

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 27, 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, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica

Absent: 0

With 7 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: City Manager Barry Krumstok, Finance Director Melissa Gallagher, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Fire Chief Terry Valentino, Police Chief John Nowacki, Director Public Works Rob Horne, Business Advocate Martha Corner, City Attorney Melissa Wolf

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

The first order of business is to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 City Council Meeting. Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Alderman Sanoica made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Bisesi. Are there any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes?

Alderman Sanoica - I would like to make two additions. The first being Director Robert Horne's comments regarding the details of the grant funding for the completed Euclid bikepath. On page 10 of today's agenda, item 4, this information was not included in the final minutes.

On that same page, item 5, Manager Krumstok requested that Item 7 of the draft agenda be removed to discuss G1 license requirements. I understand that staff required additional time to review this item before we revisit G1 license requirements at a Committee-of-the-Whole, and that this item ultimately was not added to the final agenda, but I would ask that the discussion with Alderman Budmats be included in the record to explain why Item 7 was not included in the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Mayor Gallo – Any further comments or questions? Seeing none, the question is shall these minutes be approved? 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 just want to mention a couple quick items. In these past two weeks we had the Wine Down By the Creek after the commencement of the school year so it was definitely in order. Great turn out by residents, thank you to all the staff and volunteers that assisted to help make it better. There was a little bit of rain but it

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didn't seem to stop anybody from having a good time or the event from continuing so kudos to that. I received quite a bit of emails regarding Kirchoff Road saying that we're now paved, not yet painted, progress is being made and I have a lot of happy emails instead of angry ones. We also had another successful City Market this past weekend and there will be an upcoming Labor Day party this Sunday. We had a ribbon cutting for a new Edward Jones office over by Station 16 on Plum Grove Road by the junior high last week. That was pretty interesting, Christine is a wonderful woman and part of the Chamber of Commerce as well. Then we had a ribbon cutting on Euclid for the new extension of the bikepath. It was a really good turnout and Director Horne thank you for the presentation you gave at that ribbon cutting and I was impressed by everyone that turned out there was a lot of enthusiasm around that.

WARD REPORTS:

Alderman Sanoica – I received a request to assist with a building permit to remodel a residential bathroom. The resident was very upset with how long the permit approval process, allegedly first submitted in May and rejected in August, took. I do appreciate Don Wenzel and Rob Horne for their swift remediation of the issue, within 24 hours they did respond to the resident and were able to get the permit processed and approved within that week. Many thanks to them for their support. I also received feedback on recreational cannabis from various residents, some of my residents requested that any locations for cannabis dispensaries stay off the beaten path and away from residential areas, schools and major shopping areas. I understand we will not be discussing zoning and recreational cannabis at tonight's meeting but I would like the record to reflect that I've heard those residents and will take those requests into consideration going forward on this issue.

Alderman Cannon – Just to go along with your thoughts on Kirchoff, out in my area there's been five roads that were reconstructed and I would just like to report that I have no negative comments which in many cases makes for happy residents because you always hear from them if things don't go well. Again, hats off to Public Works, they did an outstanding job, construction is never perfect, never easy and I think most of the residents out there are very, very happy with the way they were treated by our staff and contractor. Thanks to everybody.

Alderman Bisesi – Along the same lines with construction, people in the Ward 5 know that roads are being ripped up at the moment for new water mains. I've talked with our Public Works and they've let me know that the project is currently ahead of schedule and everyone would like to thank the residents for their patience while we go through and install the new water mains.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES:

The meeting is now open to the public. 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, they are also listed on the sign-in sheet when you sign in:

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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 and address 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.

