

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2021**

Mayor Gallo called the Council meeting via Zoom Teleconferencing to order at 7:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the virtual audience are reminded that these proceedings are being recorded for current and future broadcast.

Staff Members Present Remotely: 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 Jeff Moxley, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Acosta, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Assistant Public Works Director JoEllen Charlton, Business Advocate Martha Corner and City Attorney Melissa Wolf

Public comment will be afforded to the public who are joining us on this conference line as long as they provided their contact credentials and the subject matter for which they would like to speak about before the deadline as noted on tonight's agenda.

Members of the public present in the City Council Chambers listening to the meeting will be afforded the opportunity to provide public comment in accordance with the procedures applicable to public comment at an in-person meeting of the City Council. Namely, members of the public must have signed-in before the start of the meeting. In addition, any written comments that were submitted prior to the meeting will also be read.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the *March 9, 2021 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman McHale made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D'Astice. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

AYES: Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor; 0 opposed, the minutes are approved.

The next set of minutes to approve are from the *March 16, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman D’Astice made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O’Brien. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor; 0 opposed, the minutes are approved.

The next set of minutes to approve are from the *March 23, 2021 City Council Meeting*. Is there a motion to approve these minutes? Alderman D’Astice made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor; 0 opposed, the minutes are approved.

MOTION TO DEVIATE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

I wanted to temper the Mayor’s report and focus on one item exclusively, the others I can share at another time as they’re not time sensitive. I wanted to share that it began toward the end of March using spare time engaging Jewel Osco on efforts to increase and expedite COVID-19 vaccines to our residents. As a result of that interaction and a very aggressive proactive pharmacist by the name of Heather who I can’t thank you enough, we will be rolling out a vaccine event for Rolling Meadows residents. It’s a two dose program using the Pfizer vaccine, we were able to secure 1170 doses. The first round of the vaccine will be administered on April 27, 2021, it’s a six hour event from 9 AM to 3 PM. I’ve enlisted Alderman McHale and Alderman Vinezeano to assist me with the planning and rollout essentially because of their efforts before helping to schedule resident’s vaccines early on, but in addition to them we will need volunteers to assist us in this effort. As a benefit those volunteers will be eligible to receive a vaccine if they’re not already vaccinated. In the next day a link will be available and shared publicly for both the call center as well as the vaccination event day where interested parties can sign up to volunteer their time for either one of those portions of this whole project. Again, the event is exclusively for Rolling Meadows residents but that of course includes Rolling Meadows residents who have a Palatine mailing address. Details plus specifics of who, what, when and where will be available in the coming days within the next 24 hours we’ll be having a lot more information being publicly shared so that way people can go ahead and find the information they need, dial into the call center, schedule their appointment and lastly receive their vaccine. So standby for additional details on this because April 27th is quickly approaching and there really isn’t time to spare.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Vinezeano – I have a couple items, two of them are actually follow-ups from previous meetings. One of them is in regards to the stop sign at Central and S. Old Wilke Road. I talked to Chief Nowacki and they did discuss this at the Traffic Committee meeting. They are going to try a couple of different stop signs at that intersection and see what works best. I will reach out to those couple of residents that I have spoken to but just for the whole community there are going to be some changes coming to the stop signs with some flashing lights and some different reflectors, we're going to see what works better at that intersection. Another follow-up with Grouse and S. Wilke Road that the residents on S. Wilke Road have had an increase of traffic because motorists think that they're connecting through to Wilke Road. We are working on that with the Traffic Committee and seeing what options we can have with some different signage. We do get some updates coming soon from the Traffic Committee. I also did speak with Chief Nowacki about this on big events in town such as Fourth of July parade, fireworks, the block party, those kind of things and we're going to work on diverting traffic away from that street because it is confusing to people that don't live locally. Residents on that street will be able to know that their street will be blocked off to motorists and only they'll be able to get through. A new topic, I did get some emails from a couple residents interested in doing a service project or a partnership with the City and the Park District about doing some murals on underpass at the bridge. If we could look into that I will forward this information on as well. The Park District was going to bring it up at their meeting this evening as well.

