

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 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, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica

**Absent:** Vinezeano

With 6 present and 0 absent. Mayor Gallo declared that a quorum was physically present.

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

**Staff Members Present:** Acting City Manager/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 and Attorney Melissa Wolf

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 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:**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to deviate for the presentation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War Veteran's Day Proclamation. Alderperson Budmats 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 the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War Veteran's Day and presented the Proclamation to Rob Willer, the Chairman of our Veteran's Committee. Thank you for your service and "Welcome Home".

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None

**WARD REPORTS:**

Alderperson Sanoica gave an update on the water main break along Jody Court and Coleen Court subdivision off of W. Frontage Road. Those residents were without water for several hours. Alderperson thanked Public Works for taking care of that immediately. There will be a City Staff report regarding

emergency responses related to water mains at the conclusion of today's meeting. Feel free to contact Alderperson Sanoica at [Ward7@cityrm.org](mailto:Ward7@cityrm.org) for additional information.

Alderperson Bisesi wanted to let the residents in his Ward know that the police are looking at potential solutions for the speeding issues within Ward 5.

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

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

Michael Brysker, Walter Wilson, James Kroll and Steve Holish spoke regarding their concerns related to the possible future development in the Village of Schaumburg at the Loeber Farms property near Plum Grove Road and Algonquin Road.

Alderperson McHale thanked the residents for attending and confirmed that no official plans have been submitted to the Village of Schaumburg and that the City of Rolling Meadows has a good working relationship with them. At the last City Council meeting, Manager Sabo offered residents who would like to be part of a distribution list for communications regarding this topic to email [admin@cityrm.org](mailto:admin@cityrm.org).

Lee Adelson spoke regarding the loud cars/mufflers/drag racing/fireworks on Weber Road and that it hasn't improved since the last time he spoke which was about a year ago. Vehicles are also blocking the sidewalk when children are walking to/from school. He would like the issues addressed prior to the spring/summer weather.

## **PENDING**

### **A) Ordinance No. 23-08 – Authorize Reserving the City's 2023 Home Rule Private Activity Bond Volume Cap (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 O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

### **B) Ordinance No. 23-09 – Approve Deferring the Imposition of the Municipal Push Tax for the City of Rolling Meadows until October 31, 2023 (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 Reyez.

Alderperson Budmats stated that he will be voting no as he would like to put the municipal push tax into play exclusively for gaming cafés.

Aldersperson Sanoica stated that she's in favor of postponing this to October 31, 2023 and then from there proceed with additional pressure on the gaming cafés to ensure they're compliant with our Code. Staff should continue to work with the business owners and if it comes to a point by October 31<sup>st</sup> she's much more open to imposing the municipal push tax on the gaming cafés.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 5 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance was adopted.

**CONSENT ORDINANCES**

The Consent Ordinances consisted of four (4) items, items C thru F. Mayor Gallo asked if any Aldersperson wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances. No items were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the four (4) Ordinances in one motion without debate and asked for a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Aldersperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Aldersperson O'Brien. Mayor Gallo read the titles into record.

- C) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Approve Establishing and Assessing a Connection Charge for Brockway Street Sanitary Sewer Extension to 2750 and 2751 Brockway and 4921 Old Plum Grove Road (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- D) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Modify the Permitted and Special Uses within the Arlington Office Park Planned Development (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- E) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Authorize a Special Use Permit for a Gas/Filling Station and Related Variations – 3005 Kirchoff Road (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- F) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Amend City Code Regarding License and Regulation of Tobacco and Industrial Hemp Dealers (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinances moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 3/28/2023**

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

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

## **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of eleven (11) items, items H thru R. 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 eleven (11) 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.

- H) Resolution No. 23-R-38 – Approve the Purchase of a 2024 Autocar Heil Refuse Truck - (Replacement of T337 2015 Autocar Heil Refuse Truck) from EJ Equipment in an Amount of \$393,697.45**
- I) Resolution No. 23-R-39 – Approve the Purchase of Street Sign Materials for the 2023 Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction projects from Traffic Control and Protection in an amount of \$18,341.75**
- J) Resolution No. 23-R-40 – Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit and equipment - (Replacement of RM186/T348 2006 Ford E-450) Televising Van from Standard Equipment in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$133,710.86**
- K) Resolution No. 23-R-41 – Award a Contract for Construction Services for Park Street Storm Sewer Improvements, Phase 1 to Lenny Hoffman Excavating in an Amount of \$942,088.43**
- L) Resolution No. 23-R-42 – Award a Contract to Pre-Form Traffic Control Systems for Annual Pavement Paint Striping Services in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$55,000**
- M) Resolution No. 23-R-43 – Authorize Our Home Improvement (OHI) to Perform Improvements on the Council Chambers, Conference Room 230, and Hallway in an Amount of \$126,021**
- N) Resolution No. 23-R-44 – Award a Contract for the 2023 Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Program to Schroeder and Schroeder in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$160,000**

