



# CITY OF WOOD DALE

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF WOOD DALE, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
December 1, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
Mayor Nunzio Pulice called the Regular City Council Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.
  
- II. ROLL CALL  
Upon roll call, the following were:  
  
Present: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods, along with Mayor Pulice  
  
Absent: Aldermen Jakab and Messina  
  
Also Present: City Clerk Curiale, Treasurer Porch, Legal Counsel Conway, City Manager Mermuys, Finance Director Wilson, Police Chief Zito, Director of Public Works Lange, Representatives of the Police Dept.  
  
Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present.
  
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
  
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Alderman Susmarski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ames, to approve the Regular City Council Minutes of November 17, 2022. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:  
Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods  
Nays: None  
Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.
  
- V. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:
  - i. *Citizens to be Heard*  
None
  
  - ii. *Written Communiques*  
None

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

**A. Police Department Awards**

Mayor Pulice turned the report over to Chief Zito

Chief Zito reported Traffic Safety is of highest priority to the City of Wood Dale Police Department, including DUI enforcement. He and Ms. Wooley of AAIM are here to present some DUI Awards to the top three (3) Officers for DUI enforcement for the Calendar Year 2021. He then introduced Ms. Wooley. Ms. Wooley spoke of her son Aric being killed 21 years ago in Wood Dale on June 16, 2000 by a drunk driver who was also on drugs and a repeat offender, and how thankful and appreciative she is of the Wood Dale Police Department, the Task Force and DuPage County who have stricter rules and regulations for DUI and follow through, doing their due diligence in DUI enforcement and getting DUI drivers off the road, including the man that killed her son. She thanked the Wood Dale Police Department, the City Council, and residents for their continued support. She stressed the importance of getting drunk and impaired drivers off the road to prevent others from having to experience the same kind of loss. She has been working with AAIM since 2001, wanting to save others from having to go through what she and her family went through and are still going through. Her husband is still unable to attend in person to speak but sends his best wishes to everyone for the Holiday Season. Chief Zito thanked Ms. Wooley for coming every year and helping present these awards.

Chief Zito and Ms. Wooley presented the Awards to the following Officers:

**A. Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Award Recognition (AAIM)**

Officer Robyn Lyons - this is the 4<sup>th</sup> time earning this award

Officer Keven Perez -3<sup>rd</sup> time earning this award

Officer Justin Bjes - 2<sup>nd</sup> time earning this award

**B. Veteran Banner Retirement - Jay Walle**

Mayor Pulice presented a Certificate of Award to Jay Walle in honor of his military service and participation. The City of Wood Dale Veteran Banner Program is proud to recognize the residents of Wood Dale who served in the military. The City understands the sacrifices that were endured to maintain our freedom. We celebrate Mr. Walle, his work, family, dedication, and service to our country. Mr. Walle was also a Wood Dale Police Officer.

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Mermuys reminded everyone of the Annual City Tree Lighting Event taking place this Saturday, December 3, from 5-7 pm at City Hall. This year's entertainment and activities include: Family friendly activities, snacks, goodies, a Fireworks display and Santa!

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

None

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

A. **Planning, Zoning and Building Committee**

None

B. **Public Health, Safety, Judiciary And Ethics Committee**

None

C. **Public Work Committee**

- i. *Approval of Pay Request No. 1 (Final) to Globe Construction, Inc. for the FY 2023 Sidewalk Replacement Program in the Amount of \$47,589.75*

On a motion by Alderman Curiale, seconded by Alderman Catalano, to approve *Pay Request No. 1 (Final) to Globe Construction, Inc. for the FY 2023 Sidewalk Replacement Program in the Amount of \$47,589.75*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried

D. **Finance and Administration Committee**

- i. *A Resolution Seeking to Approve an Agreement/Contract Between the City of Wood Dale and Flashing Thunder Fireworks Display for a Fireworks Display at the 2023 Prairie Fest Event in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$18,000*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve *A Resolution Seeking to Approve an Agreement/Contract Between the City of Wood Dale and Flashing Thunder Fireworks Display for a Fireworks Display at the 2023 Prairie Fest Event in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$18,000*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- ii. *A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Ultimate Rental for Prairie Fest 2023 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve *A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Ultimate Rental for Prairie Fest 2023 in the Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- iii. *An Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Corporate and Municipal Purposes of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve *An Ordinance Authorizing the Levy and Collection of Taxes for the Corporate and Municipal Purposes of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2022 and Ending April 30, 2023*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- iv. *An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,250,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, \$6,290,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B, and \$14,315,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois*

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Woods, to approve *An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,250,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, \$6,290,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020B, and \$14,315,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City of Wood Dale, DuPage County, Illinois*.

Director Wilson explained the Abatement Ordinance is a very important Ordinance the City Council should pass every year. When these Bonds were issued as the alternate revenue source, the City, Bond Council, and Financial Analyst for the City all determined that sufficient revenues would be generated to cover the debt service figure. Water system, Stormwater Bonds and some TIF Bonds. If this Ordinance Abating the Taxes is not passed these monies of approximately \$2.3M will be added to the Property Tax Bill for all the Residents. The passing of this Ordinance states we have sufficient monies as was planned to pay this \$2.3M and it does not have to be passed on to the Residents.

When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

**A. Airport Noise Report**

No Report

**B. Stormwater Commission Report**

No Report

- XI. APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS: December 1, 2022 **\$2,108,623.27**  
On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve the December 1, 2022 payment of the List of Bills, for the total amount of **\$2,108,623.27** for the following:

• General Fund	\$ 277,370.84
• Road & Bridge Fund	\$ -
• Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ -
• Tourism Fund	\$ 9,549.34
• Narcotics Fund	\$ 749.33
• TIF District #1	\$ -
• TIF District #2	\$ -
• Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,027,644.95
• Land Acquisition Fund	\$ -
• Commuter Parking Lot Fund	\$ 2,700.00
• Sanitation Fund	\$ 76,405.81
• Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 712,963.20
• CERF	\$ 1,239.80
• Special Service Area Fund	\$ -

**Total of all Funds: \$ 2,108,623.27**  
**Total Number of Checks: 84**

Mayor Pulice asked Director Wilson to elaborate that the payment to Itasca Bank was not just interest but that some of the debt was paid down.

Director Wilson responded that was correct. The Interest portion was just a little over \$10,000 and at the last Committee Meeting Staff was directed to renew with the Bank. The Bank asked that a little of the principal be paid while working through the renewal. It was rounded up to \$50,000.

When the question was put a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Ames, Catalano, Curiale, Susmarski and Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
None

- XIII. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED  
None

- XIV. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
None

- XV. ADJOURNMENT  
On a motion by Alderman Woods, seconded by Alderman Ames, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2022 when the question was put, all Aldermen voted in the Affirmative. Whereupon the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.