Alderman D'Astice – Pursuant to Rolling Meadows City Code, Section 2-89 *Presentation of New Matter*. Several weeks ago I proposed a policy for the appointment procedures applicable to voluntary committee, commission and board member positions. The Council voted against this discussion because of possible restrictive procedures of mayoral appointment authority and the possibility of statue violations. I have since discussed the proposed policy/procedure with City Attorney Wolf. Ms. Wolf reviewed, revised and reworded the procedures. Ms. Wolf said, "the revisions amend the components of the procedures that were restrictive on the Mayor's appointment authority and designate the administrative responsibilities of the procedures on to City staff." She further said, "I also suggest, as implemented in the attached, that volunteers submit their membership interest through an application process as an accurate way of maintaining and logging volunteer interest as set forth in and intended by your proposed policy." Therefore, based on the revisions being in total compliance with all statues and non-restrictive of any mayoral authority, I am requesting to have a discussion about the corrected procedures added to the April 20 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the April 27 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Gallo – Thank you for sharing all that, Alderman D'Astice. Because it's not typical past practice to engage in a vote to bring that forth, you can revisit that conversation and subject in matters not on the agenda in order to bring that topic to a future City Council meeting. Thank you for sharing.

Alderman Sanoica - Several residents reached out regarding further information for sound containment of Route 53 from both the East and West sides of 53. This issue was discussed during the Capital Projects Committee Meeting on March 23, 2021, and will continue to be a topic of discussion at this time as further research is conducted. Additionally, a new resident to Ward 7 contacted me regarding a rotting ComEd electrical pole in their yard. A big thank you to the Rolling Meadows Park District and Public Works for their investigation into next steps to ensure the issue is addressed safely. At this time, Public Works is continuing their investigation into the removal of the defunct structure.

Mayor Gallo – I'm personally interested to hear about the follow-up of the rotting ComEd pole. That seems like a very interesting significant subject. I had rotting going on in one behind my house a couple years back so look forward to seeing how it gets resolved.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The next step is to open the meeting to the public and there is a signature on the sign in sheet. In order to secure the rights of the citizens of the City to a fair and just representation before their elected officials, and to guarantee to the elected officials an order and dignified form in which to conduct the City's business, no person shall be allowed to engage in any activity that will disturb or disrupt the orderly proceedings of the City Council.

Per Rules of Procedures the public is to address the City Council, and the fact that no member of the City Council responds does not mean that the City Council or any member thereof agrees or disagrees with the comment.

In order to attain this objective the following rules of conduct are hereby established:

1. Any person who seeks to address the City Council at this time for public comments, shall be permitted to speak only upon recognition of the Presiding Officer and such person shall adhere to the following provisions:
 - a. Each person addressing the City Council shall state their name for the record.
 - b. Each person shall be granted no more than 5 minutes of the allotted 20 minutes in order to address the City Council.
 - c. Questions and/or commentary shall be limited to City business. Comments supporting or opposing a nominated person's candidacy for elective office of the City shall be out of order.
 - d. Commentary shall be directed to the Presiding Officer unless the Presiding Officer permits the individual to address the Council Members or other City officers present.
 - e. Discussion shall take place in a professional manner which displays mutual respect.
 - f. Profanity shall not be used in any form or manner.

Charity Johns, Laredo Hospitality/Shelby's - Good evening, I don't actually have any public comments. I'm just excited to see that we're up for a liquor license for first reading this evening for Shelby's, it feels like a long time coming. I'm glad to see each and every one of you, it seems like it's been a long time but also it seems very familiar to be here. Our plans are in re-review, we just changed a little bit of the design. I didn't love the direction the bathroom doors were opening, I didn't think they provided enough privacy so we've changed that in the plans so we're back in review with the building department. We've done our demo, we're wheels up and we're looking forward to being a part of the community so thank you for having us. I applaud you on getting the vaccines for your community, congratulations I'm sure that was a heavy lift and we're just looking forward to opening a business and being part of the community. Thank you for having us this evening.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 21-20– Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (2nd Reading)

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

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

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

B) Ordinance No. 21-21 – Amend Appendix B, Entitled “Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rolling Meadows Regarding Business Registration and Licenses and Zoning Fees (2nd Reading)

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

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

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

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES (1st Reading):**

The next item on the agenda are the Consent Ordinances. It consists of two (2) items, items C and D. Does any Alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Ordinances? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the two (2) Ordinances in one motion without debate. Is there a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1st Reading? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman McHale.

C) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1st Reading)

D) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend the Alcoholic Liquor Code to Approve a Class GC (Gaming Café) Liquor License for Laredo Hospitality d/b/a Shelby’s located at 2164 Plum Grove Road, Rolling Meadows (1st Reading)

Again, the question is shall the two (2) Ordinances be moved forward for 2nd Reading? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinances will be moved forward for 2nd reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 4/13/2021

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from April 13, 2021 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the Warrant? Alderman Bisesi 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: O’Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D’Astice, Sanoica, McHale, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Warrant is approved.

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next items on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of ten (10) items, items F thru O. Does any Alderman wish to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Sanoica – Item H.

Mayor Gallo – Any others? Seeing none, the Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the nine (9) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there such a motion? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

F) Resolution No. 21-R-26 – Approve the Retainment and Release of Closed Session Minutes and Recordings

G) Resolution No. 21-R-27 – Award a Contract to ABC Humane Wildlife Control & Prevention Inc. for Wild Animal Nuisance Removal

- I) Resolution No. 21-R-29 – Reject Bids Received for the Forestry Maintenance Program**
- J) Resolution No. 21-R-30 – Award a Contract for 2021 Street Maintenance Crack Sealing of Various City Streets**
- K) Resolution No. 21-R-31 – Award a Contract for 2021 Street Resurfacing Program**
- L) Resolution No. 21-R-32 – Award a Contract for 2021 Street Resurfacing Program – Construction Observation Engineering Services**
- M) Resolution No. 21-R-33 – Award a Contract for 2021 Annual Pavement Paint Striping Services**
- N) Resolution No. 21-R-34 – Award a Contract for 2021 Annual Pavement Patching Program for Selected City Streets**
- O) Resolution No. 21-R-35 – Authorize a Sub-Recipient Agreement for the 2020 Cook County Community Development Block Grant Award Program (FY2021 Construction Project) – Arbor Drive Infrastructure Improvement Project Phase 2**

The question is shall the remaining nine (9) Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, the Resolutions are adopted.

Item H was pulled by Alderman Sanoica.

- H) Resolution No. 21-R-28 – Award a Contract for the Purchase of 4th of July Fireworks Displays for a City Event**

Mayor Gallo - Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman D’Astice has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

Alderman Sanoica you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Sanoica – I would like some additional information from staff regarding this item. The Council Action Summary for tonight’s meeting stated that the third party provider would create a larger show than 2019. The proposed fee for the 4th of July fireworks show to not exceed \$30,520 and would require a maximum payment of \$21,800 from the City since we can apply last year’s cancelled show payment in the form of a credit in the amount of \$8,720 to the 2021 show. Do we have an estimate on what the 2019 show cost?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – The 2019, 2020 and 2021 were budgeted around \$21,800, so each of the years has been pretty consistent overall for our 4th of July fireworks celebration.

Alderman Sanoica - I would propose to amend this, if possible, but prior to doing that where are we as far as discussions with the third party provider for this service?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – You have their contract to do a \$30,520 show and that’s where we sit with them and that’s why the \$8720 from last year and the \$21,800 from this Budget equals the \$30,520 show for this one time larger show that we have proposed.

Alderman Sanoica - This might be a question for either yourself Manager Krumstok or Finance Director Gallagher regarding the gap between the COVID-19 relief that we received through the CARES Act thus far and what we expect to receive through the American Rescue Plan at the federal level and any relief at the state or county level. I know that we have received some significant reimbursement from several levels of government but that it wasn’t 100% coverage as far as what we have claimed so far. I would like to see this \$8720 credit go towards any of those expenditures given that in the past this Council has struggled to identify COVID-19 relief for Rolling Meadows residents and businesses, is that something that would be prudent or something that would be easily applicable at this time or are we still sifting through what we expect to be reimbursed regarding COVID-19 relief?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – We’re pretty much done with filing unless we have additional things. The \$8720 that Mad Bombers is holding onto can only be used for the fireworks at this time. As you could see from the Committee of the Whole agenda we are going to be having a discussion about the next item that would be attributed but staff recommendation would be to use that for water and sewer infrastructure projects per the agreement which is part of the COW discussion. In 2020, we received additional reimbursements from the fed’s and the state and we are still in process of waiting to hear from the Fed’s on some additional pieces but that would be coming at a later date.

