

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 15th day of January, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Reverend Jay Fernlund, Faith Bible Church, 1600 Schuster Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Reverend Fernlund then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR PRO-TEM SUSIE A. BARBER and DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS and COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE.

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER JOHN M. MEZERA and CORPORATION COUNSEL JEFFREY S. PLYMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER moved up the Proclamation on the agenda at this time.

A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming January, 2008 as "Joliet Alliance for Youth Month"

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ proclaiming January, 2008 as "Joliet Alliance for Youth Month" and recognizing and congratulating the 23 area youths who have been chosen as the 2007 Award recipients by the Joliet Alliance for Youth for their commitment and dedication to the betterment of their fellow man.

Mr. John Zalanka of the University of Illinois Extension and President of the Joliet Alliance for Youth said this organization was created to improve services for youth in the Joliet area. He introduced award recipients Angela Ortiz, Jocelyn Knox and Grace Muganda. He said Grace Muganda was part of the 4H team that traveled to the National Forestry Judging Contest and was the second highest scorer in the country.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Finance Committee conducted their regular monthly meeting yesterday and reviewed the usual items on the agenda. He said Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties Board of Directors made a presentation requesting funding of \$100,000 for their new facility. He said this will be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting and by the full Council.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said they had a discussion regarding laptop computers and access to the accounting system by Council members. He said at this time two Council members have expressed interest in a City issued laptop and the Committee felt that each member should be allowed the opportunity to have a laptop in the future if requested. He said each laptop will cost about \$1,100.00.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved to approve the purchase of laptop computers for members of the Council as requested to be funded from the General Corporate Computer Reserve Fund.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Committee also approved a funding request for \$2,500.00 for the Old Timers Baseball Association, which is the same amount as last year.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that a donation of \$2,500.00 be made to the Old Timers Baseball Association from the General Corporate Contingency Fund.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Committee also approved a funding request for \$2,050.00 for the Guns & Hoses Benefit for Easter Seals.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that a matching donation of \$2,050.00 be made to the Guns & Hoses Benefit for Easter Seals from the General Corporate Contingency Fund.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

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COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Committee also approved a funding request of \$500.00 for the Zonta Club of Joliet.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that a donation of \$500.00 be made to the Zonta Club of Joliet from the General Corporate Contingency Fund.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Neighborhood Improvement Program Report for December was reviewed and placed on file. He said there was also a review of the Cash Flow, Personnel Summary, December Conference, Travel and Seminar Expense Report and the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims.

B. Public Service

COUNCILMAN TURK said the Public Service Committee met this morning and reviewed the contracts, change orders, pay estimates and final payments and found them all to be in order and recommended their approval.

He said they also met with some residents from 1310 N. Luther Avenue who had some flooding issues due to some land that was altered next to them. He said they are working with COUNCILWOMAN BARBER through her NIP and staff is also working to rectify the situation.

C. Communications, Technology & Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said this Committee had their first meeting yesterday. He said they discussed establishing a cable and video service provider fee and a cable and video customer protection ordinance. He said they are simply mirroring those fees and protections that are charged under the Comcast setup, but they will also be provided to customers who choose the telephone wire type cable TV service. He said the Corporation Counsel is working on those ordinances and they should be presented at the next meeting.

There were no other Committee reports.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich introduced the new Finance Director, Hugh Brennan. He said Mr. Brennan is a 1986 graduate of the Air Force Academy and served 20 years in the military with a role in financial and accounting services.

Mr. Brennan thanked everyone for the opportunity to work for the City and said he and his family are glad to have the opportunity to move back to this area.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A. Treasurer's Report – November, 2007

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the report be received and placed on file.

B. Position Vacancy
(Council Memo #36-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill one Public Safety Dispatcher position and any subsequent vacancies directly related to this position.