Mark Stastny, 2106 Kirchoff, Rolling Meadows - Thank you Mayor, Aldermen and the people of Rolling Meadows. I've lived on Kirchoff Road for about 30 years. I wish to chat with you all regarding the newly paved roadway that is the main artery of Rolling Meadows and is also a street in which I live on which is Kirchoff Road. I also wish to thank the City, Public Works and the State funding for the nearly completed project, thank you it was way overdue, I hope it lasts. As I live six houses west of New Wilke I can assure you now we have this smoothest quarter-mile dragstrip in the area. The dragstrip seems only to be open during the rush hours of the day that is to say between 5 to 8 in the mornings and 3:30 to 6 or so in the afternoon. Also unique to this dragstrip as it runs both westbound and eastbound from New Wilke to the shutdown near the Community Church and vice a versa. Having brought this topic up to the police and understanding the process of shooting a radar on that stretch of Kirchoff may be challenging, can the concept be looked into again? I also ask for more visible street patrols during these hours if that's possible, please. Don't get me wrong, I love cars and speed but not on the street that I live on. Also, I've noticed that the number of 18 wheel trucks that use Kirchoff Road from New Wilke to 53 as a cut over to 53 south has increased steadily over the past five years or so. Most of these trucks have very little or nothing to do with servicing our downtown businesses but use Kirchoff as an alternative to 53 ramps at 62 Algonquin Rd. and also Euclid. Unlike Kirchoff, Algonquin and Euclid have no residential homes so between 53 and Wilke there is a bit of concern that I have, in fact one of the chief trucking lines that I see living on Kirchoff as I do our UPS trucks going westbound on Kirchoff around 7 PM or so, sometimes four or five in a row there's a very nice picture of said UPS truck as we speak on the City's website as to the Kirchoff repaving project. It's well-known and documented that these types of trucks can shorten the life of new pavement as such as we have and also the noise factors can be very problematic. My idea for the City to explore the concept as the City of Chicago does on Lake Shore Drive, restricting vehicle weight all nonessential service trucks on Kirchoff between Wilke, Frontage and Hicks thus forcing these trucks to use the accesses of 53 via Algonquin and Euclid. Yes, I understand this type of a City ordinance would need state and county approval but I feel it very well will be worth it in the long run seeing where we're at with the new construction on Kirchoff and the safety of our citizens. Once approved after this were to be worked out of course grace period, violators could be given warnings or citations but that's a little bit of forward thinking. In closing, I wish for Kirchoff not to turn into another Lake Street and with the new building project of

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townhouses moving forward on Kirchoff, the safety of our children being paramount, I strongly feel the time to consider these concepts is now. Thank you for your time.

Ryan Gumma, Bigby's Pour House, Rolling Meadows – I think you guys know myself and my partner Dave by now. We'll try to keep it short tonight I think everybody's heard what we have going on. Everybody's been out to visit and we just want to reiterate again that we are a restaurant and we do adhere to the current ordinance and that's pretty much it. We'd like to move forward with the vote if possible this evening and move forward with our G1 application. Thank you.

David Pederson, Bigby's Pour House, Rolling Meadows – Thank you all for your time, we appreciate it and we appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Maggie Trevor, 3905 Redwing, Rolling Meadows – I'm here to speak about the Hicks Road/Euclid bike path. I believe you're voting on the approval for the phase 1 engineering for this. I just want to reemphasize comments that I made to the City Council back in March that this is a very necessary part of the planned system of bike paths we have in Rolling Meadows and it's also part of the Comprehensive Plan. I also wanted to point out, I know that costs is a concern but this is not just addressing an issue of expanding the bike path, it's addressing an issue with our sidewalks and the safety of the sidewalks along Hicks Road. That particular stretch of Hicks Road only has sidewalks on one half of the street, I sent a picture of the part of Hicks Road south of Wilson Avenue to Lara Sanoica who I believe distributed it to all of you that shows that there is a serious flooding problem and a serious freezing problem which I believe would probably necessitate something eventually being done anyways whether we make it part of the bike path or not. I feel strongly that we should take advantage of the fact that there are 80/20 matching funds available if we pursue this grant to help make this project more feasible for Rolling Meadows at the same time helping us enhance our bike path system and enhance the attractiveness of Rolling Meadows as a place to live. Thank you.