Alderman Sanoica - To clarify Manager Krumstok, I understand that the credit would only be used for the fireworks show. What I would be proposing is really to match previous shows that we’ve had in 2018 and 2019 and 2020 were all budgeted at about \$21,000 or \$22,000, I’m not saying that we should eliminate the show, I think that since it’s been budgeted at that amount we would instead pay up to the credit to get us to that \$21,000 number and ultimately then what the City would pay out would be \$21,000 less than that \$8720 credit, instead of that credit being a payment from the City that could then be applied to any other project that would be struggling at some point. I understand that for most of our capital projects \$8000 isn’t going to make a difference. What I want to make really clear here is that if we are looking at expenditures related to COVID-19 relief that are very high where \$8000 is not a significant portion of those expenses or we anticipate for the reimbursement from federal or state funding then that would help us make a decision on whether or not this is a prudent decision for a one night show versus any other types of relief for services that we could provide to the community. If there are no costs at this point that staff is considering or that they think this would be a good fit then that’s helpful for us to know at this time.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – Staff is recommending the use plus the one-time larger show for the community. At this point we're not reallocating money for additional pieces unless the Council states. All that was put in for was a nice larger show for the community and it's a one-time deal. If you're looking at additional pieces that's a different discussion but right now we're in place with what we have for the budget and we continue always reevaluating each step as we continue with the discussions.

Alderman Bisesi - In the past it is my understanding that we did not do a one year contract we did a multiple year contract and received a lower price for the fireworks based on the fact that we schedule five years at a time. Is that accurate? Have we thought about doing that?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - We have not signed a multiyear contract in years. We do it every year as we evaluate what kind of show we were are going to have plus as we continue working with Mad Bomber if we have a tree lighting fireworks or a celebration for 45th, 50th, 55th, but we do it every year because we reevaluate each firework show.

Alderman Bisesi - You're saying for the last several years we've been on a year-by-year basis with the contracts?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Yes.

Alderman Bisesi – I seem to remember when I was more involved with the 4th of July that we were doing five years at a time and supposedly getting a lower rate. Is that something that the Mad Bombers are not willing to do anymore?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – We can always have that discussion but they prefer year-by-year especially after COVID-19 they're looking for those commitments of what their investing in. They're looking for that one year commitment and then they always have additional conversations at a later date.

Alderman O'Brien - I had one resident reach out after sharing the materials that were in favor of the additional spend since it was a credit from last year just in the hopes that we are at a point in COVID where we can come together as a community. Again, it was just one resident that reached out so I am in favor of doing it as drafted and as proposed by staff.

Alderman Budmats - I see both sides of the coin. I agree that it's nice to have the community get around something and maybe if we emerge from COVID and actually get to celebrate that would be awesome. I also share Alderman Sanoica's concerns that as a Council we need to be careful with what we're spending in light of the fact that reserves have been spent down just to make the budget. It feels like I don't want to be foolhardy with the money if we're going through reserves just to make ends meet. I'm really looking for direction from staff. The numbers that I saw in the quarterly report were not all rosy as far as income levels and I see expenditures may be lower but it doesn't feel like income levels are higher when we factor in that the property taxes (we received the first payment) but we always get that in the beginning of the year and it kind of skews our view of the numbers possibly. Is there anything that staff can do to reassure us that things are on the up increase for revenues even since the numbers that have been published that have been provided.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - I can tell you that we have seen some preliminary numbers from April and some continue growing on the revenue side. Again, we are monitoring the expenditure side and that's why we put the footnote in the quarterly report. The State has been delayed on how they're reporting some of the numbers but we feel confident with this first quarter. You are correct, property taxes are coming in

and are balanced by the expenditure into the pension funds so the balancing act is continuing. Some of the new numbers that we've seen and as of earlier today they are still trending higher in revenue. We continue to watch expenditures overall.

Alderman Budmats - Based on your input I'll be supporting this but really only because it's such a small dollar amount in comparison to the larger number of our budget. I think that the Council still has to look at all expenditures with a careful eye moving forward at this point.

Alderman Vinezeano - In light of the fact that the Council has been very much divided on having assistance money for our struggling residents and our struggling businesses and the fact that we're discussing \$8000 to literally be exploded in the sky, I am not in favor of spending more money. I think residents are going to be ecstatic just to get out and have a celebration this year whether it be an additional five minutes and the fact that we're watching our tax dollars literally up in the sky. I much rather allocate that extra \$8000 to assistance with our businesses or our residents. I'm in favor of Alderman Sanoica's suggestion of going up to our original allotted \$21,000.

