got a lot of expenses coming up and our pockets are getting worn out. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you for coming forward and speaking tonight. The next person up on the signatory list is Craig Carlson.

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Craig Carlson: Thank you Mayor. My name is Craig Carlson. Again, I'm the owner of the Comet Frozen Custard lot. Please don't come for my lot, not yet, to change over. So I think the council knows my position on this is that I am not in favor of that piece of property becoming the majority of townhomes on the former site. It does take up, that represents over 30% of our downtown district and I'm asking the City Council to really take a more long term vision of this and my comments are going to be brief tonight, but I would like to make a couple points out is that the argument that we continue to hear that it's a traffic count discussion isn't necessarily true for successful downtowns and you only have to look to your closest neighbors. Palatine doesn't have a road that runs through their downtown. It has more than 5,000 cars a day. Downtown Arlington Heights, with the exception of Northwest Highway, doesn't have that. Elk Grove, and I could go on and on, so we can build a successful downtown without being on a major thoroughfare. In addition to that I have been looking into an alternative plan and I'm here tonight to publically ask, and I've met with a couple of the councilmen already, for each of you to carve out 10 to 15 minutes because I know this isn't the best format for back and forth to discuss an alternative plan, but to meet with me. And I'm on the point to contact each of you and I've reached out to the majority of you tonight and I'd like to share that plan with you and I'd like for you to give it a serious consideration because I think that the community needs a downtown. I think there's a calling for that. You have hundreds and hundreds of homes that are in walking distance of the downtown and that's so valuable and I think we're missing that as a key selling point and then also the fact that the tax dollars and the business revenue would be generated here and the argument that I'm going to have, if there's 115 townhomes there's going to be an additional 250 people that can come by my ice cream. You put one good restaurant in town and they have 10 tables and they turn those tables every night, that brings in way more than that. So the economic growth of that parcel, while I understand maybe a portion of it has to be multi-use, and it won't be retail, I think that's the way to go so I'm going to ask each of you to please accept my call and schedule time with me. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. Carlson for coming forward tonight.

Mayor Prejna closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING**

A) Ordinance No. 18-08 / Approve a 3-Lot Subdivision, Rezoning of the Southern 9.5 Acres from C-2 General Commercial Services to R-4 Intermediate Residential, Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Preliminary Planned Development for 2819-2915 Kirchoff Road (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the ordinance? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Banger. Is there any discussion? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: Yes Mr. Mayor. I'd like to make a motion that we postpone this, vote on this, until we have a full council.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second?

Alderman Veenbaas: I have a second.

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Mayor Prejna: Mr. Veenbaas has made the second. Is there any discussion? Mr. Gallo

Alderman Gallo: Regardless of whether or not we postpone it, I do have to make clear for the majority of my Ward, whom I've contacted and spoken about this issue, they are in agreement that though there will be mixed use probably necessary to suit that position, we should not.....

Alderman D'Astice: We're supposed to be talking about the motion to postpone.

Mayor Prejna: Okay

Mr. Macholl: He is talking about that.

Mayor Prejna: Okay, Mr. Gallo, go ahead.

Alderman Gallo: Well I just have to reiterate that the composition as laid out now, and if we postpone it or not....

Mayor Prejna: So your discussion is that you do not wish to postpone, you're not going to support this motion. Is that what you're saying?

Alderman Gallo: No, I support the motion to postpone.

Mayor Prejna: Okay, thank you. Mr. Banger, did you have your hand up?

Alderman Banger: No

Mayor Prejna: If there is no further discussion, will the Clerk please call the roll?

Alderman Budmats: Would you re-read the motion so I know exactly how I'm voting?

Mayor Prejna: Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: Motion to postpone until we have a full council to vote.

Alderman Budmats: Yes

AYES: Budmats, Gallo, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Majikes, Banger

ABSENT: Cannon

Ordinance is postponed to the February 27, 2018 Council Meeting

B) Ordinance No. 18-09 / Amend Code for Ambulance Billing (2nd Reading)

Mayor Prejna read the background on the Ordinance.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the Ordinance? Alderman Banger has made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

Alderman Budmats: I had discussion.

Mayor Prejna: Sorry

Alderman Budmats: This motion was amended the last time through. We're voting on it in the exact, original presentation?

Mayor Prejna: Right. Mr. Krumstok

Mr. Krumstok: You're correct and actually if you look later in the council meeting there's a resolution to that and obviously when we went back to obviously the ambulance and health insurance and everything, they need a clean ordinance. They can't have anything that talks about diverting funds or anything, so this is why you have a clean ordinance in front of you and that's why you see a resolution later on that actually deals with what that amendment and motion actually was talked about last meeting.

Alderman Budmats: But we approved the amended last time so we're approving something different this time?

Mr. Krumstok: You're approving the original ordinance that was before you.