Steve Holish, 4811 Deepwood, Palatine – I'm glad to see that the first reading for the G1 license is on tonight, I think the petitioner has been very patient within Rolling Meadows waiting for you to act on it. There was a delay from the last City Council meeting for additional information that was supposed to be presented at the last Committee-of-the-Whole meeting which really didn't happen because I think that agenda was pretty filled so there was no good way to get at it. Hopefully tonight you're going to look for the first reading and approve it. This is an established business and you're always looking to keep business in Rolling Meadows, they haven't provided any negative things for the community it's always been positive. They've always been here, they were here at the last Committee-of-the-Whole meeting so I think tonight you should look at the first reading and pass it and move on to the second reading because you've impacted them enough for their business. Thank you.

Mayor Gallo closed the floor.

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➤ **PENDING:**

A) Ordinance No. 19-39 – Amend FY 2019 Budget and Staffing Plan (2nd Reading)

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed this Ordinance is approved.

B) Ordinance No. 19-00 – Amend the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class G1 Liquor License for Video Gaming for Bigby's Pour House (Second R.E.P., LLC d/b/a Bigby's Pour House) located at 1649 Algonquin Road (1st Reading) (Postponed at the 8/13/19 City Council Meeting)

Is there a motion to consider the Ordinance for 1st Reading? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion?

Alderman Sanoica – Bigby's fulfills the requirement of the G1 license as written and fulfills the sentiment of the ordinance as I understand it to be a means to bolster sit down restaurant revenue and help our business community remain competitive. As written, I will be voting to approve the G1 license tonight.

Alderman D'Astice – I was under the impression when this was tabled at the last meeting that the Council would have conversation on the G1 itself and since we've not had that conversation I make a motion to postpone to October 22nd so the Council has the opportunity to revisit the G1.

Mayor Gallo - Is there a second to Alderman D'Astice's motion? Alderman O'Brien. This was based on one agenda item and the ability to focus on the ordinance itself. There's a lot of language that does need to be revisited. Because of the nature of this ordinance and its youth, it's a-year-old and we should take the time to massage it however if you were to postpone it again all it does is hinder a business in our community from moving forward. Since we have a second we can go ahead and take the call on that motion.

Alderman D'Astice has made the motion to postpone this item to October 22nd and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

AYES: D'Astice, Cannon, O'Brien, Bisesi

NAYS: Sanoica, Budmats, Vinezeano

ABSENT: 0

With 4 in favor and 3 opposed this Ordinance is postponed to the October 22, 2019 City Council Meeting.

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

The next item on the agenda is the Consent Ordinances in for 1st Reading. It consists of two (2) items, items C and D. Does any Alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances?

Alderman Cannon – Item C.

Mayor Gallo – The consent ordinances in for 1st Reading now consists of one (1) item. Is there a motion to consider the Ordinance for 1st Reading? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

D) Ordinance No. 19-00 – Amend Chapter 102, Entitled, “Taxation,” Imposing a Municipal Cannabis Retailers’ Occupation Tax (1st Reading)

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

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

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

Item C was pulled by Alderman Cannon

C) Ordinance No. 19-00 – Amend Chapter 14 “Animals” – Prohibit Feeding of Wild Animals (1st Reading)

Is there a motion to consider this Ordinance for 1st Reading? Alderman Cannon has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman D’Astice.

Alderman Cannon you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Cannon – I was the one who proposed this and I would like to carry it through. I would like to make an amendment to it, there is no punishment attached to it. We’re not out to try and punish people, but with that said, if we don’t have any punishment attached to it, it really doesn’t mean anything, it doesn’t give the police officers or anybody else that might enforce this any teeth to get it done. I propose a three point thing, where the first fine would be \$25, the second fine would be \$50 and the third fine would be \$100. Again, we’re not out to try and punish people, we’d like people not to feed wild animals with large amounts of food. We need to put some teeth in it so there’s some action against it.

Mayor Gallo - A graduating fine?

Alderman Cannon – Yes.

Mayor Gallo – Then the ordinance would read Amend Chapter 14 “Animals” – Prohibit Feeding of Wild Animals with a graduating fine beginning at \$25, \$50, \$100. Alderman Cannon made the motion to amend this ordinance and it has been seconded by Alderman D’Astice. Is there any discussion?