C. Approval of the 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #37-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program; 2) Authorize the Administration to proceed with the engineering plans and advertisements for bids; and 3) Authorize the Administration to contact the neighborhood organizations and individual property owners participating in the program.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM
BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1404 S. Briggs Street

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 1404 S. Briggs Street (#A-8-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #40-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 1404 S. Briggs Street (#A-8-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #40-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 1404 S. Briggs Street to R-2 Zoning (#A-8-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #40-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that this item be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on March 18, 2008 to allow additional time for the review of an annexation agreement.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said item be tabled to the March 18, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1450 S. Brandon Road

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 1450 S. Brandon Road (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #41-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 1450 S. Brandon Road (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #41-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 1450 S. Brandon Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #41-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that this item be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on February 20, 2008 to allow additional time for the review of an annexation agreement.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said item be tabled to the February 20, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

C. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 11665 Arbeiter Road

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 11665 Arbeiter Road (#A-21-07/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #42-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11665 Arbeiter Road (#A-21-07/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #42-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11665 Arbeiter Road to R-B Zoning (#A-21-07/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #42-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that this item be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on February 5, 2008 so it can be on the same agenda as the Hiller Farm Subdivision which have common concerns.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said item be tabled to the February 5, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Treasurer's Disbursements – December, 2007 - \$45,949,743.14

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the report be received and placed on file.

B. Regular Claims – December, 2007 - \$2,739,387.31

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the report be received and placed on file.

C. Regular Payroll – December 15 – December 31, 2007 - \$3,470,929.55
(Council Memo #43-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period December 15, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and additions to regular salaries for the period December 7, 2007 through December 20, 2007 including a 2007 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE. (COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN abstained from voting on any items dealing with Silver Cross Hospital)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Approving the Final Planned Unit Development of Our Lady of Angels Village Subdivision Phase 2 (#PUD-8-07/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #44-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Recording Plat of Our Lady of Angels Village Subdivision Phase 2A (#RP-2-08/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #44-08)

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The City Clerk noted that these items were approved at the Pre-Council Meeting yesterday.

3. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Preliminary Plat of Mihelich Subdivision as recommended by the Administration was presented and read. (#P-18-07/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #45-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a recommendation by the Plan Commission for approval with the waiver that the petitioner not be required to install the permanent street light, and a recommendation by the Administration for approval without granting the waiver request for a permanent Commonwealth Edison streetlight.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted without granting the waiver request for a permanent Commonwealth Edison streetlight.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM
BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he has an issue with the streetlight. He said this is under an acre and he understands that we impose all of our subdivision requirements for those properties over an acre even though that's an arbitrary figure too, but this one is only carving one lot into two. He asked if we have anything we can look back on to say we're treating these applicants the same way we are treating other applicants.

The City Manager said the subdivision regulations are applied to everything; there is not a one acre minimum on that.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said so it's just customary that we've allowed the less than one acre divisions without road improvements.

The City Manager said in some cases that has happened, but in general, no.

The Corporation Counsel said we do have an exception which the statutes recognize where adjoining property owners want to shift property between them and historically that transaction has been exempt. He said that's not what's going on here. He said the City Council through its home rule powers has eliminated even that exception except for small transfers under an acre, so there is no exception or past practice which applies to this waiver request.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said as long as it's equal treatment and similar effect, he will vote aye.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16012)

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BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Authorization to Renew Maintenance Agreement for the 800 MHz Radio System
(Council Memo #50-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize the renewal of the maintenance agreement with Motorola in the amount of \$19,478.60 per month for the period January 1 thru December 31, 2008.

2. Authorization to Continue IWIN Compatible Mobile Data Computer Service for the Fire Department - 2008
(Council Memo #51-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize the renewal of the State of Illinois IWIN service in the amount of \$9,180.00 payable to Central Management Services.

3. Authorization to Approve Purchase for the 2008 DP-1026 Enzyme Chemicals
(Council Memo #52-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to GETUM Inc. in the amount of \$19,780.00.

