

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 11, 2019

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

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: 0

With 6 present and 0 absent there is a quorum.

Members of the audience are reminded that these proceedings are being videotaped for current and future broadcast over the City's cable television channel.

**Staff Members Present:** Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Assistant to the City Manager Lori Ciezak, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Deputy Police Chief Bill Arneson, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Jim Macholl

## **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2019 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and the May 28, 2019 City Council Meeting. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman O'Brien made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Sanoica. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes?

**Alderman Sanoica** – On page 2 of the May 28, 2019 City Council Meeting in the Ward Report, there's a line where "I also explained that the natural gas tax is considered a more **equitable** tax..." The current meeting minutes have **applicable**, I would like to request to change that to equitable.

**Mayor Gallo** - Are there any other corrections, additions, or deletions? Seeing none, we will make the correction as noted by Alderman Sanoica. All those in favor say aye; those opposed say nay. The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

## **MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

None

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

I wanted to make a quick mention that former Mayor Prejna is dealing with some health issues and I just want him to know that our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family and we wish him a full and quick recovery.

More joyous note was the ribbon cutting for Amish Farmers. Last week and prior to this they had a grand opening and there was plenty of great samples, goodies and giveaways. My kids came home with some bath balms and other crafts, it was great. I would recommend anyone who hasn't been there to check it out.

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Also, last week on Friday following Thursday's ribbon cutting was the Rolling Meadows Block Party on Central Road. From everybody whom I spoke with they appreciated the change in venue and had nothing but good things to say about the activities, the music, the car show, etc. It was great and I think it would be welcomed in that location again. Kudos to everybody who took part in making that become a reality.

I also would like to welcome a new member to our business community, they are called Autobon AI, they are the only company in the world that retrofit semi-trucks to drive with autonomous auto pilot and they are here in Rolling Meadows and they just signed a 3 year lease. Thanks for welcoming us toward the future.

It's also the second full week for summer officially for children so with that just be more mindful and vigilant of kids playing in the streets/roads when they cross them to go hang out with their friends.

We have a busy weekend ahead of us, Friday's Rock, Rep's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Bash and for all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

### **WARD REPORTS:**

**Alderman O'Brien** – Just a couple from Ward 3. It sounds like a couple of other Aldermen received calls regarding the question if there is an ordinance about the number of vehicles on property. When working with Mr. Horne, they did look and it appears that there is three criteria, vehicles must be currently registered, appear in working order just to the visual eye and on an approved parking surface. The couple of inquiries that I received, the inspector went and checked out, they meet those three criteria but Rob was going to follow up with the City Attorney. There may be discussion down the road that could be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan but since I know a couple have got those questions as long as it meets those three criteria it is okay from a City perspective.

I did have one inquiry too about chipper week, if that was going to come back with the new Council.

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

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

#### ➤ **PENDING:**

#### **A) Ordinance No. 19 – 33 – Amend Chapter 102 “Taxation” – Hotel Tax (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Is there a motion to adopt this Ordinance? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

**B) Resolution No. 19-R-65 – Appoint City Representatives to the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) (Pulled by Mayor Gallo at 5/14/19 City Council Meeting)**

Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

Before we get into discussion, I pulled a series of appointments just to go through and do my due diligence and see if there were any opportunities that we could replace the individuals that were being called out for the appointed designation in case there were individuals that were more enthusiastic or more engaged in a specific opportunity where applicable. In certain cases I did find that the By-Laws of those organizations did not allow for that and such these are what we find here. Is there any discussion?

**Alderman Cannon** – This is not a complaint or being negative, but I was wondering, I see that second in command is Rob Horne which I'm fine with. In the past, Barry Krumstok has always had that position because he's quite versed in the SWANCC stuff. Is it because he's too busy?

**Mayor Gallo** – This is the Northwest Municipal Conference.

**Alderman Cannon** – I'm sorry, I thought we were on SWANCC, I was on the wrong one.

**Mayor Gallo** – Any other discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Resolution is approved.

**C) Resolution No. 19-R-66 – Appoint Director and Alternate Director(s) as City Representative to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) (Pulled by Mayor Gallo at 5/14/19 City Council Meeting)**

Is there a motion to adopt this Resolution? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi.

Again, I pulled this originally to find if other individuals were more versed in this area and also because at the time it was on there of 5/14/19 it listed Director Vogt and at this time we now have our new Director, congratulations Mr. Horne you are the second alternate for this. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Resolution is approved.

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES (1<sup>st</sup> Reading):**

The next item on the agenda is the Consent Ordinances in for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. It consists of one item. Do I have a motion to proceed? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

**D) Ordinance No. 19 – 00 - Appoint Mayor Joe Gallo to the Joint Action Water Agency (JAWA) (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (Pulled by Mayor Gallo at 5/14/19 City Council Meeting)**

The question is shall this Ordinance be moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance will be moved forward for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 6/11/2019**

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from June 11, 2019 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the warrant? Alderman Cannon 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: Cannon, Budmats, O'Brien, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Appointments:** Jon Bisesi is appointed as the Council's Liaison to the Library. I applaud and appreciate what you do for the community, literacy and the Library. Thank you.

**Mayor's Proclamations:** None

**City Clerk's Report:** None

**City Staff Reports:**

**Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:**

**1) Community Items of Interest:**

- 1) Thank you to all those residents and friends of Rolling Meadows who participated in the Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party. Hope to see you next year!
- 2) Thank you to everyone who participated in the Dine & Donate fundraiser event held on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Stadium Sports Club and Pizza (located at 4015 Algonquin Road) to support the Community Events Foundation.
- 3) If you missed the Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> bike ride sponsored by the Environmental Committee, the next one is scheduled for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:00 am at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road).
- 4) If you missed the Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Farmers & Food Trucks event, the next one is scheduled for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road).
- 5) Meadows Cruise Nights are back thanks to Meadows Christian Fellowship located at 2401 Kirchoff Road. The cruisers will be around from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday's all the way through September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join the free family fun at 2401 Kirchoff Road. If you want additional information, please visit [www.meadowscruisenights.com](http://www.meadowscruisenights.com)
- 6) Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is the first scheduled Friday Rock and Roll in Meadows. This event takes place from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Kimball Hill Park. Music will be provided by the musical group Spoken Four.
- 7) June 17<sup>th</sup> – Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by Scout Troop 168 will commence at 7:00 pm at the Kimball Hill Park Fire Bowl/Pit. *Anyone can bring flags to be retired or drop them off at City Hall and we will make sure they are brought over for the event.*
- 8) Friendly reminder that the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is scheduled for Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – starting at 11:30 am. For information or to sign up, please visit the City's web page.
- 9) Do you have a crime tip or information that may help the Rolling Meadows Police? Please contact Rolling Meadows Crime Stoppers at 1-847-590-7867 (1-847-590-STOP).

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- 10) The June e-News & Views can be found on the City web site. Please visit [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) and click on the “News & Views” tab.

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

### 2) July 4<sup>th</sup> Events

#### **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PARADE**

This year’s July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade will be remembered for generations! The City of Rolling Meadows has been chosen to host the official Budweiser Clydesdales as part of our parade this year. Thanks to the passion and determination of Kathleen Bakos, a Community Events Foundation volunteer, we are thrilled to have these amazing horses for our celebration.

The City will also showcase the winners of the Youth Parade Marshal contest, all of whom will be riding on a horse-drawn wagon, sporting their new t-shirts and passing out goodies to spectators!

Patriotic businesses and residents will also join the festivities as they march along Central Road, to Owl Drive to Kirchoff Road, ending at Meadow Drive. The parade starts at 11:30 am sharp, from the Rolling Meadows High School parking lot. Want to join in the fun? Round up fellow employees, neighbors or family members and be a part of this historic July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Rolling Meadows!

#### **POST-PARADE PARTY**

The City will be hosting the first Post-Parade Party with the help of Rep’s Place, as the major sponsor. Held right after, and at the end of the parade, join the City and Rep’s Place for a full day of live music by “Fool House” and the “Hillbilly Rockstarz”, with DJ Mixx starting the show. Food, soda and adult beverages will be served by Rep’s Place, and a variety of kid attractions will make this event a great time for the whole family! Held on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, right after the parade, from 1:00 – 8:00 pm, in front of Rep’s Place at 3200 Kirchoff Road.

Thank you to the generous co-sponsors of this event: Anytime Fitness, Daisy’s Café and Miller Lite.

#### **FIREWORKS**

At dusk, the City’s annual July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display will light up the sky for miles around! The show will be centrally located in the field behind the Community Center, for optimum viewing at many nearby parks and locations.

We hope to see you on July 4<sup>th</sup> for all of these star-studded events!

**Melissa Gallagher, Finance Director went over the following:**

### 3) June 18, 2019 Committee-of-the-Whole Agenda

- 1) FY 2018 Audit
- 2) Actuarial Discussion on Police & Fire Pensions
- 3) General Fund Distribution of Some Reserve Money to Pensions
- 4) Budget Parameters for FY 2020
- 5) Elected Officials Training Part 2

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- 6) Elections – 3 or more than primary – Discussion – Referendum (Alderman D’Astice)
- 7) Open Land/Empty Office Building Incentive - Real Estate Transfer Tax Incentive
- 8) Electronic Participation by City Council Members (Alderman O’Brien)
- 9) G1 hours of operation

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

**Mayor Gallo** – Director Horne, a couple questions and concerns came up from residents to me at the Block Party regarding Kirchoff Road and the repaving. They were concerned about Kirchoff and sections of it being repaired by the time the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade ensues. I couldn’t speak to the phases or to which areas will be completed when, if you have any insight or something you can share at a later time would be appreciated.

**Rob Horne, Director Public Works** – I can tell you right now that the goal is to have the road completely ready through level binder which would be the layer just under the surface course. Most people wouldn’t be able to tell the difference with the exception of just a small lip along the curb line. That’s the goal right now and I’ll update you as we get closer to the date.

**Alderman Budmats** – In the Code of Ordinances it calls that the Agenda for the City Council meeting, that the City Manager and I realize that he’s not here tonight, will at the first regular City Council meeting of each month, present a draft agenda for the upcoming regular City Council meeting, including the subsequent month’s Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. It would be really nice if we started to abide by this so that we knew what was going to be happening in advance because it takes some planning to get ready for these and the more information we have in advance the better off we would be as a group. I’m just making a point of it if we could move towards this goal of following our Ordinance would be great.

**Mayor Gallo** – I agree with you, point well taken, especially given the fact that this is a light meeting with light content. Going forward there are meetings with heavier content, more controversial content and if we can have more time to communicate with our Wards and the residents in those Wards that would be good. So that will be noted. Thank you for bringing that up.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Do I have a motion to adjourn? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Budmats. All in favor say aye; opposed say nay. The ayes have it and this meeting is adjourned.

**There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk