



CITY OF WOOD DALE

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF WOOD DALE, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
June 15, 2023

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: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina (arrived 7:34 pm), Susmarski, Art Woods and Artie Woods, along with Mayor Pulice

Absent: None

Also Present: City Clerk Curiale, Treasurer Porch, Legal Counsel Bond, Police Chief Zito, Finance Director Wilson, Public Works Director Lange, Director of Administrative Services Ibares

Whereupon the Mayor declared a quorum present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Susmarski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve the Regular City Council Minutes of June 1, 2023. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Susmarski, Art Woods and Artie Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- i. Citizens to be Heard
None

- ii. Written Communiqués of Citizens to Be Heard
None

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mermuys had two (2) items to report.

- i. The City has recently experienced large amounts of grease entering the sewer system in certain areas. Unfortunately, grease can cause issues with the City's collecting sewers. Residents are encouraged to visit the City's website www.wooddale.com for information on proper ways to dispose of grease.
- ii. The first Cruise Night Car Show is Monday, June 19 @ Wood Dale Road. and Commercial Street, between the hours of 5-8 pm

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Omnibus Vote

- i. *An Ordinance Amending Chapters 4 and 6 of the City of Wood Dale Municipal Code Prohibiting Vehicle Work and Maintenance Activity on Public Property*
- ii. *An Ordinance Amending the Master Fee Schedule of the City of Wood Dale Specifying the Fees for Chapters 4 and 6 of the City of Wood Dale Municipal Code Prohibiting Vehicle Work and Maintenance Activity on Public Property*
- iii. *A Resolution Approving Additional Work Authorization No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Wood Dale and Engineering Resource Associates for the Ward 1 Drainage and Flood Improvements Study in an Amount Not to Exceed \$14,190*
- iv. *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the City of Wood Dale Municipal Code Amending the Time Frame for Placement of Refuse Carts for Collection*

The Mayor questioned if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda. Hearing none and on a motion by Alderman Jakab, seconded by Alderman Susmarski, to approve the Consent Agenda. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Susmarski, Art Woods and Artie Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried, approving the following items:

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- iv. *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the City of Wood Dale Municipal Code Amending the Time Frame for Placement of Refuse Carts for Collection*

On a motion by Alderwoman Ames, seconded by Alderman Jakab, to approve items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items 1 through 4. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Susmarski, Art Woods and Artie Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried

Alderman Messina arrived at 7:34pm

IX. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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

No Report

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

- i. *A Resolution Amending Section 2 of the City of Wood Dale Personnel Manual to Remove the Restriction Against the Rehiring of City Retirees*

On a motion by Alderman Curiale, seconded by Alderman Messina, to Approve *A Resolution Amending Section 2 of the City of Wood Dale Personnel Manual to Remove the Restriction Against the Rehiring of City Retirees.*

Alderman Curiale asked City Attorney Bond if Section 4 of the Resolution could be misread that this provision applies to Elected Officials as well as City employees and inquired as to whether this repeal the Ordinance that Elected Officials are required to wait 18 months before they will be hired.

Attorney Bond responded that this does not apply to Elected Officials, who are covered under another Policy and that this does not repeal it or impact the section referenced.

Alderman Curiale asked if this was an Ordinance or a Resolution because Section 6 says "...directed to publish this Ordinance."

Attorney Bond replied what is before Council is a Resolution. Ordinances and Resolutions are both published in the same manner. Previously they were published 7-10 days prior to the Ordinances/Resolutions taking effect. Now publication is to make it available on the City's Website, so both terms are used interchangeably in this instance, as it is intended to encompass both for publication purpose.

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

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina and Susmarski

Nays: Alderman Art Woods and Alderman Artie Woods

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- ii. *A Resolution Seeking to Approve a Labor Agreement Between the City of Wood Dale and Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Wood Dale Police Chapter #339*

On a motion by Alderman Curiale, seconded by Alderman Messina, to Approve *A Resolution Seeking to Approve a Labor Agreement Between the City of Wood Dale and Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Wood Dale Police Chapter #339*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Susmarski, Art Woods and Artie Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

C. Public Works Committee

- i. *Approval of Final Payment to Fowler Enterprises, LLC for the Floodplain Property Buyout Demolitions in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,630*

On a motion by Alderman Jakab, seconded by Alderwoman Ames, to Approve *Final Payment to Fowler Enterprises, LLC for the Floodplain Property Buyout Demolitions in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,630*. When the question was put, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Susmarski, Art Woods and Artie Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

D. Finance and Administration Committee

- i. *A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Wood Dale and Avemco Insurance Company for Weather Insurance in the Amount of \$12,442.10*

On a motion by Alderwoman Ames, seconded by Alderman Susmarski, to Approve *A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Wood Dale and Avemco Insurance Company for Weather Insurance in the Amount of \$12,442.10*.