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Barry Krumstok, City Manager - If we're going to amend the ordinance, what I would ask if we are going to do a graduated fine, can we add three or more offenses? We have certain people that don't care about paying a fine, I would prefer that we say three or more because that's what we for alarms and other things, it's just clarification because what happens after three offenses.

Alderman Cannon - Can we adopt that into the rule?

Mayor Gallo - Yes, we'll use whatever pre-existing language we may use in our penalties and fines. Any further discussion on this matter? See none, the question is shall this Ordinance be moved forward as the motion has carried with an additional language to it which is that pre-existing language for imposing fines and penalties? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance will be moved forward with the Amendment.

Will the Clerk please call the Roll on the vote.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinance will be moved forward for 2nd Reading as Amended.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 8/27/2019

The next item of business is a motion to approve the Warrant from August 27, 2019 as presented by the Finance Department. Is there a motion to approve the warrant? Alderman O'Brien made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

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

➤ **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS:**

The next item on the agenda are the Consent Resolutions. It consists of four (4) items, items F thru I. Does any Alderman wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions?

Alderman Sanoica – Item G.

Alderman Bisesi – Item I.

The Chair declares it in order for one motion to consider the remaining two (2) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Is there a motion to adopt these Resolutions? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

F) Resolution No. 19-R-91 – Authorize a Contract for the Purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer (Replacement for RM265 Public Works Pick-Up)

H) Resolution No. 19-R-93 – Award a Professional Design Engineering Services Contract related to the Proposed Water-main Improvements on Arbor Drive Phase II

The question is shall the two (2) Resolutions be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

Item G was pulled by Alderman Sanoica

G) Resolution No. 19-R-92 – Award a Contract for Phase I Engineering Services for proposed Hicks Road Bike Path Improvements

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

Alderman Sanoica you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Sanoica - I just wanted to provide some additional information for the Council because today I attended the Northwest Municipal Conference bicycle and pedestrian monthly meeting. It included members of other municipalities in the northwest suburbs, community stakeholders and IDOT representatives. I wanted everyone to know that with the passing of the state Capital Improvement Plan in the State of Illinois, \$50 million were set aside just for bike path improvements increasing our chances for these grants potentially and I want Rolling Meadows to be a recipient of those funds. Before Rolling Meadows project can be considered I believe we must complete phase I engineering and if that's true I'm willing to approve a \$90,000 investment because by completing this phase in time to hit that December 6 deadline we will be eligible for the \$50 million opportunity.

Alderman Cannon - I'd like to hear couple thoughts from Public Works. One of the concerns I have with this project, I question whether we need to put a bike path there but that's a personal thing. I think

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there's two issues that I think is worth us pursuing and that would be the water issue there and also the crossing over Euclid, I understand there's an issue with the crossing. I think those are two legitimate parts of it. I guess the question I would ask is if we spend this \$90,000 I know that there's an issue with water but it seems that when you drive down that road the height of the road seems to be really out of whack with where the sidewalk is at. By approving this are we going to be able to solve that issue going forward? Where the water issue go away for good?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - That's what the phase 1 will tell us. At first blush, based on initial conversations with the City Engineers, yes that would resolve if not all but most of the drainage problems.

Alderman Cannon - Do we need to do anything with the elevation of the road there since it's so much higher than the sidewalk?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - No as part of the initial conceptual drawings that were done they talked about potentially doing a retaining wall so the bike path area would be more closer to the grade of the road and then there would be a retaining wall that dropped off to the residential properties to the west.

Alderman Cannon - Would there be extra sewage lines put in?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - Probably drainage system, that is my assumption.

Alderman D'Astice - Does the funds that we spend on the engineering, is that part of the 80/20 or is this just on us?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - That is a requirement of the City. Most of the grants we deal with right now will not fund phase I engineering for these projects. Yes, we would have to invest that money in the phase 1.

