

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – February 25, 2020**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Cannon

With 6 present and 1 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, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *February 11, 2020 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman Budmats made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, all those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

I am requesting a motion to deviate. Do I have such a motion? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of deviating say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and we will now deviate from the agenda.

1) Police Department Swearing In:

- **Officer William Biang**
- **Officer Stephen Mack**
- **Officer Michael Monterrubio**
- **Officer Brooke Paez**

2) City Manager presented an Appreciation Certificate to Retiring Fire Chief Terry Valentino

Could I get a motion to close the floor? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Last Friday I attended the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus lunch downtown at the Union League Club. A lot of the conversation was focused on Census and on revenue related to the Census and Complete Count especially targeting those hard to reach populations. Like I've said over and over during these meetings you're going to hear a lot about the Census. The other primary topic that was addressed was on revenues associated with the legalization of recreational cannabis. Those numbers are still coming in but they're quite promising for revenue side of things for the greater Illinois and Northeastern Illinois area.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica – I had a resident that reached out regarding what he thought was an automatic billing error but what ended up being a typo on the part of our bank. So for residents you'll notice that the utility bill payments they received in their bank accounts were titled as "payroll CORM" instead of City of Rolling Meadows or City of RM. Finance was notified of that error at 8:00 a.m. on February 20th for that internal communication display error. I don't know if our Finance Director wanted to add any additional information regarding this error.

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director – Yes, just to back up what you had said, at 8:00 a.m. we were notified, it was an internal communication error between our bank and it has been corrected. It's for our auto draft customers and there are about 1500 customers that we don't have any means right now because we're in the old system to notify anybody via email. We're looking at those improvements in our new system so we can communicate more effectively with our residents. It has been corrected and the correct nomenclature for City of RM will be correct on the direct debit for the month of March. That was for the utility bill and the amounts were correct.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The next step is to open the meeting to the public but there are no signatures on the sign-in sheet so we'll move on to Pending Ordinances.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 20-06 - Amend Chapter 14 ("Animals") and Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances (2nd Reading)

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? See none, the question is shall the Ordinance be adopted. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is adopted.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Ordinances. It consists of four (4) items, items B through E. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances?

Alderman Vinezeano – Item D.

Mayor Gallo – Any others? See none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining three (3) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Is there a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1st Reading? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats.

- B) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Authorize the Disposal of Surplus City Property - Equipment (1st Reading)**
- C) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Approve the Renewal of the City of Rolling Meadow’s Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC (1st Reading)**
- E) Ordinance No. 20-00 - Approve Liquor License Application for a Class A2 Liquor License for Giant Sakura located at 4011 Algonquin Road (1st Reading)**

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

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, the Ordinances will be moved forward for 2nd Reading.

Item D was pulled by Alderman Vinezeano.

- D) Ordinance No. 20-00 – Amending the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class G1 Liquor License for Video Gaming for MJ Hospitality, LLC dba Lulu’s at 2633 Kirchoff Road (1st Reading)**

Mayor Gallo - Is there a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st Reading? Alderman Vinezeano has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Alderman Vinezeano you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Vinezeano - I pulled this item because the spirit of the G1 license was established to help our existing restaurants earn extra income. Constituents and myself believe we have lost sight of this intention of the G1 license in recent months. The applicant came before the City Council at a previous COW meeting several months back and stated that the lease for this property had been signed almost a year ago but was holding off until this Council had decided what the G1 ordinance was going to look like. If the applicant is truly in fact a restaurant that needs a supplemental income from this gaming G1 license it

must definitely stand to apply for this application but since this business is not yet open and has not yet established themselves as an existing restaurant in our community, I cannot support this application at this time.

Mayor Gallo – Is there further discussion on this item?

Alderman Sanoica – Just a clarification from Alderman Vinezeano, if any additional action at this time would be proposed or any amendments in order to move this forward?

Alderman Vinezeano – I would propose that we would postpone this application until the meeting after the next COW meeting.

Mayor Gallo – To clarify, the meeting after the COW meeting where the G1 conversation that Alderman O'Brien brought up.

Alderman Vinezeano – Correct, I believe it's 3/17.

Mayor Gallo – Alderman O'Brien, you have your hand up, are you seconded that or do have more to discuss?

Alderman O'Brien – I have a comment to discuss.

Mayor Gallo – If you're making a motion for that, I would like to see if there's a second for this motion to postpone. Alderman Budmats made the second. Any discussion on the motion to postpone?

