

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 23, 2023**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler

Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent. Mayor Sanoica declared that a quorum was present.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Rob Sabo, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Glen Cole, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Pete Sutter, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Mohr, Director Public Works Aaron Grosskopf, HR Specialist Lisa Norton, IT System Administrator Kelly Vlieger, and Attorney Melissa Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderperson O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson McHale. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

PRESENTATION

❖ Gold Water Ambassador Certification

Representatives from ISAWWA presented an award to the City of Rolling Meadows and stated that the City has completed all the necessary requirements in 2022 to receive gold level recognition which is the highest level of achievement.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Sanoica invited residents and community members to attend Saturday's Memorial Day parade and ceremony, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Kirchoff and Meadows and ending at the Carillon.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderperson O'Brien gave an update regarding the salt storage shed behind the shopping center near Kimball Hill Park that was not approved by Council or City Staff. Staff spoke with the commercial property owner and told them they need to remove it within two weeks. Staff will monitor the site to make sure it's removed within the two weeks.

Aldersperson Vinezeano was been contacted by residents regarding the notice that was posted at St. Collette saying that they will no longer host bingo after the end of the month. Once the new pastor is in place in June, she is going to have a meeting with him and is hopeful it will be reinstated. More information to come.

Aldersperson Boucher thanked the Police Department for hosting Family Service Day at East Park last Saturday.

Aldersperson Koehler stated that today marks the beginning of his 3rd week as Alderman for Ward 7. He publicly thanked Alderman O'Brien, who has been a patient and enthusiastic mentor during the few weeks. In his first few weeks, he engaged with the 7th Ward residents through walk-arounds of the Ward. There are several key concerns which I heard from multiple residents. In brief, the top three concerns are:

- 1) *Noise pollution along Illinois Route 53.* He recently became aware of a noise study that was conducted prior to joining the council. During a meeting of the Fairfax Village HOA, which he attended along with Mayor Sanoica on Monday, May 15th, Mayor Sanoica presented the results of the referenced sounds study, which is recorded in the Council's Committee of the Whole February 21st meeting. He conducted his own walk around sound study since you can monitor decibel reading quite well using a mobile app on your mobile phone. Clearly, there is an issue, and Council should have follow-up discussions on this topic at a later date.
- 2) *Trash and maintenance of landscaping along Illinois Route 53 by IDOT.* Numerous residents point out the unsightly trash and poor landscape maintenance along this highway. This is not only an annoyance for the residents along the roadway, but also reflects poorly on our city's image for those traveling through our city. While he recognizes that this issue is IDOT's responsibility, he'd like to discuss this issue with our Public Works and city leadership in order to find ways to address this with IDOT.
- 3) *The potential future development of the former Loeber Farm,* located in the 1st Ward along Meacham Road, north of the International Village Complex. We recognize this parcel is NOT within Rolling Meadows but is adjacent to Rolling Meadows Ward 1 and Ward 7. Residents feel high density development would significantly impact the quality of life for our residents in this area. There is considerable community interest in development plans for this parcel. We recognize the efforts of Aldersperson McHale from Ward 1 and our City Manager Sabo to monitor this issue. We appreciate your efforts to keep our community informed of plans for this parcel.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES

There were no signatures on the sign-in sheet.

PENDING

A) Ordinance No. 23-27 – Approve Liquor License Application for a Class A1 Liquor License for Casa di Luigi located at 5500 New Wilke Road (2nd Reading)

Mayor Sanoica read the title into the record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Aldersperson Boucher made the motion and was seconded by Aldersperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

B) Ordinance No. 23-28 – Approve an Ordinance Modifying the City’s Zoning Ordinance Concerning Monument Sign Base Requirements for Certain Uses in Certain Districts (2nd Reading)

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

Alderperson Koehler made a motion to amend the Ordinance to add under subsection *vi. Alternative Sign Mounting Method; A. Applicability*: “4. For single-unit residential subdivision or development access signs in residential districts.” Alderperson Vinezeano seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This amendment was approved.

Ordinance No. 23-28 – Mayor Sanoica asked for a roll call vote to approve the Ordinance as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance (as amended) was adopted.

C) Ordinance No. 23-29 – Amend Chapter 114, “Vegetation”, of the City of Rolling Meadows Code of Ordinances to Adopt and Amend the Ordinance with Tree Preservation Guidelines (2nd Reading)

Mayor Sanoica read the title into the record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderperson O’Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Boucher.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O’Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

ORDINANCES

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

D) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Authorize the Disposal of Surplus City Property - Equipment (1st Reading)

AYES: McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

NEW BUSINESS

E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 5/23/2023

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

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Consent Resolutions consisted of five (5) items, items F thru J. Mayor Sanoica asked if any Alderperson wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions.

Alderperson Budmats pulled item G and Alderperson Vinezeano pulled item I.

Mayor Sanoica declared it in order for one motion to consider the remaining three (3) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. Mayor Sanoica read the titles into the record.

F) Resolution No. 23-R-75– Authorize FY 2023 USIC Contract and Utilizing Funding from Various Accounts for Locating Services

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

H) Resolution No. 23-R-77– Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner Forestry Hi-Ranger w/ 60ft Boom (Replacement of T332 2005 Sterling Hi-Ranger w/60ft Boom) from Custom Truck One Source in an amount of \$227,464.00

Item I was pulled by Alderperson Vinezeano (see below).

J) Resolution No. 23-R-79 – Accept Five (5) Grant of Public Utility and Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreements (5100, 5130, 5150, 5200, and 5220 Sunset)

ROLL CALL:

AYES: O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

Item G was pulled by Alderperson Budmats.

G) Resolution No. 23-R-76– Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Arlington Heights for the Wilke Road Resurfacing & Multi-Use Path Project, Phase III Construction & Construction Engineering Services

Mayor Sanoica read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien.

Alderperson Budmats confirmed with Staff that the cost share is only applicable to the area within the jurisdiction of Rolling Meadows and that any future related costs for anything north of Euclid would be that of Arlington Heights.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

Item I was pulled by Alderperson Vinezeano.

I) Resolution No. 23-R-78– Authorize an Agreement with Core & Main for the Installation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Fixed Point Meter Reading Equipment and Software in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$160,000

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

Alderperson Vinezeano confirmed with Staff that this will be integrated with the new ERP system and does not impact anything with the water billing process. This changes how the City collects water usage data, the readings will be in real-time which is much more efficient. The new ERP system will be ready to handle this once new reading equipment is implemented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Resolution was adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor Sanoica stated that the Mayor's Appointments consists of eleven (11) appointments/reappointments and asked if any Alderperson wished to remove an appointee from the appointment list for discussion. No appointees were removed.

Mayor Sanoica declared it in order for one motion to consider the appointments/reappointments in one motion without debate. Alderperson McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano. Mayor Sanoica read the following appointments into the record:

Capital Projects Committee

- Alderperson Mike Koehler

Economic Development Committee

- Alderperson Kevin O'Brien (Reappointment)
- Rachel Jacobsen

Environmental Committee

- Joannie Thomas (Reappointment)
- Pete Jackson (Reappointment)

Planning & Zoning Commission

- Leigh Ferstein

Veterans Committee

- Robert A. Rein

Library Board of Directors

- Megan Gawlik
- Marsha Kremer (Reappointment)
- Sylvia Vange (Reappointment)
- Alderperson Stefanie Boucher (Council Liaison)

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The appointments and reappointments were approved.

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo announced the following:

- 1) In observance of Memorial Day, City Hall and City facilities will be closed next Monday, May 29th. Refuse/recycle pickup will be delayed one day and there will be no refuse/recycle pickup on May 29th.
- 2) Join the City as it honors our heroes at the Memorial Day Parade this Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am, with the ceremony immediately following at the Carillon Monument on Kirchoff Road. Veterans and their families are invited to participate in the parade, whether on foot or riding in a trolley. This year we welcome Taylor's Battery, a Civil War re-enactment troop that will set off a live cannon at the ceremony. We hope to see you this Saturday to honor and salute our military heroes who have so proudly served this country.
- 3) The City's summer kick-off celebration, the annual Block Party, will happen on Friday, June 9th, from 6:00-9:30 pm. We are thrilled to welcome our headliner, rising country star Ashland Craft, with Chicago Latin Groove opening the show. Shop exciting market vendors and feast from a variety of delicious food options. Check out the cool law enforcement vehicle show, City trucks, a K9 demo, kiddie train, face painter, balloon artists and more! Visit the City's website and Facebook page for more information.
- 4) The Rolling Meadows Police Department will be taking part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Sunday, June 4th at 9:00 am. This event has two goals – to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run includes an annual intrastate relay conducted by officers representing every branch of law enforcement within the state as well as our federal partners. Approximately 3,000 officers carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games! The Rolling Meadows 'leg' will take place on Golf Road, between Rt. 53 and Algonquin Rd. Please show your support as a spectator, a donor or join the run by contacting Officer Pak at pakg@cityrm.org.
- 5) Planning for this year's 4th of July festivities is 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 Monday, July 4 at 11:30AM along Owl Drive. Applications to participate are due by Monday, June 20 and there is no fee. For more information, visit the City's website at www.cityrm.org.

2) **April 2023 Financial Report**

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

3) **June 13, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda**

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the June 13, 2023 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting date. Please note, that due to construction renovations in the Council Chambers, City Council meetings will be held in the EOC, Room 250 on the second floor of City Hall.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Aldersperson Vinezeano confirmed that that best way to report any property maintenance concerns including tall grass/weeds is to call Community Development at 847/394-8500. City Staff will work with property owners to bring their property into compliance.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

Union Negotiations – 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Mayor Sanoica 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)(2) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Union Negotiations. Aldersperson Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Aldersperson O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez
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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

May 23, 2023 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on June 13, 2023.

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