

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 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, Finance Director Molly Talkington, Deputy City Clerk Judy Brose, Deputy Police Chief John Sircher, Fire Chief Pete Sutter, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Mohr, Director Public Works Aaron Grosskopf, Chief Information Officer Waseem Khan and Attorney Melissa Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting. Alderperson O'Brien made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 City Council Meeting. Alderperson McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

❖ **Plaque in Honor of former City Attorney Don Rose**

Mayor Sanoica presented a plaque to Mary Rose in honor of her husband Don Rose.

❖ **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Mayor Sanoica presented a proclamation to Dr. Natalia Nieves for October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

WARD REPORTS:

Aldersperson Budmats stated that he received a call from a resident asking Council to consider changing the time for work to begin in the City on public thoroughfares to 7:30 am.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 MINUTES

There were no signatures on the sign-in sheet.

PENDING:

- A) Ordinance No. 23-47 – Amend Section 2-39, Entitled “Special Meetings,” of Division 1 of Article II, Entitled “Council,” of Chapter 2, Entitled “Administration,” of the Rolling Meadows Code of Ordinances Regarding the City Manager’s Authority to Call a Special Meeting of the City Council (2nd Reading)**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

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

- B) Ordinance No. 23-48 – Approve a Variation to Parking Regulations for Property Located at 2905 Algonquin 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 McHale.

Aldersperson Koehler asked if the previous owner had a parking variance. Manager Sabo stated that they had a shared parking agreement with Russell’s BBQ but that vacant property has been sold to the senior care facility.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

C) Ordinance No. 23-00 – Consideration of a Text Amendment to Sections 122-606 and 122-609 to Allow Pedestrian Oriented Electronic Signs as a Permitted Use (1st Reading) (Postponed at 9/12/23 City Council Meeting)

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

Alderperson Budmats stated that this was postponed at the last meeting to allow the Petitioner to provide communication/information to the Council and asked if the Petitioner provided any communication/information to Staff. Manager Sabo stated that Staff responded to a FOIA request related to this consideration but Staff has not received anything else in writing regarding this matter.

Alderperson Koehler asked if this is being promoted by the sign company or the owner of the strip mall. Assistant City Manager Cole stated that the sign company had written consent from the owner. The City has not had any communication with the management of the strip mall. Alderperson Koehler stated he's not convinced this is necessary as too much signage is esthetically unpleasing.

Alderperson McHale stated she will not be voting in favor of this because our sign ordinance is already established and if they would like to have conversations instead of us receiving a letter stating that this is what they are going to do. Alderperson McHale is concerned that if this passes it would open up other properties being able to do the same.

Alderperson O'Brien agrees with his peers. Any applicant can work within the constraints of our current sign ordinances. He will not be voting in favor of this because he believes Staff is always amicable to work with applicants and come to a compromise to fit our current zoning requirements.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 0 in favor and 7 opposed. This Ordinance does not move forward for 2nd reading.

ORDINANCES:

D) Ordinance No. 23-49 – Amend the Home Rule Sales Tax Rate (Waiver of 1st Reading Requested)

Mayor Sanoica read the title into record and asked for a motion to waive the 1st reading of this Ordinance. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Koehler.

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

With 7 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance moved forward for final approval.

Ordinance No. 23-49 – Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Koehler.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

E) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT FOR September 26, 2023

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

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

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

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Consent Resolutions consisted of seven (7) items, items F thru L. Mayor Sanoica asked if any Alderperson wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for Resolutions. No items were removed.

Mayor Sanoica declared it in order for one motion to consider the seven (7) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderperson Boucher made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson Vinezeano. Mayor Sanoica read the titles into the record.

F) Resolution No. 23-R-116 – Award a Contract with DH Pace Company for the Supply and Installation of Two (2) Amarr 2742 Insulated Sectional Overhead Garage Doors Located at the Public Works Facility in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$24,995.00

G) Resolution No. 23-R-117 – Approve a Professional Design Engineering Services Contract with Cristopher B. Burke Engineering for the Proposed 2024 Road Resurfacing Program in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$45,595.00

H) Resolution No. 23-R-118 – Approve Purchase of Disaster Recovery Services for the City’s Information Systems Environment with ThinkGard

- I) Resolution No. 23-R-119 – Approve Purchase of Cisco Servers and Consulting Services through Heartland Business Systems to Replace the City’s Current Cisco Phone Servers**

- J) Resolution No. 23-R-120 – Approve Purchase of Scale Server Environment through Heartland Business Systems to Replace the City’s Current Virtual Server Environment**

- K) Resolution No. 23-R-121 – Approve a Contract for Demolition of 1548 Vermont Street in the Amount of \$26,850.00**

- L) Resolution No. 23-R-122 – Approve the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, Public Employees Division Agreement**

ROLL CALL:

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS & REPORTS

Mayor’s Appointments:

Mayor Sanoica stated that the Mayor’s Appointments consists of two (2) appointments 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 in one motion without debate. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and was seconded by Alderperson McHale. Mayor Sanoica read the following appointments into the record:

Library Board of Directors

- Steven Rossi

Environmental Committee

- Bonnie Haferkamp

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Mayor's Proclamations: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

City Clerk's Report: None

City Staff Reports:

1) Community Items of Interest

City Manager Rob Sabo announced the following:

- 1) The Hometown Hoedown Fall Fest will take place on Saturday, October 7th in Kimball Hill Park. An exciting new format welcomes music from the Hillbilly Rockstarz in the evening from 6-8 pm, with food and adult beverages served throughout the day from Rep's Place. From 2-6 pm, families can enjoy free, hayrides, petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, games, square dancing and line dancing! Celebrate the fall season country-western style with the City of RM!
- 2) Also happening on Saturday, October 7th, is the annual Rolling Meadows Public Works Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling event from 9:00 am to noon at 3900 Berdnick Street. This event is in partnership with SWANCC (Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County) and residents from SWANCC communities are eligible to participate. For rules and regulations, see their website at www.swancc.org.
- 3) Residents of all ages are invited to drop by the Rolling Meadows Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Fire Station #15 (3201 Algonquin Road). Visitors can get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of life in the fire service with exciting views of fire trucks and equipment, training tactics and life-saving services. Other features include station tours, a live burn demonstration, vehicle extrication, touch-a-truck, kids' games and complimentary food and drinks (while supplies last). Parking will be next door at LaMirage (3223 Algonquin Road). For more information, call 847-397-3352 or visit the Rolling Meadows Fire Department Facebook page.
- 4) The City is looking for Rolling Meadows veterans of all ages to attend the complimentary Veterans Dinner on Friday, November 10th at Cotillion Banquets at 5:00 pm. This annual event celebrates the City's veterans with a 4-course dinner, guest speaker, a veteran gift, live music, professional photographer and more. All veterans are welcomed to bring one guest. Registration is due by Friday, November 3rd to Lori at 847-870-9005 or ciezakL@cityrm.org.

2) August 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) Popular Annual Financial Report

Finance Director Talkington presented the user friendly Popular Annual Financial Report.

4) October 10, 2023 City Council Draft Agenda

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the October 10, 2023 City Council draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting date.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: **None**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sanoica asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Vinezeano made the motion and it was seconded by Alderperson O'Brien. A voice vote approved adjournment.

There being no further business, by unanimous consent the City Council meeting was adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

September 26, 2023 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on October 10, 2023.

Judy Brose

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