Alderman Sanoica - To provide additional information for Alderman D'Astice's question, in order to be considered for the \$50 million we have to complete phase 1 for the ITEP grant itself. There is language on the website that says that the ITEP will no longer fund phase I engineering or street lighting that is not co-located with a transportation alternative facility. I called Charles Riddle with the Local Roads and Streets Fund at IDOT today to confirm if that phase 1 would qualify for this project but Director Horne will be able to speak to whether or not would qualify from what I understand we do not.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - That's my understanding as well. I have not talked to Mr. Riddle about that recently but it's my understanding through the Northwest Mayor's Technical Committee that I do go to monthly, that phase 1 is not reimbursable or eligible for reimbursement.

Alderman Sanoica - To complete my answer for Alderman D'Astice, in order for us to even be considered the \$50 million we must complete phase 1 in time to submit the application by December 6 this year.

Alderman Vinezeano - Will this engineering firm be able to meet the completion date for us to apply for that grant?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - It's my understanding they will. We're pushing it pretty close but I am told that we can still meet that deadline.

Alderman Budmats - When this came up in February or March I don't like the way the packet was written and said that we were going to have \$240,000 in costs and there would be no expending in fiscal year 2019 for this project and now there's like \$89,900 worth of engineering that we are going to spend

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in fiscal year 2019 if this is passed. I would just like in the future for us to do a better job of writing in what the real costs are, engineering and the whole project, so that we're not surprised \$90,000 later. I understand you didn't write it but moving forward you will be writing them so whatever you can do to provide us with all of the information upfront so that we know what we're voting on the first time would be great. The proposal from the engineering firm is in April and so now we're worried about if we can get it done in time but it's been sitting since April waiting for us to get it on our plate, that's another disappointment. We need to move faster on these things if we're going to do it so that it happens in a more timely fashion. I will be voting for it although I'm concerned if we don't get the grant that we would be wasting \$90,000 of the taxpayer's money. I am hoping that we use whatever tools and influence that we have available to make sure we do get accepted with this moving forward. I want to solve the water problem actually much more than the bike problem. I walk my dog there, I understand the water problem and it is very rough, it gets wet there very often so I'd love to see that problem solved. I'll be voting for it, it's a lot of money to spend on a bike path \$1.1 or \$1.2 million but it has other value. There are streets that need to be resurfaced adjacent to this project and I have homeowners asking me why can't we get the streets resurfaced but we also have to solve the water problem.

Alderman Cannon - I wanted to ask Mr. Horne if we ever solicit another bid from any other engineering firms since it's been a couple months?

Rob Horne, Director Public Works - As I explained with another Alderman earlier this evening, Illinois Department of Transportation requires that rates be established for any federal grant programs so it wouldn't matter what engineer we use because the rates are set. We don't solicit engineering firms, we do qualification based selection so we did not seek other proposals from other engineering firms.

Alderman Cannon - In light of that, I guess I've asked about this in the past. I really encourage us to try and get some bids on some of these things. I know Burke does nice work I'm not complaining about their work or saying they do bad work, I think we need to make sure we're getting a good value from them also, besides the professional work they provide. There are a lot of engineering firms in the state, I wish we would engage in one of them once in a while just to ask their opinion on how much some of these projects would cost, if we could save \$5000 or \$10,000 that's a lot of money for the City.

Mayor Gallo – Any further comments? Seeing none, the question is shall the Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 6 in favor and 1 opposed, this Resolution is adopted

Item I was pulled by Alderman Bisesi

I) Resolution No. 19-R-94 – Authorize the Upgrade of the City Hall AV Room with the Purchase of Boardroom Audio Conferencing product and services by AVI Systems

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

Alderman Bisesi you pulled this so you have first comments.

Alderman Bisesi - I know we’re going to be going into our budgeting phase in the very near future and I also know that our systems are very old that we currently have. What I am somewhat worried about is spending up to \$25,000 on this equipment without thinking about totally comprehensive about where we might go as far as potentially upgrading the rest of our City’s technology. I’m thinking it’s more of something that we wait until we’re going through the budgeting process for 2020.

Alderman O’Brien - That was discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole because that was even a recommendation that I put out there, is it best to wait until we did a whole possible revamp of city buildings and infrastructure. That’s when the discussion was made to cap it. At the straw poll people seem comfortable up to \$25,000. That’s a little background. That was one of the offers during the Committee-of-the-Whole, that was proposed and I was even game to do it if the Council was on board with moving forward. It didn’t make sense to wait until we look at the whole infrastructure and city buildings. A straw poll was taken to continue with a cap of not to exceed \$25,000. Part of the reason was depending on how long it takes for infrastructure and facilities the price of this could also increase. That was discussed as an option.

