

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: 0

With 7 present and 0 absent. A quorum was present.

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Rob Sabo, Finance Director Molly Talkington, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Police Chief John Nowacki, Fire Chief Jeff Moxley, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Information Officer Waseem Khan, and Attorney Melissa Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Bisesi. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

MOTION TO DEVIATE:

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to deviate for the FY 2021 City Audit and Actuarial Discussion on Police and Fire Pensions. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien. A voice vote approved the motion to deviate.

- Don Shaw of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP present the City FY 2021 Audit.
- Kevin Cavanagh of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP presented the Police & Fire Pension Funds' Actuarial Reports for Year-End 2021.

Please note, the reports that were discussed can be found in the agenda packet at https://www.cityrm.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06282022-932.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to close the floor. Alderman Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. A voice vote approved the motion to close the floor.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Budmats stated that he was contacted by two different residents related to traffic concerns. The first is at Emerson and Rohlwing Road where there is difficulty seeing into the intersection for oncoming traffic northbound on Rohlwing Road. The other concern is speeding on Vermont which seems to be an ongoing problem. Alderman Budmats wanted to let both of the residents know that the Traffic Committee is reviewing their traffic concerns.

Alderman Bisesi thanked the residents who attended his Ward 5 Town Hall meeting on June 15, 2022.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

There were no signatures on the sign-in sheet.

PENDING:

- A) Ordinance No. 22-18 – Approve Liquor License Application for a Class A2 Liquor License for Anna’s Red Apple, LLC DBA Anna’s Red Apple at 2121 S. Plum Grove Road (2nd Reading)** *(postponed from the May 24, 2022 City Council meeting)*

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O’Brien.

Alderman Budmats stated that he went to Isabella’s this evening for dinner and found that their kitchen was closed and there was no food available for a quick meal. This seems to be an ongoing issue with some of the gaming facilities not serving food. He also went to Isabella’s three or four weeks ago and asked if they had any food available and they said they didn’t but told him that there’s a restaurant next door. The point is, when we approved gaming it was to assist our restaurants and when some gaming establishments send their patrons next door for food that’s a problem. He encouraged Council to not vote for this particular applicant as they haven’t demonstrated a regular systematic following of the rules where other restaurants are following the rules and using gaming to stay open and augment their business. This sets up a two tiered system that’s unfair. He cannot see rewarding this applicant with another gaming license when they haven’t demonstrated good faith with their other license.

Mayor Gallo clarified that this Ordinance is to approve a Class A2 liquor license. He understands the issues that Alderman Budmats brought up with gaming and there will be a discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding strict and severe consequences for those who violate our gaming ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 1 opposed. The Ordinance was adopted.

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

The Consent Ordinances consisted of two (2) items, items B and C. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances.

Alderman O'Brien pulled item B.

B) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Grant Approval of a Special Use Authorizing a Major Amendment to the Marketplace of Rolling Meadows Planned Development Authorized by Ordinance 00-16 for Lot 5, including a Request for Approval of Preliminary and Final Plans to Redevelop the Site with a New 3,077 Square Foot Raising Canes Restaurant with Drive-Thru, including Variations and Other Exceptions and Zoning Relief Necessary to Construct the Project in Accordance with the Plans Submitted at 1420 Golf Road (1st Reading)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st reading. Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

Alderman O'Brien made a motion to amend this Ordinance for the signage to align with the hours of operation. He would like to add the following by 2nd reading for this specific entity: "Illumination of site signage shall comply with the requirements of the Zoning Code and should the business desire modified hours for such illumination, the Zoning Administrator is authorized to review and approve such request." The motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The amendment is approved.

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st reading as amended. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

C) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve Deferring the Imposition of the Municipal Push Tax for the City of Rolling Meadows (1st Reading)

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st reading. Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O’Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

D) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 6/28/2022

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Warrant. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of four (4) items, items E thru H. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman 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 four (4) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O’Brien. Mayor Gallo read the titles into the record.

E) Resolution No. 22-R-57 – Award a Contract for Professional Engineering Services for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program

F) Resolution No. 22-R-58 – Award a Contract for a Water System Modeling and Engineering Services Study - Citywide

G) Resolution No. 22-R-59 – Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Permanent Sidewalk Easement Agreement at 1200 Hicks Road

H) Resolution No. 22-R-60 – Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Consent Letter Agreement Between 99 LLC, Operating as the Islamic Society of Northwest Suburbs (ISNS) and the City of Rolling Meadows for the Property at 1200 Hicks Road

ROLL CALL:

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor Gallo stated that the Mayor's Appointments consists of three reappointments and asked if any Alderman wished to remove an appointee from the reappointment list for discussion. No appointees were removed.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the reappointments in one motion without debate. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Mayor Gallo read the following reappointments into the record:

Library Board of Trustees - Reappointments

- Jean Threadgill
- Eunice Semple
- Mary Erturk

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:

- 1) The City's festive July 4th Parade will be held on Monday, July 4 at 11:30AM along Owl Drive and ending at the Jewel parking lot on Kirchoff Road. Later that evening, prepared to be amazed at the City's annual fireworks display, shooting off from the Community Center back field. Many great viewing areas from this centralized location, happening at dusk on the 4th – around 9:30 pm. For more information, visit the City's website at www.cityrm.org.
- 2) To ensure safer streets during the summertime celebrations, the Rolling Meadows Police Department will be participating in the Independence Day traffic enforcement campaign until July 5th. They will be actively enforcing DUI violations, speeding, unlawful use of cell phone while operating a motor vehicle, seatbelt enforcement and child safety seat violations. If alcohol will be part of your July 4th festivities, don't get behind the wheel impaired, rather, plan ahead to ensure you have a safe ride home.
- 3) The Public Works Department is excited to announce that the new automated refuse pick up is coming August 1st. See the City's website for more information at www.cityrm.org.
- 4) This month marks the 20th anniversary of the Rolling Meadows Historical 1950's House & Museum! Take a trip down memory lane and visit them on Sundays from 1:00-4:00 pm or by appointment. Tours are free and they are located at 3100 Central Road in Rolling Meadows. For more information, visit www.rollingmeadowsmuseum.com or call 847-577-7086.
- 5) The fun continues on Friday, July 15th at the FRIDAYS ROCK! concert in Kimball Hill Park! Bring your lawn chair and blanket to enjoy the opening band, THE JOLLY RINGWALDS, at 5:30 and HELLO WEEKDEND at 7:30 pm. An assortment of food vendors will be on hand and adult beverages will now be served, with the Stadium Sports Club serving in July. Thank you to the Rolling Meadows Park District for sponsoring opening bands and for the use of their property. For questions, visit www.cityrm.org.

2) May 2022 Financial Report

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

3) July 12, 2022 City Council Draft Agenda

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on July 12, 2022 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gallo stated that there will be a discussion at a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding our gaming license and the facilities that are not serving food and how to penalize the entities that are not complying with our gaming ordinance. Mayor Gallo stated that it's a privilege to have a gaming license and he doesn't want to see any businesses abuse that privilege.

Alderman Sanoica announced that the Rolling Meadows Environmental Committee will be having a workshop on June 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to discuss the beginnings of a Citywide Sustainability Plan. Anyone who would like to participate in the workshop are welcome to come.

Alderman Vinezeano stated that on July 4th the Police Department will be posting signs and directing traffic to prevent any confusion in the area of Grouse/New Wilke.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. A voice vote approved 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

June 28, 2022 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on July 12, 2022.

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