Alderman O'Brien – I do just want to clarify what was requested to be brought back at the COW meeting during the February 18th meeting was strictly the portion of the limitation within a ½ mile radius was the guide we were using as additional discussion. I asked to bring that portion back which my understanding is the precedent is allowed to bring back a portion of it. Actually I am in support of this ordinance moving forward to issue the license because it would not be impacted by what I've asked to be postponed because it would be the third one if approved within the Kirchoff corridor that we've been referencing. I would support moving forward and not in support of delaying it until after that because that discussion is solely guided towards the geography or radius we wanted to discuss and it would not impact this applicants for going over the potential change in radius.

Mayor Gallo – Alderman O'Brien, we can postpone for any particular reason because you brought up the topic of geography for the COW, that's what will be on the COW there is no conversation about this particular substance of your request which is about a waiting period or duration of time in which they waited for the G1. So if you want to continue with postponing this until after that COW meeting that's fine but we will only be discussing the geographic proximity during that COW meeting. Are you okay with that?

Alderman Vinezeano – Yes, I still would like to postpone until after the COW meeting.

Alderman D'Astice – Based on what I heard I would have to agree with Alderman O'Brien. If this was geographically impacted then I would agree with Alderman Vinezeano but it does not so I would be in agreement with Alderman O'Brien.

Mayor Gallo – Further discussion on this motion to postpone?

Alderman Sanoica – Would we be able to make an amendment to the postponement such that Alderman Vinezeano's topic would be included in the COW?

Mayor Gallo – That’s what I was just deferring to our Attorney about and the subject matter that’s established for the COW is specifically based around geography. How could we incorporate this content?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – The motion to postpone is separate from whatever content is brought up at the COW meeting so there’s no need to amend the motion to postpone. This Council can determine whether or not they want to bring up that additional topic at the COW meeting but that’s a separate matter from this current motion.

Alderman Bisesi – So what I’m hearing is that it would take another Alderman who was on the prevailing side of our previous vote on the G1 to bring up the topic of what Alderman Vinezeano was talking about and then we can talk about at the COW meeting as well? Or another future COW meeting?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – What do you mean?

Alderman Bisesi – If we wanted to beyond the geographic, it would take another Alderman to bring up the topic for a COW meeting?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – An item can be put on the agenda at the vote of the Council or by the City Manager.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – That is correct. Up until 2020, our standard is that first readings go through and is usually postponed at the second reading if someone had more concerns. Respectfully, I do ask that it passes the first reading. The geography is on the March 17th COW agenda. The applicant is here and they’ve been very forthcoming with the process and they’ve discussed it and you’ve heard about their menu. This would be the third in that geographic area no matter what happens.

Alderman Bisesi – If it gets voted down, then they’re done on this topic. They would have to resubmit and go through the process again should they want it.

Mayor Gallo – That’s a true statement. Any further discussion before I call the vote for postponing this to the meeting after the COW?

Alderman O’Brien – If it were to go forward with the postponement, we are potentially looking to delaying this yet again to April for that one section and we’re delaying the applicant another month because it would be April before it would come a COW and then it would be the end of May before it comes back for 1st or 2nd reading. What I’m saying is that it would extend the potential delay because it sounds like it couldn’t go on the March COW so we’d be pushing it back another minimum 6 weeks.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – Yes, my understanding from what I heard, correct me if I’m wrong, March 17th is the COW and then it would be March 24th for the 1st reading unless you allow the 1st reading tonight and then postpone it at the March 10th meeting to the March 24th meeting so it would still be in the March process and they are before the IGA.

Mayor Gallo – With all due respect ladies and gentleman, during the COW it is a round table informal discussion and any component of this topic can be addressed and discussed. So should you wish to discuss geography in addition to time tables and wait periods or anything else that’s a consideration of yours that can be done, it’s not limited to specifically geography however that was the premise for bringing this back to the COW. Just keep that in mind. With that said, is there any other discussion from those who have not spoken twice?

Alderman Budmats – To the best of my knowledge there’s nothing that prevents a restaurant in Rolling Meadows from opening without a G1 liquor license and so they would be able to operate a restaurant, serve food and run a business without having a gaming license. I don’t really think we’re holding up this applicant’s ability to open a restaurant or to operate a business in Rolling Meadows at this point. I have no problems with delaying this until we, as a Council, decide how we’re going to move forward with our G1 ordinance.