Alderman Cannon - The technology in this room is not as old as you think. We did update a lot of items in here a few years back so it isn’t ancient. The cameras are better than they used to be. I don’t know the exact year.

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - It’s been roughly 4 years ago that we did analysis and it’s about 3+ years since this new system has been in place.

Alderman Cannon - I wasn’t at the last meeting so I apologize, what actually are we going to get on this that we don’t have now?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – The equipment is roughly about \$8500 that needs to go into the AV room to allow for audio conferencing and most of this is the integration into our system.

Alderman Cannon - Is the audio conferencing so if one of us is not here we can be do it from a remote area?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager – That is correct. If this resolution does pass by the City Council then what will happen next is the ordinance that allows for the audio conferencing with all the rules that have been mentioned.

Alderman Cannon - If you go back to 4-5 years ago when we approved the things for here some of us were concerned because the person that we had that made the recommendations for the equipment was the guy who we bought the equipment from, so I guess I would just ask us that we be a little prudent and try to get multiple people to give us pricing.

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Alderman Sanoica - I would just also like to emphasize that when discussing this particular item, many of us have day jobs outside of this and sometimes those day jobs require us to travel and so this would allow us to continue to serve as Aldermen and be present at City Council in those moments when we can't physically be here. So this is helping us do our job to serve the residents in the best way we can.

Mayor Gallo - Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall this Resolution be adopted? Will the Clerk please call the Roll.

AYES: D'Astice, Sanoica, Cannon, 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: None

Mayor's Proclamations: None

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

1) Community Items of Interest:

- 1) Schools are open in Rolling Meadows, please drive carefully!
- 2) Thank you to everyone who attended the 5th Annual Wine-Down By the Creek on Friday, August 16th. We hope to see you next year. A special thank you goes out to all the Volunteers who made this event a success.
- 3) Thank you to everyone who attended the City Market held on Saturday, August 24th. The next City Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road). Between 10:00 am to 11:00 am there will be a meet and greet with the City Council.
- 4) The Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation will be conducting a Fundraiser at Panera Bread, located at 1321 Golf Road, on Wednesday, August 28th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Panera Bread will graciously donate 20% of their sales to the Foundation and this dine and donate event applies to dine-in or take-out. Please show a copy of the flyer available at City Hall (it can also be displayed on your phone).
- 5) City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. There will be no refuse collection on Monday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day for the entire week. We wish all of you a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend.

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- 6) The next Friday Rock is scheduled for September 13th. This event will again take place from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Kimball Hill Park. Music, this time, will be provided by the musical group Billy Elton.
- 7) Twelfth annual duck race will be held on Friday, September 13th. This year's race; still sponsored by the City's Environmental Committee and the Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation; is scheduled to be held at the waterfall or bridge over the creek at Kimball Hill Park at 6:30 pm. Only \$5.00 per duck or purchase a "quack pack" 5 ducks for \$20.00.
- 8) The next bike ride sponsored by the Environmental Committee is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th starting at 9:00 am at Community Church (2720 Kirchoff Road).
- 9) 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 6th. Please join the free family fun at 2401 Kirchoff Road. If you want additional information, please visit www.meadowscruisenights.com
- 10) Have you seen the August electronic "News & Views" or "e-News & Views?" If not, visit, www.cityrm.org and click on the News & Views tab. This is the sister publication to the printed newsletter.
- 11) Future topics at September Committee meetings:

Economic Development: (*Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm*): Tentative items scheduled for this meeting consist of: 1) Business List feedback and distribution of new lists for contact, 2) Business Advocate Update, 3) Next Level Northwest Update; 4) 6b extension request by LC Mold, 5) 6b Discussion potentially from Molan Motors, 6) Other items of interest, and 7) a Chamber of Commerce update.

