

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2023**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica

Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 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, 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 February 14, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

MOTION TO DEVIATE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gallo announced that that the 1st installment property tax bills will be mailed out early March and payment will be due April 3, 2023.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderperson Sanoica stated that several residents reached out regarding the increased storm water from recent storms and thanked Public Works for talking to a couple of the residents. If there is standing water in your back yard, it's the City's policy to allow 48 hours for standing water to dissipate and for the systems to catch up. However, if your home is in danger for flooding, you can always call the non-emergency police number to make sure someone comes out to help.

Alderperson Bisesi spoke with several residents that are having issues with their lawns where the ground has settled 2-3 inches between the sidewalk and the area where sewers were replaced. If this is happening to other residents, please contact Alderperson Bisesi at ward5@cityrm.org.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES

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

Scott Boucher a resident of Rolling Meadows stated his concerns regarding the incident that occurred at Rolling Meadows High School on February 24, 2023.

Mohammad Ahmad of Skokie encouraged City Council to consider increasing the vape license cap from 6 to 7 so he can proceed to open a vape shop on Central Road.

PENDING

A) Ordinance No. 23-04 – Amend the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class GA liquor License for Video Gaming for Anna’s Red Apple LLC dba Anna’s Red Apple at 2121 Plum Grove Road (2nd Reading) *(Tabled at November 22, 2022 City Council Meeting for not less than 90 days)*

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 O’Brien.

Alderperson Budmats stated that he stood in the way of this application because of the owners other location that has been less than forthright and has been operating a gaming café without food available. Alderperson Budmats did an informal survey, he went to several of the gaming cafés and was told by one of them that if he wanted fresh food he should go next door to the taco stand. At another gaming café, he was given a pizza menu because they don’t have fresh food even though pizza is on their menu. Anna’s Red Apple deserves to have a gaming license but our program is broken and needs to be fixed. He’s tired of walking into places and finding out that they’re a front for gambling while having the bare minimum of food if they have anything at all in order to satiate the chance they might get an inspection.

Mayor Gallo stated that there is a meeting scheduled for all the gaming café operators to discuss issues the City has been having with gaming cafés and to reinforce the position the City takes on the violations. The City hopes to see significant corrective action as a result of the meeting. As the Liquor Commissioner, he is willing to impose the strictest penalties possible that the Council has set forth in establishing penalties as an opportunity for deterrence and if deterrence doesn’t work then revocation has to happen. When enough of the licenses become revoked then it will be up to Council to determine whether the program is viable or if Council has to do something else as a result of that.

Alderperson Bisesi stated he agrees with Alderperson Budmats but has no inclination to ever approve a gaming café in the City and that we need to eliminate the gaming cafés in the City.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

B) Ordinance No. 23-05 – 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) (2nd 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 O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

CONSENT ORDINANCES

The Consent Ordinances consisted of two (2) items, items C and D. Mayor Gallo pulled item D as Staff is requesting waiver of 1st reading.

C) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Approve the Elimination of Cash Bonds in Connection with Building Permits and Zoning Applications (1st Reading)

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

Alderperson Budmats made a motion to amend the Ordinance to waive cash bonds up to \$1000 and was seconded by Alderperson Sanoica.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The amendment to the Ordinance has been approved.

Ordinance No. 23-00 - Mayor Gallo read the title into the record to consider the Ordinance for 1st reading as amended.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance moved forward as amended for 2nd reading.

D) Ordinance No. 23-06 – Amend Ordinance 22-21 to Provide Extended Time for Compliance with Zoning Approval Conditions and Establish Additional Conditions Regarding the Special Use and Parking Variation Association with the Indoor Soccer Field Located at 3660 Edison Place in the City of Rolling Meadows (1st Reading Waiver Requested)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to waive the 1st reading of this Ordinance. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Bisesi.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance moved forward for 2nd reading.

Ordinance No. 23-06 – Mayor Gallo read the title into the record and asked for a motion to approve this Ordinance. Alderperson O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano.

Alderperson Budmats confirmed that the applicant knows that the construction needs to be complete by July 1, 2023. Mayor Gallo explained that everything passed inspection minus the exterior improvements (landscaping and parking lot). Staff has separated the construction into two separate phases which enabled Staff to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy in order for them to utilize their business.

Alderperson Vinezeano suggested that Community Development be more proactive with large projects and advice applicants to separate construction projects into realistic phases.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 2/28/2023

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

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Consent Resolutions consisted of fourteen (14) items, items F thru S. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderperson wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions.

Alderperson Budmats removed item L.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the thirteen (13) 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.

- F) Resolution No. 23-R-19 – Approve the Annual Subscription of Cisco Meraki Licensing and Support**
- G) Resolution No. 23-R-20 – Authorize the Purchase of Water Meters and Water Meter Parts for Replacements, Repairs, and New Construction for FY2023 from Core & Main in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$60,000**
- H) Resolution No. 23-R-21 – Award a Three (3) Year Contract for Landscape Services in FY2023 thru FY2025 with Two (2) Annual Renewal Options to Beary Landscaping in an amount of \$69,629 per Season**
- I) Resolution No. 23-R-22 – Authorize the Purchase of a 2023 Road Hog Asphalt Mill Skid Steer Attachment from Atlas Bobcat in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$25,130**
- J) Resolution No. 23-R-23 – Award a Contract for 2023 Street Maintenance Crack Sealing of Various City Streets to Patriot Paving Maintenance in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$50,000**
- K) Resolution No. 23-R-24 – Authorize a Design Engineering and Construction Supervision Contract with RJN Group, Inc. for Three (3) Sanitary Sewer Point Repairs in Accordance with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) in an Amount of \$27,600**

Item L was pulled by Alderperson Budmats (see below).