Mayor Gallo – With that said, the question now is on the amendment to postpone this subject until after the COW in March. Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 4 in favor and 2 opposed, this Ordinance will be postponed until March 24, 2020 City Council Meeting.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

F) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2/25/2020

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from February 25, 2020 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the warrant? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. This Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of eight (8) items, items G through N. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions? See none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the eight (8) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien.

G) Resolution No. 20-R-11 – Approve the Purchase of Six (6) ZOLL Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators and Needed Accessories for Fire Department

H) Resolution No. 20-R-12 – Approve the Purchase of a Breathing Air Rescue Compressor, High Pressure Fill Station and Storage Tank System for Fire Department

- I) Resolution No. 20-R-13 – Authorize Employees of Police Union to Transfer Benefit Time to Sick Time Bank of Union Member**
- J) Resolution No. 20-R-14 – Award a Contract to Ciorba Group, Inc. in the Amount Not To Exceed \$99,332.50 for the Sunset Drive/Brookview Lane Sanitary Sewer Project Design Engineering Services**
- K) Resolution No. 20-R-15 – Award a Contract for Professional Services to Update the 5-Year Plan for Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation**
- L) Resolution No. 20-R-16 – Award a Contract for 2020 Street Maintenance Crack Sealing of Various City Streets**
- M) Resolution No. 20-R-17 – Authorize the Acceptance of a Proposal for Professional Design and Engineering Services for the Design of the Utility Emergency Backup Power Project**
- N) Resolution No. 20-R-18 – Approve the Submittal of a Grant Application for Algonquin Road/New Wilke Road Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering Costs**

Again, the question is shall the eight (8) Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolutions are adopted.

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) Happy 65th Birthday Rolling Meadows (City Incorporated February 26, 1955).
- 2) The last day for regular voter registration, to vote in the March 17th Presidential Primary Election is February 18th. Early voting begins March 2nd. Please check with Cook County for voting locations.
- 3) February 29th – Taste the Town – 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive). Tickets cost \$15.00 at the door. For more information, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 x 1002 or ciezakl@cityrm.org
- 4) March 7th – 19th Annual Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Library (morning session starts at 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m.). For more information, please contact the Library. The do need readers!
- 5) March 8th – daylight savings time begins. Remember to spring forward one hour and it is also a smart idea to change the batteries in your smoke alarm & carbon monoxide detectors.
- 6) March 12th – 15th - Rolling Meadows Library Book Sale. Please contact the Library at 847-259-6050 for hours or visit www.rmlib.org
- 7) St. Patrick's Day Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th. This is the 20th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner 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, please see a flyer or contact Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak at 847-394-8500 x 1002 or ciezakl@cityrm.org
- 8) March 22nd – Law Enforcement Torch Run - Polar Plunge for Special Olympics (Illinois) at Twin Lakes (Palatine) starting around noon. To donate (or to participate), please contact Police Chief John Nowacki. This is a unique opportunity to support Special Olympics 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. Some of the items mentioned in this issue relate to the Community Events in 2020; the April 23rd Showcase; the March 17th Referendum regarding Aldermanic Term Limits; a 2020 budget overview; new online utility billing portal to debut soon; two Public Works employees earning scholarships; the City receiving a National Night Out award; and a Census 2020 update.

10) Future topics at March Committee meetings:

Economic Development (*Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers*): tentative items for discussion consist of: 1) new business feedback and contact distribution; 2) business and community showcase discussion (April 23rd); 3) business advocate update; 4) items of interest; 5) Meet Chicago Northwest presentation; 6) goals; 7) Chamber of Commerce Update; and 8) other items of interest in the City.

Planning and Zoning Commission: (*Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers*): Public Hearings is tentatively scheduled consisting of: 1) A request for final approval of subdivision for two lots at 2600 Benton Street, R-1 Residential, Karen Stramaglio, FourStarLane, Inc. 2) Discussion/workshop pending zoning code changes as presented by Teska Associates, City of Rolling Meadows, Petitioner.

11) Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Chili Challenge will be on March 1, 2020, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Stadium, 4015 W. Algonquin Rd.

12) Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting the 15th Annual Taking Care of Business Luncheon and Mayor's Economic Update on March 11, 2020, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at Meridian Banquets, 1701 W. Algonquin Rd.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

2) January 2020 New Businesses

- 1) Simply Beauty (New Owner) – Beauty Shop
- 2) MHS Restoration, Inc. – Disaster Restoration Co.
- 3) Boost Mobile – Cell Phone Sales
- 4) The Korea Daily Chicago – Daily Newspaper
- 5) Epiq Design Solutions, Inc. – Design/Mfg RF (Wireless)
- 6) Webtrans Logistics, Inc – Logistics

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:

3) FY 2021 Budget & Capital Tentative Planning Calendar

Work has already started for the FY 2021 Budget and the FY 2021 to FY 2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). As a reminder, the FY 2019 Audit will be presented at the June 16th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. [At that same meeting, Staff will present the FY 2021 Budget Parameter Discussion, the Actuarial/Tax Levy Discussion and the Year-End Reserves Discussion.]

