

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 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, Bisesi, Reyez, Sanoica

**Absent:** Vinezeano

With 6 present and 1 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, Deputy Fire Chief Scott Mohr, Director Public Works Aaron Grosskopf, Assistant Director Public Works JoEllen Charlton, Business Advocate Martha Corner and Attorney Melissa Wolf

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Alderman McHale made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Reyez. A voice vote approved the Minutes as presented.

**MOTION TO DEVIATE:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gallo thanked everyone who attended/volunteered to make the Halloween Fest event a great success. He also thanked Chief Nowacki and the Police Department for the additional patrols on Halloween as this was the first year where the houses between the library and sled hill didn't get egged.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Gallo attended his first Veteran's Dinner hosted by the Veteran's Committee. He thanked Manager Sabo for inviting the Council members and the Mayor. It was a great experience and a great opportunity to speak with our Veteran's and give them an opportunity to interact directly with the elected officials.

Since it was Election Day, Mayor Gallo hoped that everyone voted.

## **WARD REPORTS**

Alderman Sanoica stated that she received a request from a Ward 7 resident regarding revisiting our chicken ordinance. After several years of having no incidences regarding this particular issue, she will be holding a meeting in the Council Chambers on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm for all of those who are interested in any particular item to update the ordinance. It will then be brought back to Council for discussion at a future date.

Alderman O'Brien provided the Economic Development Committee monthly update summary.

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

Mayor Gallo read the rules of procedures for addressing the City Council.

Lee A. a resident from Arlington Heights expressed his concerns regarding drag racing down Weber Road by a Rolling Meadows resident for the past three years.

**PENDING:** None

## **CONSENT ORDINANCES**

The Consent Ordinances in for first reading consisted of six (6) items, items A thru F. Mayor Gallo asked if any Alderman wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for Ordinances.

Alderman Budmats pulled item F.

Mayor Gallo declared it in order for one motion to consider the five (5) Ordinances in one motion without debate and asked for a motion to consider the Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Mayor Gallo read the titles into record.

- A) Ordinance No. 22-00 - Approve Property Tax Levy Abatement (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- B) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve Property Tax Levy for the City of Rolling Meadows (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- C) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve Property Tax Levy for the Rolling Meadows Library (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- D) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Approve the Disposal of City Property - Equipment (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**
- E) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the Rolling Meadows City Code Related to Property Tax Incentive Applications (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Ordinances were moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

*Item F was pulled by Alderman Budmats.*

**F) Ordinance No. 22-00 – Amend the Alcohol Liquor Code to Approve a Class GA liquor License for Video Gaming for Anna’s Red Apple LLC dba Anna’s Red Apple at 2121 Plum Grove Road (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mayor Gallo read the title into record and asked for a motion to approve this Resolution. Alderman Budmats made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Sanoica.

Alderman Budmats stated that a few months ago Council approved increasing fines and penalties for any violations of the ordinance. Before 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, he requested a report showing the results of the increased enforcement activities because he is hesitant on releasing a new license until he knows that the City is adequately regulating the ones that are already issued. Additionally, Alderman Budmats wants to make sure the Petitioner is completely aware of the new regulations before the new license is issued. Manger Sabo stated that the City Code and State Law requires that gaming is only allowed to be open when alcohol beverages are sold. The two can't operate independent of one another.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. This Ordinance moved forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**G) MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS ON WARRANT 11/8/2022**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant was approved.

## **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Consent Resolutions consisted of eight (8) items, items H thru O. 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 eight (8) Resolutions in one motion without debate. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Reyez. Mayor Gallo read the titles into the record.

- H) Resolution No. 22-R-94 – Authorize the Purchase of Tyler Technologies Recruitment Module Add-On**
- I) Resolution No. 22-R-95 – Authorize the Renewal of Membership in the GIS Consortium and Award a 1-Year Contract for Professional Services to Municipal GIS Partners, Inc., the “GIS Consortium Service Provider”**
- J) Resolution No. 22-R-96 – Authorize the Purchase of Replacement Office Equipment & Furniture for Information Technology Office**
- K) Resolution No. 22-R-97 – Authorize the Purchase of TreeKeeper Software License for a Five-Year Term in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$10,000 from Davey Resource Group**
- L) Resolution No. 22-R-98 – Award a Contract for Reservoir and Standpipe Cleaning and Leak Repair to MIDCO Diving and Marine Services in a Not to Exceed Amount of \$17,000**
- M) Resolution No. 22-R-99 – Award a Contract for the Supply and Installation of Five (5) Pedestrian Entrance Doors Located at the Public Works Facility**
- N) Resolution No. 22-R-100 – Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Debt Collection Agreement between Municipal Collection Services LLC and the City of Rolling Meadows**
- O) Resolution No. 22-R-101 – Approve and Ratify an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the City of Rolling Meadows for Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT)**

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 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 City's website has a new look, with improved navigation features to help residents more easily find the information they seek. Check out the fresh new look at [www.cityrm.org](http://www.cityrm.org).
- 2) The 2022 US Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection starts on November 7<sup>th</sup> and runs to December 16<sup>th</sup>. New, unwrapped toys are donated to local families in need and can be dropped off at the Rolling Meadows City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road) and Library (3110 Martin Lane).
- 3) The Rolling Meadows Police Department will be participating in the Thanksgiving STEP Campaign from November 18<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!
- 4) City Hall and Public Works will be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Refuse collection will be delayed one day. Thursday routes will be collected Friday; Friday routes will be collected Saturday.
- 5) The City's annual Holiday Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Ring in the seasonal spirit with festive songs, Santa Claus, live reindeer, horse-drawn wagon rides, hot cocoa, goodies and the lighting of the City's holiday tree! The event will be held on the property of the City's Historical Museum at 3100 Central Road – which will be open for visitors to enjoy tokens from the City's past along with festive retro décor!
- 6) The Rolling Meadows Police Department will be holding their annual Holiday Food Drive on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Rolling Meadows Jewel/Osco parking lot on Kirchoff Road. Help them “Fill the Hummer to Haul Away Hunger” to benefit area food pantries. For a list of requested donations or for more information, visit [cityrm.org](http://cityrm.org) or the Police Department's and City Facebook pages.

#### **2) October New Business Report**

*Business Advocate Martha Corner reviewed the following new businesses:*

- 1) Meher USA Inc. – Sales/Manufacturer Trailer Parts
- 2) Flameguard USA, LLC – Fire Suppression Systems Sales/Installation
- 3) Chicago Ramen Lab – Japanese Noodles Carry-Out
- 4) Wanderlust Sea Salt LLC – Seasoning Blends

### **3) November 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole Draft Agenda**

*City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:*

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the November 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole draft agenda. The final agenda will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act prior to the meeting.

### **4) November 22, 2022 City Council Draft Agenda**

*City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the following:*

City Manager Rob Sabo reviewed the items that are currently on the November 22, 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**

Alderman Bisesi complimented Staff on the new and improved website as he has already received positive feedback from residents.

Alderman O'Brien asked his Council members to consider as they move forward into 2023 to add an additional sworn officer in the near future.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- 1) **Review Closed Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act** - Semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Mayor Gallo asked for a motion to go into closed session under section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act regarding Review of Closed Session Minutes. Alderman Sanoica made the motion and was seconded by Alderman O'Brien.

ROLL CALL:

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

With 6 in favor and 0 opposed. City Council entered into Closed Session.

The audience and press were advised that they do 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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Brose, Deputy City Clerk

November 8, 2022 City Council Minutes Approved by Council on November 22, 2022.

*Judy Brose*

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