- M) Resolution No. 23-R-26 – Approve the Purchase of one (1) Police Patrol Vehicle from Currie Motors in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$48,075**
- N) Resolution No. 23-R-27 – Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Ford F-250 4X4 Pickup Truck - (Replacement of T369 2008 Ford F-250) from Currie Motors in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$61,490**

- O) Resolution No. 23-R-28 – Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Bolt EV - (Replacement of RM264/C432 2008 Ford Ranger) from Currie Motors in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$30,613.10**

- P) Resolution No. 23-R-29 – Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit - (Replacement of RM112/T356 2004 Ford F-250) from Currie Motors in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$64,418**

- Q) Resolution No. 23-R-30 – Rescind Resolution 22-R-100 and Approve a Debt Collection Services Agreement between Municipal Collection Services, LLC, and the City of Rolling Meadows**

- R) Resolution No. 23-R-31 – Approve a Side Letter Agreement between the City of Rolling Meadows and the Rolling Meadows Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 3075**

- S) Resolution No. 23-R-32 – Approve and Authorize the Execution of a City Manager Employment Agreement with Rob Sabo**

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolutions were adopted.

Item L was pulled by Alderperson Budmats.

- L) Resolution No. 23-R-25 – Approve a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of the Public Works Generator to BME Electric in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$266,240**

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Alderperson Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O’Brien.

Alderperson Budmats stated that he pulled this item because he is not satisfied with receiving just one bid for this project and he will be voting no until it comes back with more than one bid. He is not against this, he just wants to see more bids to make sure we’re getting a good price.

Director Public Works Aaron Grosskopf stated that they followed the formal bidding process and received only one bid.

Alderperson O’Brien stated that he is comfortable with the information that was provided and that we have no control over who submits bids.

Mayor Gallo stated that Staff doesn’t have to go through the formal bidding process again, Staff can seek proposals from vendors which would circumvent the ten day cycle of the formal bidding process.

Aldersperson Vinezeano made a motion to postpone this item until the March 28, 2023 meeting and was seconded by Aldersperson Budmats.

Attorney Wolf stated that Council will need to reject this bid at the March 14, 2023 meeting and then approve the new proposal if one is received for a lower amount.

City Manager Sabo stated that the process Staff undertook was in accordance with the City's purchasing policy. The process that Council is seeking is for an informal purchasing process where Staff requests quotes from qualified vendors for this project.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 1 opposed. This Resolution was postponed until March 28, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS

Mayor's Appointments: None

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:

- 1) "BE BOLD & GET COLD" will be the rally cry on March 5th for RM Police officers as they take the frigid plunge into Crystal Lake's Main Beach for this year's POLAR PLUNGE event on Sunday, March 5th, 10am-12pm at Main Beach – located at 300 Lakeshore Drive in Crystal Lake. Come on out to cheer them on! Your kind donation to this event will support the IL SPECIAL OLYMPICS to enhance programming and events for these outstanding athletes. To donate and for more information, visit <https://soill.donordrive.com/team/RMPD>.
- 2) Are you ready to rock and roll in Meadows this year? The City is proud to present many acclaimed bands this summer including Ashland Craft, Arra, Rosie & the Rivets, Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press and many more. Stay up to date on City happenings and special events by visiting and following the City's Facebook page at facebook.com/cityofrollingmeadows.

- 3) With spring just under a month away, we are providing a friendly reminder that daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 12th at 2am. Mark your calendars and get ready to spring forward in just a few weeks. When changing your clocks, also remember to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace any non-functioning batteries or expired alarms.

- 4) Planning for this year's City parades is now underway. The City is currently accepting applications from groups, businesses, and individuals that want to participate in the City's 4th of July Parade which will be held on Tuesday, July 4 at 11:30am along Meadow Drive. Applications to participate are due by June 23rd and there is no fee. For more information, visit the City's website at www.cityrm.org.

2) **March 14, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda**

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the March 14, 2023 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting date.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Aldersperson O'Brien thanked Lori Ciezak and the Veteran's Committee for sponsoring the *K9 for Veterans* program at the Community Center.

Aldersperson Vinezeano received many phone calls from residents regarding what happened at Rolling Meadows High School. She can't speak to what happened or didn't happen and asked Chief Nowacki to respond to what happened.

Chief Nowacki stated that there were juvenile arrests and are working on additional charges. All the individuals that were involved have been identified. There were some comments made about no police presence and he emphasized that there definitely was additional police presence and that he was personally in the area. Chief Nowacki didn't go into the specific details because he didn't want to jeopardize the security plan. He emphasized that if anyone is aware of any type of threat to call 911 immediately as the Police Department takes any type of threat very seriously. Additionally, detectives are still investigating a nondescript threat that occurred this week.

Mayor Gallo thanked Chief Nowacki and stated that sometimes the best safeguards are the ones you don't see and the actions and resources that were brought were done in a manner to control the situation but didn't create any additional undo alarm to the community as a result of the way it was handled.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **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.
- 2) **Purchase or Lease of Property – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
- 3) **Land Sales – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** – The Setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by 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, under section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act regarding the Purchase or Lease of Property and under section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Land Sales. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Budmats.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 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 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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

Judy Brose

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