FY 2020 marks the eighth year that the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) will be reviewed and discussed by the Capital Improvements Committee. The five-year plan of capital improvement projects are reviewed by the Capital Improvements Committee with particular focus on the upcoming year (FY 2021).

Following the City's schedules and procedures, the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is released at the August 11th City Council Meeting and the CIP will be discussed with the City Council at the August 18th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. The FY 2021 Proposed Budget will be distributed at the September 8th City Council Meeting. In September, as in past years, the City Manager and Finance Director will hold one-on-one budget review meetings with the Mayor and City Council.

As part of this planning process, the City Council may send thoughts and feedback to the City Manager for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget and the FY 2021 and FY 2025 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:

4) 4th Quarter Financials

This report covers the 4th Quarter (January through December, 2019) Budget Comparison Report [this data is unaudited]. Comments will focus primarily on three key operating funds: the General Fund, the Utilities Fund and the Refuse Fund as of December 31, 2019.

The City's Auditors are working with Staff on the City's Audit for FY 2019. There are also major revenue accruals. "Accrual" means that the City records some revenues received in 2020 as 2019 revenues (such as Sales Tax, Home Rule Sales Tax, Property Taxes, Income Tax, Local Use Tax and others.) We will continue to receive these revenues through March 2020.

As in the past, after the CAFR is presented to the City Council by the Auditors, recommendations of utilizing fund balance will be discussed with the City Council.

The reports that are in the Council Packet consist of: General Fund – Income Statement – YTD Available Budget Report, General Fund – YTD Revenue Detail Report, General Fund – Major Revenue Charts, FY 2019 Transfers Completed per the FY 2019 Budget and All Funds – YTD Income Statement Cash and Investments Summary Report.

As discussed, at the June 16th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, recommendations of utilizing fund balance will be discussed with the City Council. At this time, some should be utilized for the City's pensions.

Year-to-date revenue in the General Fund is \$33.8 million which is approximately 0.3% better than budget (by \$88,864) for the year-to-date receipts due predominately to receiving the majority of the property tax levy. (The City typically receives approximately 100% of the Property Tax Levy by year end.) For the major revenues such as Sales Tax, Home Rule Sales Tax, Income Tax and Use Tax, these revenues are coming in at or just below budget. The City is monitoring any effects from the State of Illinois. (Note: remember that the State has an administrative fee of 1.5% for certain taxes from municipalities to balance the State's budget. It was approximately \$40,000-\$50,000 each year for this amount to the State of Illinois.)

The City is actively engaged in developing new strategies for economic growth and development. Economic Development continues to be a priority for the City of Rolling Meadows. Rolling Meadows is known as a business-friendly community and has a reputation as a "Great Place to Do Business". The City encourages businesses to begin, grow and expand their businesses. This is shown in the increases in revenues related to Food & Beverage Taxes and Building Permits. It should be noted that the City's Electric Utility Tax is under budget due to additional revenue due to the City from ComEd (to be received in February or March 2020). Video gaming is coming in under the budgeted amount. This amount has been adjusted in the FY 2020 Budget.

Total General Fund expenditures amount to \$34.3 million for the year-to-date which is approximately 0.5% below budget (under budget by \$172,718). With the City in receipt of the allotment of the property

taxes, a corresponding expense is recorded for pension benefits of about 100% for the police and fire pension funds (100% or so is typically received for the property tax levy).

Local Road Fund: The Local Road Fund is estimated to end in a positive position of approximately \$500,000. The City's natural gas tax added an additional \$95,000 to the fund (revenues were approximately \$595,000 for the year as compared to the budgeted amount of \$500,000.) As mentioned previously, the additional revenue will allow more investment towards repairing and resurfacing roads. (Also note for the State Motor Fuel Tax Fund, revenues are coming in from the State of Illinois' increase to their state motor fuel. These funds will be used towards the FY 2021 Budget.)