Mayor Gallo - I just want to give some background on this topic specifically because leading up to this evening's agenda I've had conversations with Manager Krumstok about the upcoming agenda items, this obviously one of them. When I was given the details from Manager Krumstok about the amount and the credit and the circumstance around the availability of reallocating the funds if we were to just work with Mad Bomber on honoring the credit amount and us just spending the difference and then we could take that \$8000 that we wouldn't have spent using or honoring the credit and allocating it elsewhere for services, we weighed the cost-benefit to that and ultimately it is of course the Council's decision but in my opinion I felt that it is appropriate to utilize that money for one time. I do know from the residents of Rolling Meadows that they very much appreciate our fireworks display and I know that people come from many communities over to watch Rolling Meadows fireworks display. Considering the year we had this past year, considering the call for independence from COVID and making this a one-time nice Independence Day display I think there's value in that. I think moving forward as we do have opportunities for the next wave of councilmembers that we will see I think we can pay closer attention to providing better quality services from the City to residents, not that we don't already but I think we can place an emphasis on that going forward and again take a fiduciary role in monitoring our expenses in bigger picture more significant items based on the fact that this was \$8,000. I'm not saying \$8000 lightly because it is \$8000, I'm saying that in the grander scheme of it all I think this could increase morale, give residents the opportunity to truly enjoy the show and of course residents who come from other communities to watch our show do that as well. For me, I'm of the opinion that it's the \$8000 that we can't really apply elsewhere to demonstrate huge value, significant value that would be pivotal in some other area where this could just add to the boosting of morale but ultimately it is a Council decision on what the direction of this expense is and how we go about doing it with the vendor.

Alderman Sanoica - I appreciate all the background that you gave on this. If we were comparing this to the amount of money that we pay as a City every year towards our pension obligations I agree \$8000 is pennies. Some of the smaller projects that we proposed before we've struggled to have the Council agree on \$5000 going towards the residents and the businesses themselves. Given that, I would like to propose an amendment to this resolution to change the amount from not to exceed \$30,520 to not exceed the amount of \$22,000 with the understanding that we would use both the credit and then pay the difference between the credit and the \$22,000.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second to Alderman Sanoica's motion? Alderman Vinezeano has seconded the motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll on the amendment to not to exceed \$22,000?

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

With 3 in favor and 4 opposed. The amendment does not pass.

Mayor Gallo – We'll take it back to the original Resolution as drafted. Is there any discussion on the original? Seeing none, the question is shall this Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Resolution is adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Environmental Committee – Re-Appointment

- Alderman Sanoica

I would like Council's approval for the re-appointment of *Alderman Sanoica* to the *Environmental Committee*. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Sanoica – I just have a question from our Parliamentarian, if this is something that I should abstain from?

Melissa Wolf, City Attorney – It is not necessary for you to abstain voting on the matter. You may choose to vote and it would be completely appropriate for you to do so.

Mayor Gallo – If there is no further discussion, I will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, *Alderman Sanoica* is re-appointed to the *Environmental Committee*.

Environmental Committee – Re-Appointment

- Maggie Trevor

I would like Council’s approval for the re-appointment of *Maggie Trevor* to the *Environmental Committee*. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman McHale made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, *Maggie Trevor* is re-appointed to the *Environmental Committee*.

Economic Development – Appointment

- Linda Ballantine

I would like Council’s approval for the appointment of *Linda Ballantine* to the *Economic Development Committee*. Is there a motion to approve this appointment? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman McHale. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, *Linda Ballantine* is appointed to the *Economic Development Committee*.

Mayor’s Proclamations: None

City Clerk’s Report:

Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk - I just wanted to remind those that haven’t filed their Cook County Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) to do so by May 3rd to avoid the \$15 late fee. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest

- 1) Just as a friendly reminder, yard waste collection and street sweeping has started throughout the City. For more information, please contact Public Works at 847-963-0500 or visit www.cityrm.org/PublicWorks

- 2) First Installment Cook County property tax bills are out and property owners have until May 3rd to pay without any late charges. (The first installment was actually due on March 2nd, but thanks to an ordinance passed back in November by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, property owners can pay without any interest charge through May 3rd).
- 3) Public Works has started a Facebook page and a Twitter account. This is a page for the Public Works Department to provide useful information to residents, businesses and friends of the Department, though not to engage. Please like Public Works on Facebook, and follow them on Twitter.
- 4) Again, thank you to Jewel/Osco for working with the local communities to provide a COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic in April. While the initial doses were set at less than 5,000, they were able to secure 6,140 total doses of the Pfizer vaccine for this event. Jewel-Osco has informed the local Manager's that they are scheduling for another mass vaccination event on May 6th (second shot for those enrolled will be on May 27th) for around 6,000 Pfizer vaccines at the Schaumburg Convention Center (again). Please keep checking the City website for information on this clinic & others.
- 5) The City and Vitalant have scheduled another Blood Drive for Thursday, April 29th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm in City Hall (Council Chambers). Due to the need for social distancing, appointments are really needed for this event and may be scheduled by contacting Vitalant at 877-258-4825. Wearing of a face covering (mask) is required. Walk-ins will only be accommodated if no scheduled appointments are present in the Council Chambers. (Future Blood Drives for 2021 are now scheduled to be conducted on June 24th, August 26th, October 28th, and December 23rd).
- 6) The IRS has decided to delay the traditional tax filing deadline from April 15th until May 17th for this federal tax filing season. As announced on Wednesday, March 17th, IRS Commissioner Chuck Retting said, "The IRS wants to continue to do everything possible to help taxpayers navigate the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic, while also working on important tax administration responsibilities." As stated, the decision postpones when individual taxpayers must file their federal returns and when their payment is due. In the announcement, it was also mentioned that taxpayers who owe money would not face any further penalties or interest if payment is received by May 17th. Those individuals who may need more time than this delay, may request through the IRS and extension until October 15th. The new May 17th deadline does not apply to estimated tax payments (so they are still due by April 15th). *Please note that Governor Pritzker did announce that his administration is also extending the individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15th to May 17th for the State of Illinois taxes. This only applies to individual filers and also does not apply to estimated tax payments.*
- 7) ***Please Shop, Dine and Order in Rolling Meadows (it is more important than ever). During these times, it is significant to remember our big boxes, restaurants and small businesses.***
- 8) Have you seen the April 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. Each are printed six times a year.

- 9) Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison announced that homebound residents in Suburban Cook County can now call the Cook County Vaccine Hotline at 833-308-1988 to get added to a wait list for an in-home vaccine. Capacity is increasing and as soon as vaccine supply and staff capacity allows, they will be contacted by a home health provider to make an appointment for an in-home vaccination.

Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:

2) 1st Quarter Financials

This financial report covers the 1st Quarter (January through March 2021) Budget Comparison Report [this data is unaudited]. The report shows results of operations through March 31, 2021 and is not a financial estimate. All reports are presented on a cash basis (i.e., modified accrual accounting) – meaning that some revenues received and expenditures incurred are attributed to the previous fiscal year. Comments will focus primarily on three key operating funds: the General Fund, the Utilities Fund and the Refuse Fund as of March 31, 2021. This report is not intended to be a financial estimate. As a reminder, the City’s Auditors will present the City’s FY 2020 Audit at the June 15, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Year-to-date revenue in the General Fund is \$13.0 million which is 38.3% or approximately 13% better than budget for the year-to-date. This is predominately due to receiving the 1st installment of the property tax levy and the budgeted transfers into the General Fund. (The City typically receives approximately 50% of the Property Tax Levy by the end of March. The property tax levy is 36% of the City’s annual General Fund Revenues.) Please remember that per a rule from the State of Illinois, marijuana sales taxes are considered confidential and are included with sales taxes.

Total General Fund expenditures amount to \$9.8 million for the year-to-date which is slightly above the quarterly target of 25%. With the City in receipt of the allotment of the property taxes, a corresponding expense is recorded for pension benefits of about 50% for the police and fire pension funds. In addition, per the FY 2021 Budget, the City transferred \$693,150 to the Debt Service Fund and \$100,000 to the Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund from the General Fund.

Utilities Fund Notes: Total year-to-date revenues for the Utilities Fund are \$2.6 million (similar to FY 2020) which is approximately 3% below the target for the budget for the year-to-date. Expenditures are trending at about 15% below budget and total \$2.0 million year-to-date. As a reminder, there are no late penalties or shut offs for past due water bills. The City continues its capital projects in the warmer months.

Refuse Fund Notes: Refuse Fund revenues and expenditures are fairly stable through the year. Revenues are \$536,937 which is on target with the budget. Expenditures are trending slightly lower due to less dump fees in the winter months. With landscape collections to start in the spring and expenses will increase.

City’s Fund Structure: As a reminder, each of the City’s Funds complies with accounting standards per the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the City produces financial statements which follow the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Economic Data: From the Illinois Department of Employment Security: The current unemployment rate for the Rolling Meadows’ area is 8.8% https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/LMI/Pages/Year_to_Date.aspx.

Cash & Investments (Unaudited): The City's estimated, unaudited cash position at March 31, 2021 shows \$25.5 million across all funds. The General Fund shows \$7.9 million which is approximately 30.8% of the total cash on hand is the primary source to pay salaries and City expenses. Continued monitoring of cash reserves will be essential in the upcoming months and in FY 2021.

3) Traffic Review Committee – March

There is no report because there was no meeting in March.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

4) April 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda

- 1) Park Street Project Presentation*
- 2) American Rescue Plan Discussion*

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

5) April 27, 2021 City Council Draft Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

WARD REPORTS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

PENDING:

- A) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (2nd Reading)*
- B) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Amend the Alcoholic Liquor Code to Approve a Class GC (Gaming Café) Liquor License for Laredo Hospitality d/b/a Shelby's located at 2164 Plum Grove Road, Rolling Meadows (2nd Reading)*

CONSENT ORDINANCES:

- C) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve an Ordinance Confirming and Extending the State of Emergency within the City of Rolling Meadows Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (1st Reading)*

- D) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve Special Use Pursuant To Section V-4-A-3 Of City Code Chapter 122 (City Of Rolling Meadows Zoning Ordinance) To Operate An “Indoor Athletic Facility” In An M-1 Zoning District, And Other Relief Necessary To Accommodate The Indoor Bicycle Studio - 1225 Carnegie St. #108 (1st Reading)
- E) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Approve Variation From Section III-7-B-4 Of City Code Chapter 122 (City Of Rolling Meadows Zoning Ordinance) To Reduce The South Side Yard Setback From Ten Feet (10’) To 5’ To Allow A Two Car Garage In An R-3 Zoning District, And Other Relief Necessary To Accommodate A Two Car Garage - 3801 Raven Lane (1st Reading)
- F) Ordinance No. 21-00 – Authorize the Disposal of Surplus City Property (1st Reading)

NEW BUSINESS:

- G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 4/27/2021

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:

- H) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Authorize the Purchase FY 2021 Asphalt Materials for Public Works Operations
- I) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Award Contract for 2021 Annual Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Program Services
- J) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Award Contract for PRA-CRF (Pavement Preservation)
- K) Resolution No. 21-R-00 – Award Contract to Complete Storm Sewer Improvements at Various Locations

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

- Mayor's Appointments: Fire Pension Board – Ethan Salsinger
Mayor's Proclamations: FD Retirement – John Loesch Sr.
City Clerk's Report:
City Staff Reports: 1) Community Items of Interest
2) March 2021 New Businesses
3) Green Infrastructure Green Opportunity (GIGO) Grant
4) May 11, 2021 City Council Draft Agenda

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman O'Brien – Just a quick update from the Economic Development Committee. We did meet on April 5 and we did start reviewing and developing draft verbiage about the incentive program, to get more businesses and we're focusing on the downtown Kirchoff area. We will be bringing that forward, right now it's tentatively scheduled for the May Committee of the Whole meeting after the EDC has an opportunity to review the draft verbiage that staff is working on. Some of the other items that we discussed, entity size, operating location and corporate structure is certainly going to be included in there because it is more geared towards the mom-and-pop type of entities. Some of the incentives that we talked about from a high level is continuing and modifying the restaurant incentive that was in place the last few years where it's a decreasing scale on a gradual basis of reimbursement for sales tax that is paid to the City and obviously nothing to do with state sales tax, some opportunities with permit and construction costs in façade costs possibly leveraging relationships with landlords those would both capped at something so it's not a huge expense to the City by any means. Obviously, we would also be requesting financial information from the owner operator. We're looking at dividing up part of the incentive which can be reimbursed at occupancy when they receive their occupancy certificate and the other ones would be done on an annual basis after they are in business for one year, two year and three year on a decreased gradual scale. More to come on that.

Alderman D'Astice - As I said in the Ward report, pursuant to Rolling Meadows City Code, Section 2-89 *Presentation of New Matter*, I would like to make a motion to have procedures for filling vacancies on committees and commissions added to the April 20 Committee of the Whole meeting and subsequent to that added to the April 27 City Council meeting. I'm making a motion and looking for second.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second to Alderman D'Astice's motion? Alderman O'Brien has seconded the motion. At this time it will open the floor for discussion of this subject. Before I call on anyone I want to share some of my thoughts in the discussion. Largely share my thoughts and my perspective based on my unique insight as Mayor and getting to see the original content of this subject and then what it has been scrubbed to be. The first question that comes to my mind is that Alderman D'Astice has spent decades serving on this Council and so why now? Why is this subject so important to adjust the appointment process? Like I said, knowing where this subject began including components that were incorporated, that were restrictive to the Mayor's authority and myself over the past two years having made appointments and re-appointments that are in the double digits. The actual process currently is functional, it's proven functional and is effective. It's not the process that's the problem, it's certain personalities on the Council that have created turmoil or obstructions within the appointment process. The other component I want to share is that beyond my term as Mayor or beyond any of our terms on the Council, there will be other mayors and other councilmembers that serve after us. For me, I don't think it's appropriate to put parameters or a process in place for those who are not yet here at the table and as I've stated the process has worked just fine over the course of these two years in close to 20 appointments and re-appointments. If future Councils or the Mayor thinks the process is dysfunctional then I would leave it in their hands to revisit it so I'm not in favor of bringing this subject to the City Council. That's just my thoughts on this. Is there any other discussion on this item?

Alderman Vinezeano - On this topic like you said that appointments have been occurring for almost two years and myself being one of the first appointments to the Council from yourself, I've spoken on this before, is that the process was smooth in regards to the process that I had to go through to acquire the appointment. The part that was not smooth was dealing with certain councilmembers as to the protocol that they were choosing to follow that was not the actual protocol. I was told that my appointment wouldn't be approved if I didn't speak with these certain councilmembers and so the thought of having to put that

experience that I had to experience on future councilmembers, on future appointments, on people that are volunteering their time is something that I have no interest in doing. I think that our procedure is working and has worked for however long it's been working and why all of a sudden do we need to reevaluate it. If you are not in agreement with an appointment then you vote against it, I think it's pretty cut and dry. So why do we need to bring this up for more discussion and keep hashing this out I do not understand and I am not in favor of.

Alderman O'Brien - The couple of experiences that I've had with residents reaching out for appointment interest is that I did find it a little confusing to get them to the right place to look at the committee's overall, like which ones are out there versus which ones have current membership. I'm always open for discussion on a topic that a resident or another councilmember feels very passionate about because I feel that our role to be here. I'm open to discussing this just based on, I think it's only been 2 or 3 residents that have had interest over my two years on the Council and they had a hard time finding our listing of committees and how to go about applying for positions. I'm game even if it's just a bulleted list and we put it on the website if anyone's interested in being a member of the committee if there's a vacancy send a letter of interest to the Mayor. I'm comfortable discussing something at that level and not necessarily going deeper than that but just in terms of if there's a bulleted point list of where residents that are interested can find our listing of committees and how they can submit their interest. I'm game for discussion of anything any councilmember would like to discuss.

Alderman Budmats - I think we've already voted on this as a Council so I'm ready to call the motion to a vote. I would like to move for that.

Mayor Gallo - You move to call the vote, correct?

Alderman Budmats - Yes, I move to call vote.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second to the motion to call the vote? Alderman Vinezeano has seconded the motion. Will the Clerk please call the roll on adding this appointment process to the April 20 Committee of the Whole and subsequent City Council meeting?

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

*Note: Alderman Bisesi voted with the following statement: "Yes, because I didn't get a chance to talk before the motion was called."

With 3 in favor and 4 opposed, this item will not be included in the future COW or City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Do I have a motion to adjourn? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Will the Clerk please call the roll?

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, this meeting is adjourned.

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

April 13, 2021 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on April 27, 2021.

Judy Brose
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