Planning and Zoning Commission (*Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:30 pm*): tentatively there are three items for hearings scheduled and they are: 1) a sign appeal for an electronic billboard sign at 3105 Tollview Drive, M-1 Manufacturing District, Sam Roti, Genband Media, Petitioner (*continued from July 2, 2019*); 2) a Text amendment to the Zoning Code of Ordinances to update Section 122-27(d)(12), Temporary Seasonal Outdoor Seating, City of Rolling Meadows, Petitioner (*continued from July 2, 2019*); and 3) a Variance request to the side yard setback for a building addition at 3737-3837 Industrial Avenue, M-1 Manufacturing District, Nancy Lee Carlson, Lehman Peterson Corporation, Petitioner (*continued from August 7, 2019*).

- 12) On Saturday, September 14, 2019 between Noon and 8:00 pm outside of the Stadium Sports Club & Pizza, 4015 Algonquin Road, the first Rolling in the Cuisine Food Truck Event, benefit for the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce and Resources for Community Living. There will be food trucks, family fun activities, Oktoberfest style beer garden. General admission is \$1.00 per person; VIP admission is \$15.00 per person (this includes early admission, one drink ticket and one free raffle ticket).
- 13) Bigby's 5th Annual Anniversary Event, Wednesday, August, 28, 2019, 4:00 pm to close.

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Barry Krumstok, City Manager went over the following:

2) July 2019 New Businesses

- 1) Isabella's Café – Restaurant/Gaming
- 2) Billion Apps, LLC – IT Services/Staffing
- 3) IBA Force – Media/Marketing
- 4) Primedia Network – Media/Marketing
- 5) Duraseal Training Center – Sherwin Williams Co.

Rob Horne, Director Public Works went over the following:

3) Traffic Review Committee

Ribbon Cutting for Euclid bike path – Scheduled for August 22, 2019.

Central Road stop sign at Weber Drive – This issue has been resolved.

Two residents attended the meeting regarding concerns about speed on Wilke Road. Right now staff is investigating the original speed study done on Wilke Road to avoid performing another speed study. The speed study we estimated about \$4000 to do that. That's something we would come back to City Council and request direction on whether we should pursue that. Based on State requirements it's likely that we would not be able to reduce it to the speed requested by the residents but we certainly are considering reducing it about 5 mph to meet the warrants of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Alderman Budmats - The original intent of the G1 license as I understand it was to allow existing restaurants to remain competitive with the restaurants in neighboring communities by having the opportunity to offer their patrons the opportunity of gaming. Regardless of what happens with the application by Bigby's I think that the restaurants in town have ample opportunity to apply for a G1 license. At the July COW, the owner of the Daisy's stated that he anticipated that the floodgates would be open and that national chains would be interested in operating here. Giving the issues surrounding the unwritten expectations for a restaurant, the prior Mayor, the way he enforced it or chose to read it, I think it's important that we review this, I think it's nonsense that all the Council goes to one particular establishment to determine if they have appropriate kitchen or not. I think it's time that we review the ordinance, tighten up the loopholes and preserve the quality of our community so I move and propose that we have a 90 day moratorium on the acceptance of any new applications for G1 licenses, notwithstanding the current license by Bigby's. At this point every restaurant in town has had the opportunity. Before we start accepting applications from all kinds of new people, let's find out and let's tighten it up, find out what this Council wants to do as a group and modify it so that it reflects our current thinking on what the G1 license should look at. I'm looking for a second, if somebody would like to do so.

Alderman Sanoica – I'll second that.

Mayor Gallo - So as I understand it you're making a motion to suspend any movement or retraction of applicants for a G1 at this time so we can go ahead and revise the language of the G1?

Alderman Budmats - For a period of 90 days.

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Mayor Gallo - We have a second on that. Is there any discussion?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - I understand what you're saying but there are at least two establishments that are in the process, they're doing their full build outs. They've been very upfront, they're going to be a restaurant and they were looking for the G1. They are in process and they should be done during that 90 days.

Alderman Budmats - Are they current restaurants in town or are these new restaurants?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - These are completely new.