- O) Resolution No. 23-R-45 – Authorize the Purchase of the Envirosight Rover X HD Mainline Camera in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$124,805.42 from Standard Equipment**
- P) Resolution No. 23-R-46 – Authorizing the Annual Leak Detection Survey of the City’s Water System with M.E. Simpson Co. in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$15,252.50**
- Q) Resolution No. 23-R-47 – Award a Contract for Phase I Engineering on Central Road (from E Frontage to New Wilke) to Christopher B Burke Engineering in an Amount of \$553,000**
- R) Resolution No. 23-R-48 – Approve an Agreement to Demolish an Unsafe Structure on the Property Commonly Known as 1548 Vermont Street, Rolling Meadows, Illinois**

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolutions were adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS**

**Mayor's Appointments:**

Mayor Gallo stated that the Mayor’s Appointments consisted of eight (8) reappointments and asked if any Alderperson wished to remove an appointee from the appointment list for discussion. No appointees were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the eight (8) reappointments in one motion without debate. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O’Brien. Mayor Gallo read the following appointments into the record:

**Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (Reappointment)**

- Dave Walter

**Economic Development Committee (Reappointment)**

- Christine Burbidge

**Planning & Zoning Commission (Reappointments)**

- Kelly Sheehan
- Kevin Sipple
- Vincenzo Leone

### **Veterans Committee (Reappointments)**

- Father Brian Simpson
- Dale Kriesel
- Jerry Inselberger

### ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The reappointments were approved.

**Mayor's Proclamations:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War Veteran's Day

**City Clerk's Report:** None

### **City Staff Reports:**

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

*Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Glen Cole reviewed the following:*

- 1) For the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election, traditional Early Voting will take place March 20<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voters who participate in Early Voting may vote in person at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse, room 238 at 2121 Euclid Ave. For more information or additional locations, visit <https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections>.
- 2) The Rolling Meadows Police Department will be participating in the Distracted Driving campaign during the month of April, which will place a major focus on cell phone usage while driving. Police officers will be working to increase awareness of these dangers and encourage all motorists to put away their phones and give driving their full attention.
- 3) The 18<sup>th</sup> annual "Taking Care of Business Luncheon" will take place on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1 pm. Hosted by the City and the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce, this event offers expanded opportunities for all City businesses and area residents to learn more about the City's economic development initiatives, with a keynote presentation by the Mayor. The lunch will take place at Meridian Banquets and costs between \$25-\$35 for Chamber members, and \$50 for non-members. To register, visit [www.rmchamber.org](http://www.rmchamber.org) or call 847-398-3730.
- 4) Save a life and consider giving blood on Thursday, April 27th, from 1-7 pm at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Appointments are required and donors can register at [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) or call 877-258-4825.

- 5) The City is aware of the possible development at the Loeber Farms property and we have been working with the Village of Schaumburg. The City has not received any request from a developer about using City infrastructure. They haven't submitted an application to the Village of Schaumburg. Residents who would like to stay apprised of the developments are welcome to email [admin@cityrm.org](mailto:admin@cityrm.org) to be included on the City's notification list for any future updates.

## 2) **Emergency Water Main Repair**

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Glen Cole stated that as Acting City Manager he intends to authorize a purchase to repair a broken section of water main at Kirchoff Road and Route 53. That section of water main has been shut down for a couple of weeks and City Staff believes that shut down is contributing to a number of main breaks in the community as pressure differentials caused by water being routed through other parts of our system. Specifically, we believe that these pressure spikes contributed to 11 main breaks that have required three (3) boil orders and about \$69,000 in damage that needs to be repaired. We believe that presents an emergency that will require action before the City Council next meets. Staff is obtaining proposals from contractors to perform the work and when we have one there is a process that needs to be followed to make the purchase and that can be ratified at the next meeting. This is for information only and there is no action to take.

## 3) **February 2023 Financial Report**

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

## 4) **April 11, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda**

Assistant City Manager/ Community Development Director Glen Cole reviewed the items that are currently on the April 11, 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:** None

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1) **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.
- 2) **Setting Price for Sale or Lease of Property – 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 and under section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Land Sales. Alderperson Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

March 28, 2023 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on April 11, 2023.

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