Alderman Budmats: Okay

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion Mr. Budmats? Thank you. Any further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

NAYS: Veenbaas

ABSENT: Cannon

The ordinance is adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

None

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

C) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2-13-18.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 Warrant as presented by the Finance Department? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the Clerk will please call the roll.

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D’Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS:

ABSENT: Cannon

The warrant was approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

- D) Resolution No. 18-R-10 / Commitment of Fund Balance from the General Fund’s Ambulance Fees**
- E) Resolution No. 18-R-11 / Approve 2018 Wage Increase for the City Manager**
- F) Resolution No. 18-R-12 / Approve FY2018 Motor Fuel Tax Appropriations for Public Works Street Maintenance Operations**
- G) Resolution No. 18-R-13 / Approve the Submittal of a Grant Application for Algonquin Road/New Wilke Road Phase I Preliminary Engineering Costs**
- H) Resolution No. 18-R-14 / Award a 3-Year Contract Extension for Landscape Services – Downtown Kirchhoff Road and Other Sites**
- I) Resolution No. 18-R-15 / Award a Contract for Replacement & Upgrade of Security System at 3900 Berdnick Street**
- J) Resolution No. 18-R-16 / IMRF Resolution – Payments in Lieu of Healthcare**

Mayor Prejna: This brings us to the Consent Resolutions. There are seven of them that could be grouped together in a Consent Agenda if the council so wishes. They are Items D through J. Would any alderman like any of those items stricken from the Consent Agenda? Mr. Banger?

Alderman Banger: D

Mayor Prejna: D. Any other items?

Alderman Budmats: H and I

Mayor Prejna: Any other items? That brings us down to four items, Items E, F, G, and J. The Chair declares it in one motion to consider all four resolutions remaining in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded. The question is shall all four resolutions be adopted.

Mayor Prejna read the background on the remaining resolutions.

Mayor Prejna: Again, the question is shall all four of these resolutions be adopted. The Clerk will please call the roll.

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AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Cannon

The resolutions were adopted.

D) Resolution No. 18-R-10 / Commitment of Fund Balance from the General Fund's Ambulance Fees

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve this resolution? Alderman D'Astice made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman Banger. Mr. Banger, go ahead, first bite at the apple.

Alderman Banger: And my comments echo staff comments which I don't want to pass something that binds their hands and I also do trust the staff to develop a budget next year with these additional revenues going to wherever they feel appropriate. We've got a lot of things separate from our Local Roads that I can think that we might be using this for, but either way I don't want to tie their hands with this additional revenue so I will not be voting in favor of this. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Any other discussion on D? Mr. Budmats.

Alderman Budmats: I'd like to make a motion that we postpone this. The person who made this motion is not here tonight. He's not getting a chance to speak on. He was the guy who pushed so hard for this at the last meeting. He deserves the right to speak on this before we vote on it.

Mayor Prejna: So you wish to postpone.

Alderman Budmats: To postpone the vote on Item D with respect for Mike.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have a second? Alderman Gallo has seconded it. Is there any discussion on the postponement? Seeing none, will the Clerk call the roll please?

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Cannon

The resolution was postponed to the February 27, 2018 Council Meeting

H) Resolution No. 18-R-14 / Award a 3-Year Contract Extension for Landscape Services – Downtown Kirchhoff Road and Other Sites

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to approve the resolution? Alderman Banger made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman Majikes. Mr. Budmats you brought this forward.

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Alderman Budmats: I did. In reading the packet it appears that there wasn't a public bid for this and we're working off a bid that's three years old. I recommend that we only go for a one-year extension and publically bid this. The City has the right to use the lowest responsible bidder and if they have a relationship with an organization that they feel is responsive and is competitive then they can make a recommendation to us that they have publically bid it and they feel that Beary would be the lowest responsible bidder, but at this point it doesn't look like it's been bid out publically for at least three years, so I would ask that we only award a one-year contract extension so that we don't disrupt any services and that when the contract extension is up, we would publically bid it.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. A motion to do a one-year. Do we have a second? Mr. Gallo has made a second. Is there any other discussion? Mr. Banger.

Alderman Banger: I don't want to put Fred on the spot, but I guess my question would be what would this do to the contractor? Are they going to accept a one-year extension if we change it on the fly like this?

Mr. Vogt: I can't answer for them. I would expect that they would be interested in a one-year extension, but we'll have to inquire and make sure. If they are, we have no objection to putting this out in late fall or earlier in the winter to rebid it and see what prices we get. This is a very good contractor that requires very little supervision, which is important to us, but we certainly respect if council wishes us to break this up and not award a 3-year and consider it year by year at this time.

Alderman Banger: All right, thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Any further discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll on Mr. Budmats amendment?

AYES: Budmats, Gallo, Banger, D' Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: Majikes

ABSENT: Cannon

Mayor Prejna: This does pass and this resolution is amended to be a 1-year instead of a 3-year contract. We need to go forward then with the resolution as amended that will award a 1-year contract extension for landscape services in downtown Kirchoff and other sites. Do we have a motion? Mr. Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded. Is there any discussion? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D' Astice, Veenbaas

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Cannon

Resolution was adopted as amended.

I) Resolution No. 18-R-15 / Award a Contract for Replacement & Upgrade of Security System at 3900 Berdnick Street

Mayor Prejna read the background on the resolution.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a motion to adopt the resolution? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it has been seconded. Mr. Budmats, your discussion.

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Alderman Budmats: Well this one for the same reason. There's only one bid shown. I called Public Works. They said they only received one bid for this work. I suggest that we get more than one bid for this work given the size of the project and I've had recent experience with this contractor that their work wasn't the greatest in that particular instance so I would suggest that we get other bids just to compare..

Mayor Prejna: So you wish to....

Alderman Budmats: Postpone it to get public bid for three bids.

Mayor Prejna: Is there a second? Mr. Gallo has made it. Is there discussion? Mr. D'Astice

Alderman D'Astice: Clarification from the City Attorney. Postponing, is that for one meeting?

Mr. Macholl: Yes it is

Mayor Prejna: Yes

Alderman D'Astice: Well does that give staff enough time to get bids by the next meeting?

Mr. Krumstok: Mayor, what I would recommend is that it gets rejected.

Mayor Prejna: Well that was to be the next thing. There's not enough time to turn it forward, so....

Mr. Vogt: I would expect that we would need more than a week and a half to get competitive quotes or bids for this so if rejection is the other option, then we'll start over and probably be back in two council meetings, I'll say.

Mayor Prejna: Okay

Alderman Budmats: So that we don't delay it unnecessarily, if this is important, how long do you think you would need?

Mr. Vogt: I don't see the timing as critical at this point. If we have to push this off I'll say two to four weeks, that's what we will target and we'll still accomplish the project relatively quickly.

Alderman Budmats: Okay

Alderman D'Astice: We have to pull your motion.

Alderman Budmats: I'll pull my amendment. I guess we can vote on the original.

Mayor Prejna: Do we have further discussion on this? Will the Clerk please call the roll on the resolution?

AYES: 0

NAYS: Budmats, Majikes, Gallo, Banger, D'Astice, Veenbaas

ABSENT: Cannon

Resolution failed due to lack of a majority.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments: I have no appointments tonight, but I'm just announcing that I'm informed that the Police Pension Board will have an opening in the month of April. If you're someone who would like to step forward, please send a letter of interest and a resume attention to my office.

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: Updated deadlines for the Primary Election, March 20, 2018.

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) The City, SWANCC, and Elgin Recycling are conducting a holiday light, extension cord, and wire 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, LED lights, extension cords, house wire, computer wire, etc....All colors and lengths will be accepted. The City cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables. The program runs through February 16, 2018.
- 2) The last day for regular voter registration, to vote in the April election is February 20th. Early voting for the primary election begins March 5th. Please check with Cook County for voting locations.
- 3) Thursday, March 29th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Rolling Meadows Library there will be a meet and greet & seed swap for all gardeners and those want to know more about community gardens.
- 4) February 18th – 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).
- 5) March 3rd – 17th Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Library. For more information, please visit the Library. They do need readers!
- 6) March 3rd – Taste The Town – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Tickets cost \$15.00 and can be purchased at the Community Center or at the door (on the day of the event).
- 7) A Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th 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 847-397-3352 to donate.

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- 8) March 8th – 11th Rolling Meadows Library Spring Book Sale. Please contact the Library at 847-259-6050 for hours or visit www.rmlib.org
- 9) Rotary St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. This is the 18th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction 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). 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.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) I do want to mention and actually elaborate a little more than what the Mayor mentioned. So on Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th, at the West Meadows Ice Arena, that's 3939 Winnetka Avenue here in Rolling Meadows, the US Paralympics Sled Hockey Team will be playing the USA National Development Sled Team. This is really their last two final events before they make their way over to South Korea. It's a great way to really support US Hockey overall and again we do have flyers here at City Hall and we do have it posted throughout the area, but again that is Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th. Both games start at 8:00pm.
- 13) The other item that I do want to mention which we did get notice about today, is that the Meadows Christian Fellowship, located at 2401 Kirchoff Road, is actually kicking off Meadows Cruise Night a little bit early this year, but they have something called Hot Cakes for Hot Rods on Saturday, March 3rd, between 9 and 10:30 am. This is free breakfast for people to talk about cars.
- 14) So with that the only other item I do want to mention is obviously from all the City of Rolling Meadows and obviously from Police Departments throughout the area, condolences go out to the Chicago Police Department and specifically to Commander Bauer's family.

2) Rolling Meadows Community Garden Update

Alderman Banger: Thank you, and I just did a write-up. I've been meaning to do this for quite some time just to give an update and any information that you might be wondering about. And once again this is our fourth year of enjoying the use of Outlot 5. Several members of the current council were instrumental in voting to allow us to plot a community garden on there, so feel free to read through that.

I just have some factoids and it's grown from the original 16 plots to currently 32, so most of the other information I put in the write-up. Thank you.

3) Backyard Beekeeping Update

Alderman Banger: Once again, thanks to the council for unanimously voting to allow residents to do backyard beekeeping. As I had indicated a few weeks ago, we got off to a good start with our 6 hives in Rolling Meadows, two in my own backyard and 4 scattered throughout the City and backyard hosts, but starting in November they started crashing one by one and if that wasn't sad enough my last Iowa farm beehive came back from the farm two weekends ago with my neighbors who bought it back because it had crashed also, so beekeeping currently is not for the faint of heart and I have included some information that essentially says that, but starting in the spring we'll have at least, besides myself, we'll have at least two backyard beekeepers who are residents within the City. I have one person set up to be a backyard host and I'm looking for a few more, but again the write-up just kind of spells out my insights from our first year of backyard beekeeping. I just wanted to keep you folks updated with that since most of you were involved in passing that ordinance. Thank you.

4) Presentation of the February 20th Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda

Mr. Krumstok: The Community of the Whole meeting is set for February 20th. We'll actually have six items. There's only four shown, but Smart City Initiatives, that will be actually a full discussion. Obviously Alderman Gallo will kick that off and there will be some experts here and some other pieces, but it's an initiative that hopefully the City of Rolling Meadows will be first in Illinois, but it does have a little longer discussion. Video Gaming will be back. That does have a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee and it actually has a recommendation from the Chamber of Commerce to support Economic Development and utilize it as an economic support/incentive overall. The Natural Gas Tax will be back with additional information that was asked last time. There will be a discussion about Sunset/Brookwood sewers. I know that some people have been waiting for about a year on that one. We're ready to come back and give you that. 2017 Economic Development Committee/overall economic development for 2017 will be discussed. This is something that we do right after we do it with the Economic Development Committee and we did that obviously a week ago so that will be there. And then the Mayor would like to have a discussion with the City Council about presenting a letter to the congressional caucus on both sides, Senators and Representatives, in support of a Post Office, so those are the six things for a night that looks like it will be a little bit longer, but we are trying to watch people's time.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Prejna: Mr. Gallo, thank you for Smart City Initiatives. I have been reading more and more about that across the country and it will be great that we could be number one in the State. Are there Matters Not on the Agenda this evening? Mr. Gallo?

Alderman Gallo: Dovetailing off the Smart City Initiatives, thank you Barry for bringing that up for next week. I just wanted to briefly mention that back on January 25th I worked with the Rolling Meadows Fire Department and a Chicago based company house alert system. We began a pilot program where there was an installation of five devices on five of the vehicles within the fleet. The reason I

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wanted to start this initiative with our first responders and with public safety is because I learned a statistic that first

responders, be it police, ambulatory, or fire personnel, are in greater danger and almost 60% more likely to be injured or killed in route to a call than at an actual call and then I noticed in a lot of the space that I work with, new mobility and smart city integration, that there was a company out there that helps additional layers of advanced warning and safety. Not to bore anybody with technical beads of it all or fascinate you, however you want to look at it, basically what this has done since then is its alerted over 150 motorists in advance of the vehicles, ambulance, or fire approaching on the roads allowing these drivers to then be more warned, take more caution, and give greater right-of-way to our emergency responders and allow more safety on our roads. These quantifiers give us opportunities to either reduce costs, whether its insurance premiums with our insurer, by showing this data or by showing the actual progress you make with in route to calls and allow for federal grants to open up because of our quantifiers, meaning we can get somewhere in more time or less time, or respond at certain rates. I'll continue with more of this on the Smart City Initiatives time and talk about how taking individual applications and combining them with other applications to make systems and corridors, make Rolling Meadows an entirely attractive, appealing leader in the State of Illinois coming up. Thank you.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you Mr. Gallo. Other Matters Not on the Agenda? Ms. Majikes

Alderman Majikes: Thank you. Just really quickly I'd just like to say thank you to Public Works and please tell all the guys and girls and everybody, great job with the storm and the streets, as usual. Meadows does an awesome job.

Mayor Prejna: Thank you. Any other Matters Not on the Agenda? Is there a motion to adjourn? Alderman Majikes made the motion and it was seconded. All in favor? Opposed? The ayes have it. We are done.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned.

City Council meeting of February 13, 2018 adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

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