Mayor Gallo - I believe we can accommodate everybody by working on language and not holding up these two businesses significantly. For example, we've held up Bigby's and it didn't seem to matter. It's okay if they have to wait and they're currently in the build process right now. Have they received their liquor licenses?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - One has received their liquor license and one has not.

Mayor Gallo - I think they're still in a premature phase where we can work through this as a Council and not impact their business too much. Further discussion?

Alderman Bisesi - One thing I do know on our G1 licenses, I believe we have a cap of seven. We're at six. Do we have a cap?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Technically, the City of Rolling Meadows does not have a cap, we have open or closed. Right now the City of Rolling Meadows has six G1 licenses that are in place, so when you're referring to seven that would have been opening up a seventh G1 license but we don't have open licenses, we close them or we open them as needed.

Alderman Vinezeano - Just to clarify, you are asking for new applications, not an application already in process?

Alderman Budmats - Bigby's has an application already in process, there are no other applications that we've had the opportunity to review or vote on. At this point, I'm saying we should take this opportunity and fix this before others come forward and we have to go through this whole process again. Let's define what a restaurant really is and what a gaming facility is etc.

Alderman Cannon - I don't disagree the premise behind his offer, I guess I don't understand why it has to be 90 days. If we have agreed tonight already that October 22 would be the date that we would get back to the one group. I just don't want to scare anyone off that might want to do business here. I agree with the general premise that we need to get it fixed.

Mayor Gallo - The 90 days is an arbitrary timeline that was put out and I'm sure Alderman Budmats would be okay with that. In looking at this the past two weeks myself as Liquor Commissioner and then looking at the horizon of those potential applicants there are a lot of areas that I will bring forward as informational points for the Council to recognize if you haven't already recognized them but further so we can define them appropriately. Then clean up the definitions that we have other ordinances that parallel one another that are completely out of sync.

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Alderman Budmats - It's going to take at least one or two COW's, I'm not looking at 90 days as arbitrary, I'm just giving us enough time to get it done. If we fix the G1, then obviously we can remove that moratorium because now we've fixed the problem and it's no longer applicable.

Alderman O'Brien - For the ones that are in flight now, I think the biggest question at least from the last couple months here is that hood. Since they are in the buildout phase, would it potentially impact them versus going forward? I know we had the Bigby quote provided to us. Would they be at a point in their build out phase where it would be a no go if they have put a hood in or not?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Both of them are installing hoods

Alderman O'Brien - Regardless of how the ordinance would shake out?

Barry Krumstok, City Manager - Regardless with what's going on, they are putting in hoods, one is maybe 30 days out. If you give me the direction, I can hold any applications until the ordinance is clarified or when everyone's comfortable with the ordinance.

Mayor Gallo - You just want to change the timeframe to upon completion for your motion?

Alderman Budmats - sure.

Mayor Gallo - Then the question becomes do we put a moratorium on new applicants for timeframe upon completion of a revised G1? Will the clerk please call the roll.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed, we will take the time to revise this G1 and put a pause on any new applications coming in for a G1.

Alderman Bisesi - I'd like to discuss the possibility of reinstating chipper week. Can we talk about it at a future COW?

Alderman Cannon - I received a call from resident this week and that person was wondering if the committee's positions that are open right now if there is going to be a call for resumes? I didn't know how to answer the question. He said he might be interested applying for one of those positions but I didn't know which committee and I don't know where we're at with any of that.

Mayor Gallo - Our City's website has a list of committees and it does have a list of vacancies and terms that are available or those individuals who are in current terms and when those expiration dates are. If the individual is interested in any given committee please forward them to me. Another Alderman came to me this evening asking the same question, there are spaces available.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**
- 2) Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act**

There is request to go into closed session. It does require a motion and roll call vote. Is there a motion to go into Closed Session? Alderman Sanoica has made the motion and it has been by Alderman Vinezeano. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, will the Clerk please call the Roll.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed we will now enter Closed Session. The audience and press are advised that we do not anticipate taking any action upon returning to Open Session.

Entered Closed Session at 8:33 pm
Returned to Open Session at 10:24 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

August 27, 2019 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on September 10, 2019.

Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk