

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 23, 2022**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica 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: Mayor Gallo

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 Pete Sutter, Director Public Works Aaron Grosskopf, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Business Advocate Martha Corner and Attorney Melissa Wolf

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica asked for a motion to deviate for the Fire Department Promotion Swearing-In Ceremony. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Budmats. A voice vote approved the motion to deviate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica administered the Oath of Office to the following:

- Fire Chief Pete Sutter
- Battalion Chief Ryan Harding
- Lieutenant Mike Mullaney

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica asked for a motion to close the floor. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Budmats. A voice vote approved the motion to close the floor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: None**

**WARD REPORTS:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica gave an update for Ward 7 regarding the complaints of drag racing in the Creekside neighborhood and along West Frontage. There have been increased patrols in that area and she thanked Chief Nowacki and the Police Department for responding to this item.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica read the rules of procedures for addressing the City Council.

Mohammed Abdul-Gaffoor Board Member of the Islamic Society of the Northwest Suburbs (ISNS) gave a brief history of ISNS and thanked Council for considering item G on the agenda regarding waiving permit fees for ISNS due to its status as a non-profit and given unprecedented financial hardship associated with inflation that increased project construction costs by 30%.

**PENDING:**

- A) Ordinance No. 22-31 – Amend Division 2 entitled “Board of Fire and Police Commissioners” Subparagraph (a) of Section 2-686 entitled “Appointment, Qualifications and Terms; Chairman; Quorum; Oath and Bond; Removal “of the City Code to Increase the Number of Board Members from Three (3) to Five (5) Members (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica read the title into record and asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman O’Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Budmats.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

➤ **CONSENT ORDINANCES:**

The Consent Ordinances in for first reading consisted of three (3) items, items B thru D. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica asked if any Alderman wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances.

Alderman O’Brien pulled item C.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica declared it in order for one motion to consider the remaining two (2) Ordinances in one motion without debate and asked for a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Alderman Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica read the titles into record.

- B) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the City Code in Order to Establish the Office of Assistant City Manager for the City of Rolling Meadows (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- C) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the City Code in Order to Eliminate the Electrical Commission of the City of Rolling Meadows (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

ROLL CALL:

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

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

*Item C was pulled by Alderman O’Brien.*

- D) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Grant Approval of a Special Use and Other Zoning Relief Necessary to Allow a 2,400 Square Foot Pet Day Care at 2639 Kirchoff Road (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica read the title into record and asked for a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Alderman O’Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman McHale.

Alderman O’Brien confirmed with Staff that there is an established policy for any complaints/concerns that are reported to the City’s Community Development Department and how they are reviewed and investigated. Based on inquires and emails the City received he will be voting in favor of this Ordinance.

Alderman Budmats received a call from a resident who was concerned that this is a relatively small space and that there is no green space for the dogs to walk in. The resident recalled that one of the reasons that the Rolling Meadows Post Office closed was because of odors from the nail salon that was next door. There was concerns regarding common ventilation or if there are any kind of worries from the other businesses that may be affected by any odors that this business may generate. However, given that there is already a process in place regarding any potential violations they would be investigated and the problem would be taken care of.

Alderman Bisesi asked if there was a capacity for the number of dogs that can be in the business. Assistant Director Charlton stated that there isn’t pursuant to the City or Zoning Code. Capacities are typically for “people” that is addressed in the City Code. The applicant indicated that there would be up to 40 pets within this particular location and the City would regulate that based on that number.

Alderman Vinezeano stated that some of the tenants in the strip mall reached out with concerns regarding parking, ventilation, smells, etc. and she referred them to the packet with the plans and assured them that that occupancy license would not be granted until those items are approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

**E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 8/23/2022**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Warrant. Alderman O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of three (3) items, items F thru H. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica asked if any Alderman wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions. No items were removed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica declared it in order for one motion to consider the three (3) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderman Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Budmats. Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica read the titles into the record.

**F) Resolution No. 22-R-70 – Authorize the Annual Leak Detection Survey of the City's Water System**

**G) Resolution No. 22-R-71 – Authorize the Waiver of Building Permit Fees for the Islamic Society of the Northwest Suburbs (ISNS)**

**H) Resolution No. 22-R-72 – Accept a Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement from Rolling Meadows Station, LLC (Jewel Shopping Center – Kirchoff Road)**

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

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Appointments:** None

**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 Rolling Meadows Police Department will be participating in the Labor Day STEP Campaign from August 19<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>, where officers will be actively enforcing DUI violations, speeding, unlawful use of cell phone while operating a motor vehicle, seatbelt enforcement and child safety seat violations. Help us keep our City a safe place to live, work and play!
- 2) Save a life and consider giving blood on Thursday, August 25, from 1-7 pm at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road). Appointments are recommended and donors can register at [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) or call 877-258-4825.
- 3) Don't miss the last concert of the season at Kimball Hill Park! Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> will feature classic rock and beyond from the band, Anthem at 7:30 pm, with Shadow's Edge opening at 5:30 pm. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a variety of food vendors and adult beverages. Thank you to ComEd for your generous sponsorship of this event and to the Rolling Meadows Park District for the use of their grounds.
- 4) Did you buy your "quack-pack" yet? Tickets are on sale for the annual Rolling Meadows Duck Race, happening at the Fridays Rock! concert on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Cheer your duck(s) on for a chance to win over 20 great prizes as they swim down the waterfall at Kimball Hill Park! Ducks are \$5 each or \$20 for a 'quack-pack' of 5 and tickets can be purchased at City Hall, the Park District, the Historical Museum or on event day. The Duck Race is hosted by the Rolling Meadows Park District, Environment Committee and the Historical Society and proceeds will support conservation projects in the City.

- 5) All Rolling Meadows seniors (50 years and older) and members of the Rolling Meadows Senior Center are invited to the City's popular Senior Luncheon event on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30-2:30 pm. Guests will be treated to a delicious Italian buffet, live music by Michael Domingue, free raffle opportunities and a great day out with friends – all for just \$5.00! Hurry – reserve your spot by September 6<sup>th</sup> by visiting the RM Park District or online at [rmparks.org](http://rmparks.org).
- 6) For the latest updates on the City's construction projects, visit the City's website at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org) or Facebook page @cityofrollingmeadows.

## 2) July's Financial Report and Treasurer's Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanoica stated that July's Financial Report and Treasurer's Report are in the packet and if Council has any questions they should contact the Finance Director, Molly Talkington.

## 3) September 13, 2022 City Council Draft Agenda

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the September 13, 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:** None

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

- 1) **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.
- 2) **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 Pro-Tem 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. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Vinezeano.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. City Council entered into Closed Session.

The audience and press were advised that City Council does 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 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

August 23, 2022 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on September 13, 2022.

*Judy Brose* \_\_\_\_\_

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