Mayor Pulice stated the insurance cost less years ago and asked Mr. Ibares to elaborate.

Mr. Ibares stated the quote for the Insurance Policy is based on total revenues generated by the Fest and the number of hours of coverage, along with the threshold the City decides to include for the total amount of rain collected during the hours of Prairie Fest.

Alderman Art Woods asked what the maximum total payout of the Policy is for the Fest. Mr. Ibares responded \$67,000, which is the aggregate sum insured.

Alderman Curiale stated the Premium is 18.6% of the Total Payout. Why does the City not self-insure as these Premium costs are quite significant. For example, if the first day of the Fest is rained out from a heavy rainstorm, the City would get about \$10,000, which does not even cover the Premium.

Attorney Bond responded if the City was to self-insure, the City would get nothing and would have to absorb all of the costs of the Bands and other out-of-pocket costs. The incident or the Event would not be self-insured and all expenses would be picked up by the City.

Mayor Pulice stated when Prairie Fest started years ago the cost was under \$3,000, but this Event has grown and asked Mr. Ibares if the threshold is ¼ inch of rain in one hour.

Mr. Ibares responded it is ¼ inch for the total hours of the operation. The first day of the Fest the hours of operation are 5-9 pm, so if the City gets ¼ inch of rain anytime during those hours of operation, the City would be eligible for coverage. Alderman Curiale then asked if there was rainfall on Thursday, the other 3 days were rain free, but the rain was so severe that the whole Fest had to be cancelled, would we be covered only for the \$10,000 on the day the rain occurred.

Mr. Ibares responded each day has a different amount of total coverage. For example, on the 29th the hours of coverage are 1-11 pm and the Insurance coverage is \$25,000. So it varies day to day based on the date and hours of operation. Alderman Curiale asked if it was rained out on Thursday and that was the only day it rained, is the payout still \$10,000 for that day and not \$25,000 for Saturday.

Mr. Ibares responded that is correct.

Alderman Curiale asked whether the City was covered if there was a windstorm instead of rain.

Mayor Pulice responded the Policy is strictly for rain.

Alderman Jakab inquired if any Insurance money has ever been collected

Mayor Pulice responded it had been collected one time.

Alderman Jakab then asked what the daily cost was if we did not have insurance.

Mayor Pulice responded it depends. If it rained on the bigger days of Saturday or Sunday, costs would be more.

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

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Jakab, Messina and Susmarski

Nays: Aldermen Curiale, Art Woods and Artie Woods

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Airport Noise Committee**

Mayor Pulice reported the Tollway is in the process of installing the ALSF-2 (Approach Lighting Sequence Flashers) lights for the runway on the northside. They have to raise the lights as they build the bridges so this is also part of the problem on the north side of the Airport for night flights.

Alderman Jakab inquired if this will take care of the problem of planes not landing there, and if this would be a Multi-year Project.

Mayor Pulice's opinion was planes were probably moved to the south when the daylight was dim. He stated the Tollway is only doing one at a time and the airport was finishing up one to the northern Runways, and these are for 9C and 9R Runways.

B. Stormwater Commission Report:
No Report

X. APPROVAL OF LIST OF BILLS: June 15, 2023 \$911,110.05

On a motion by Alderwoman Ames, seconded by Alderman Curiale, to approve the June 15, 2023 payment of the List of Bills, for the total amount of **\$911,110.05** for the following:

• General Fund	\$	254,611.37
• Road & Bridge Fund	\$	336.28
• Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	19,180.73
• Tourism Fund	\$	818.70
• Narcotics Fund	\$	-
• TIF District #1	\$	-
• TIF District #2	\$	-
• Capital Projects Fund	\$	307,605.07
• Land Acquisition Fund	\$	-
• Commuter Parking Lot Fund	\$	1,926.54
• Sanitation Fund	\$	50.00
• Water & Sewer Fund	\$	326,581.36
• CERF	\$	-
• Special Service Area Fund	\$	-
Total of all Funds:	\$	911,110.05
Total Number of Checks:		62

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

Ayes: Alderwoman Ames, Aldermen Catalano, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Susmarski,
Art Woods and Artie Woods

Nays: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Susmarski asked if the payment has been finalized for Catalpa Street Project and whether the punch list he presented has been checked.

Director Lange stated it was expected to have final payment to be received next month and will be brought to Council for final approval. The Punch List is being developed right now and will be going to the Contractor and those issues will be addressed before Final Payment.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XII. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED

None

XIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Alderwoman Ames, seconded by Alderman Jakab, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2023. When the question was put, all Aldermen voted in the Affirmative. Whereupon the Mayor declared the City Council Meeting of June 15, 2023 adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

*Minutes Taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale
Reviewed by Legal Counsel Patrick Bond*