Utilities Fund Notes: Year-end revenues for the Utilities Fund are \$16.2 million which is approximately 32% above the target for the year-to-date (due to the bond funds received). Year-end expenditures were 10% below budget and total \$12.1 million year-to-date. The investments into capital improvements continue in this Fund.

Refuse Fund Notes: Refuse Fund revenues and expenditures are fairly stable through the year. Year-end revenues were \$2.2 million which is on target with the budget. Year-end expenditures were \$2.2 million which is 1.0% below budget (due to savings with SWANCC).

Cash & Investments (Unaudited): The City's estimated, unaudited cash position at December 31, 2019 shows \$32.5 million across all funds. It is noted that the City's Auditors continue completing the Audit. Final reconciliations and audit entries continue. The General Fund shows \$10.7 million which is approximately 35% of the total cash on hand and is the primary source to pay salaries and City expenses. The total cash position is expected to decrease (as planned) with capital improvement expenditures, equipment purchases and annual debt service payments tend to take place throughout the year.

As a reminder, while the cash on hand for the General Fund shows \$10.7 million as per the City's Cash & Investments Summary Report, there is one restriction on the use of this cash: \$1.4 million as a restriction to fund compensated absences.

Lori Ciezak, Assistant to City Manager went over the following:

5) Taste the Town and St. Patrick's Day Dinner

TASTE the TOWN: We hope to see you this Saturday, February 29th, for the 4th annual TASTE the TOWN event at the Community Center, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for this fun night out!

This indoor 'taste-of-Rolling Meadows' will feature delicious, sample portions, *while supplies last*, from the following Rolling Meadows restaurants: Daisy's Café, The Stadium Sports Club, Giant Sakura, Grande Jake's, Rep's Place, Picante Mexican Bar & Grill, Noodles & Company, Fratello's, Honeybaked Ham, Los 2 Amigos, Kirchoff Food Mart, Papa Saverio's, Senor Tacos, Portillo's, Little Caesar's, Dunkin Donuts on Kirchoff and Amish Farmers.

To taste from these fine establishments, guests will be charged \$15.00 per person to enter the event, which will also feature live music by the popular How12Go Dueling Pianos and a cash bar that includes beer, wine, margaritas, pop and water.

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

We hope to see you there!

ST. PAT'S DAY DINNER: Two weeks later, on Saturday, March 14th, the City and Park District have teamed up for a festive Celtic celebration, featuring an Irish/American dinner, open bar and lively Irish folk music by the band, Arranmore. The "Best Irish Attire" contest and exciting raffle drawings make this evening a sham-rock'n good time!

Purchase dinner tickets at City Hall, the Park District or on the City's webpage, www.cityrm.org, for \$30 per person, and \$35 after March 4th.

Reverse Raffle tickets are \$30 each, with a possible \$1,500 grand prize to a single winner! These tickets are also available at City Hall or the Park District.

Tickets are limited, so buy yours today!

Rob Horne, Director Public works went over the following:

6) Employee Acknowledgement

When an employee retires, we give them the opportunity be presented with a Proclamation. This employee did not want to but I did want to say a couple of words. I would ask the residents and the City Council to join me in congratulating Jeff Swenson "Curly" for his dedicated service to the City of Rolling Meadows and its Public Works Department for the last 20 years as Vehicle Services Mechanic. We wish him well as he looks forward to the exciting next chapter of his life.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Sanoica – I just wanted to state here for those who have lasted this long at home for the City Council meeting. We are actively strategizing as a City to make sure that we are counting every single resident here in the City of Rolling Meadows because this count happens every 10 years, for every person that we do not count they essentially do not exist and it adds up to about \$15,000 in Federal Funds that we won't receive specifically for Rolling Meadows. For those of you that are very concerned about taxes and we just had our tax levy and the other financials that Melissa Gallagher, our Finance Director just proposed to everyone else, there are funds that will be directly affected by an undercount this year. With that said, if you are interested in helping the City with this effort, please contact me at ward7@cityrm.org and we can find opportunities for you or for those that you know who would be able to assist.

Mayor Gallo – Thank you for sharing that Alderman Sanoica. Last week, on Friday, one of the statistics mentioned was \$1400 per person per year for 10 years, is how much money it equites to for Cities to receive so long as we count those individuals. It's a staggering number when you figure the entire population.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Mayor Gallo - There is request to go into closed session. It does require a motion and roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman Budmats has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed, we will now enter into Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to Open Session.

Entered Closed Session at 8:27 pm
Returned to Open Session at 9:59 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

February 25, 2020 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on March 10, 2020.

Judy Brose

Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk