

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2023**

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Sanoica

**Absent:** McHale, Budmats, Reyez

With 4 present and 3 absent. A quorum was present.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Bisesi. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to deviate for a Rolling Meadows Library Board Trustee Eunice Semple's Retirement Proclamation. Alderperson O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Bisesi. A voice vote approved the motion to deviate.

Mayor Gallo read a Proclamation in honor of Eunice Semple's retirement from the Rolling Meadows Library Board of Trustees. Congratulations and thank you for over 64 years of service, loyalty, inspiration, dedication and volunteerism to the City Rolling Meadows.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to close the floor. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. A voice vote approved the motion to close the floor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None

**WARD REPORTS:**

Alderperson O'Brien provided a recap from the February Economic Development Committee meeting.

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

Mayor Gallo read the rules of procedures for addressing the City Council.

Robert Salazar expressed his concern regarding wrongful termination issues, not specific to Rolling Meadows, and that it's happening across the USA. He's had a lot of wrongful terminations and feels that everything in this country is going the wrong way to the point where he brought this to City Council. It's getting to the point where he's considering political asylum and leaving the country. He doesn't have a steady job where he's worked at least 5 years. He lives in a hotel and doesn't like the way his life is going. He considers himself a highly educated individual and would like to get employment in Rolling Meadows as a labor worker and hopes the City can hand the wrongful termination issues. He admitted that he's a well-known whistle blower and needs political protection and the unions are having a hard time providing that. He requested assistance with Local 881 that operates in Rolling Meadows.

Roxane Summer thanked Public Works for the quick response for fixing the street light at the entrance of Saratoga Condominiums on Algonquin Road. She also expressed concerns regarding a man with a mattress living by the old Sam's Club and another man in a wheelchair that sits in the turning lane on Algonquin Road at the Walmart entrance. She would like the City to help both individuals.

Joseph Phillippi stated that he was available for any questions regarding the special use permit for 3737 Industrial Drive which is item A on the agenda.

## **PENDING**

- A) Ordinance No. 23-03 – Authorize a Special Use Pursuant to Section 122-301(3) of the City of Rolling Meadows Zoning Code of Ordinances to Allow an Automobile and/or Truck Repair Facility, for an Exception to Section 122-157(6)(h) to Allow Continued Use of a Facility that Does Not Provide Compliant Parking Lot Lighting, for a Variation from Section 122-78(a)(4) for an Enclosed Refuse Screening Area Located in the Required 30' Corner Side Yard, and to Allow a Non-Conforming 210 Square Foot Wall Sign to Remain on Applicant's Tenant Space, all to Accommodate an Automobile and/or Truck Repair Facility in an M-1 Zoning District at 3737 Industrial Drive (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Gallo read the title into the record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano.

Alderperson O'Brien confirmed with Staff that the owner of Molon Motors is in agreement to complete the site improvements/conditions identified in the ordinance.

### ROLL CALL:

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

With 4 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **B) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Amend the Alcoholic Liquor Code to Increase the Number of Licenses Permitted under the Class A2 Liquor License (Phoenix Flame – 3240 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows) (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Gallo read the title into the record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 4 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **C) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2/14/2023**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Warrant. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 4 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

## **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of seven (7) items, items D thru J. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderperson wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions. No items were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the seven (7) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. Mayor Gallo read the titles into the record.

### **D) Resolution No. 23-R-12 – Re-Appoint Rob Sabo as IRMA Delegate Representative and Appoint Glen Cole as Alternate Representative**

- E) Resolution No. 23-R-13 – Authorize the Purchase of the Annual Subscription with Balancing Act for the Budget Simulation and Prioritize Modules, and the Contingency to Engage the Concierge Consulting with a not-to-exceed amount of \$14,900**
- F) Resolution No. 23-R-14 – Approve the Purchase of Fifty-Seven (57) Pedestrian Walkway Light Fixture Lamps from KSA Lighting and Controls in an Amount not to Exceed \$72,333**
- G) Resolution No. 23-R-15 – Authorize the Purchase of the Envirosight Pipe Inspection Push Camera in an Amount Not to Exceed \$11,550.00 from Standard Equipment**
- H) Resolution No. 23-R-16 – Award a Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program RJN Group in an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,700.00**
- I) Resolution No. 23-R-17 – Authorize the Purchase of the SL-RAT Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool in an Amount Not to Exceed \$28,510.00 from InfoSense, Inc.**
- J) Resolution No. 23-R-18 – Approve the Annual Building Automation System Service Contracts for Various City Facilities with Automatic Building Controls, LLC, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,220**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

With 4 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolutions were adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS**

**Mayor's Appointments:** None

**Mayor's Proclamations:** Rolling Meadows Library Board of Trustees - Eunice Semple Retirement

**City Clerk's Report:** None

## **City Staff Reports:**

### **1) Community Items of Interest**

*City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:*

- 1) Save a life and consider giving blood on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-7 pm at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Appointments are recommended and donors can register at [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) or call 877-258-4825.
- 2) Join the Rolling Meadows Veterans Committee for an inspirational presentation from K9s for Veterans, a non-profit organization that changes lives by training rescued dogs to service the needs of veterans with PTSD. A free presentation on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm at the RM Park's Community Center (3705 Pheasant Dr.)
- 3) The latest issue of the City's quarterly *Business Messenger* newsletter features a profile of Rolling Meadows' new Aloft Hotel, introduces readers to our new Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director, highlights a strategic planning initiative designed to support the changing needs of local businesses and the customers they serve, and more. Check it out on the City's website at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).

### **2) December 2022 Financial Report**

Mayor Gallo announced that the financial report is in the packet and if Council has any questions they should contact the Finance Director, Molly Talkington.

### **3) February 21, 2023 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda**

*City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:*

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the February 21, 2023 Committee of the Whole draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting.

### **4) February 28, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda**

*City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:*

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the February 28, 2023 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

**Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** - To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to go into closed session under section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Personnel. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano.

### ROLL CALL:

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

With 4 in favor and 3 opposed. City Council entered into Closed Session.

The audience and press were advised that they do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to open session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

February 14, 2023 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on February 28, 2023.

*Judy Brose*

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