4. Authorization to Modify Hydrous Manganese Oxide Metering Pumps
(Council Memo #53-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Chemical Pump Sales and Service Inc. in the amount of \$47,150.00.

5. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Hydrogen Sulfide Control/Odor Control Solution – East Side Sewage Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #54-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Siemens Water Technologies in the amount of \$96,360.00.

6. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Polymer
(Council Memo #55-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Aqua Ben in the amount of \$59,592.50.

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7. Authorization to Approve the Purchase of Professional Services for Radiological Sampling - 2008
(Council Memo #56-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the quarterly radium testing of the water for the first, second, third and fourth quarter of 2008 to Environmental Inc-Midwest Lab in the amount of \$43,930.00.

8. Award of Contract for the Manganese Sulfate Purchase - 2008
(Council Memo #57-08)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Carus Corporation at the unit price of \$6.98 per gallon not to exceed \$332,248.00 for 47,600 gallons for 2008.

9. Award of Contract for the 2008 Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Purchase
(Council Memo #58-08)

A report on five bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Basic Chemical Solutions in the amount of \$.98 per gallon of solution not to exceed \$242,060.00 for 2008.

10. Award of Contract for the 2008 Sodium Permanganate Solution Purchase
(Council Memo #59-08)

A report on one bid received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Carus Chemical Co. in the amount of \$7.08 per gallon of solution not to exceed \$337,008.00 for 2008.

11. Authorization to Approve Emergency Repairs to the Unit Heaters at 1203 Cedarwood Drive Facility – Roadways Division
(Council Memo #60-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the emergency repairs by Southwest Town Mechanical Services in the amount of \$23,980.00.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

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B. Amendments, Change Orders and Payouts:

1. Approve Payment of the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit Vehicle Leases for 2008
(Council Memo #65-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$27,000.00 to H & J Leasing Inc. for the first year of the three year lease agreement.

2. Approve Payment to Pro-Dive, Inc. for the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force
(Council Memo #66-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$6,753.00 to Pro-Dive, Inc. for the removal of approximately 12 vehicles in the I & M Sanitary Canal in the area of 135th Street in Romeoville.

3. Authorization to Approve Payment to EyeNet Enforcement Systems, Inc. for the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit
(Council Memo #67-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$12,400.00 to EyeNet Enforcement Systems for the purchase of a license plate recognition system.

4. Authorization to Pay IWIN User Fees
(Council Memo #68-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$8,920.25 per month to the Illinois Department of Central Management for the period January thru December 2008.

5. Authorization to Expend Additional Funds for Commission and Closing Costs for the Sale of 203 Third Avenue
(Council Memo #69-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of additional funds in the amount of \$9,792.82 for the sale of 203 Third Avenue.

6. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Final Payment for the Purchase of 88 Christmas Street Light Pole Decorations
(Council Memo #70-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,085.74 and Final Payment in the amount of \$28,037.74 on behalf of Dekra-Lite.

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7. Approve Change Order No. 1 and No. 2 and Payment No. 2 and Final for the Entryway Landscape Improvements Contract
(Council Memo #71-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$450.00, Change Order No. 2, a deduction in the amount of \$19,420.00, and Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$45,041.00 on behalf of Allied Landscaping.

8. Approve Payment No. 19 for the 10D and 11D Water Treatment Plants and Booster Station and Reservoir Modifications Project
(Council Memo #72-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 19 in the amount of \$232,005.30 with a reduced retainage of \$62,559.79 on behalf of Allan Mack and Sons.

9. Approve Payment No. 15 for the 18D and Washington Street Water Treatment Plants Project
(Council Memo #73-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 15 in the amount of \$56,400.94 with a reduced retainage of \$74,915.55 on behalf of Allan Mack and Sons.

10. Approve Change Order No. 5 and Payment No. 22 for System-Wide SCADA System Construction Project
(Council Memo #74-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$58,703.00 and Payment No. 22 in the amount of \$10,868.00 on behalf of Wunderlich-Malec Services.

11. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Estimate No. 2 and Final for the 2715 Stonebridge Drive Rear Yard Drain Installation Project
(Council Memo #75-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$4,461.25 and Pay Estimate No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$5,348.61 on behalf of Construction by Camco.

12. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 7 and Final for the Gravel Wells 101 and 103 Facility Reconstruction
(Council Memo #76-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,676.00 and Pay Estimate No. 7 and Final in the amount of \$72,165.90 on behalf of Layne Christensen Co.

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13. Approve Payment Estimate No. 1 for the Thorn Creek/Midland Avenue Retaining Wall Repair
(Council Memo #77-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$16,188.00 on behalf of Austin Tyler Construction.

14. Approve Payment of Snow Removal for Parking Decks and Parking Lots – December, 2007
(Council Memo #78-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the increase to Purchase Order No. 92470 in the amount of \$6,352.50; and 2) Approve the total payment in the amount of \$9,352.50 to Will County Materials Inc.

15. Approve Progress Payment for the Radium Compliance and Water Supply Improvement Engineering Services Agreement
(Council Memo #79-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Progress Payment No. 51 in the amount of \$89,173.94 on behalf of Strand and Associates.

16. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 4 and Final for Costs Associated with Environmental Assessments for the Lyons Lumber and Warehouse Building Properties
(Council Memo #80-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$15,326.51 and Payment No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$63,741.55 on behalf of Metra.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY,
COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR:

- A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming January, 2008 as “Joliet Alliance for Youth Month”

This item was presented earlier in the meeting.

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked the City Manager for an update on Council Memo #606-07 dealing with Declaring a Default in the Making of Subdivision Improvements in Deer Run Estates Unit 1B. He said he would like a status report on the items that are still incomplete at this time.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked if it is possible yet to get an update on the ambulance billing for the Fire Department to see how the new company is doing on a recovery rate.

The Director of Management and Budget said it's a little too early, but they are going to watch it real close and they probably could have an update in about a month.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated we have been quiet but we are thinking about, we are getting and we are giving input on the Silver Cross Hospital move issue. He said we have been outspent by hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said the public relations firm for Silver Cross is calling it's shots and making it's moves with precision and their law firm is acting in concert with their public relations firm and the Silver Cross administration. He said there have been meetings along with data placed in the newspapers telling people why this is a good thing for the citizens of Joliet. He said this move is not good for the City of Joliet and we don't have that kind of discretionary money nor would we spend it if we had it. He said we have attempted to get our message out and this is basically our only format and we have tried to do it in an honest manner without making promises and just saying plainly and forthrightly that this move is not good for the City of Joliet. He said now the Silver Cross juggernaut is roaring through its promised land of Rt. 355 and promises of new doctors who won't travel 3.5 miles to its Joliet facility, promises of new associate hospitals who won't come to Joliet but will come to Rt. 355, all in the name of the bottom line. He said this juggernaut leaves the poor and the needy for the wealthy and the few. He said this prediction is in the PowerPoint presentation that Silver Cross shows and also reiterated in their oral presentations at this Joliet City Council meeting and other venues all in the name of the bottom line. He said we've always been respectful and quiet, outspent, out-politicked and kept in the dark and this juggernaut rolls on leaving in its wake the shambles of the area they have occupied for 100 years, the area where they spent some \$160 million, the area where Joliet spent millions of dollars and the area where people also had the hopes of its presence remaining in a part of their community.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we respectfully and again ask that Silver Cross remain in its current location and if it needs to build, do so in this 50 acre complex. He said St. Joseph's is about 17 acres. He said the same jobs that the labor unions are concerned about would still occur and the same employees could remain. He said we have never had a complaint about the Silver Cross doctors, nurses, LPN's or any other staff. He said Silver Cross has been very, very, successful here financially and reputation wise. He said we are asking that you put the brakes on that juggernaut, back it up to Joliet, we're waiting for the roar.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said regarding the Museum, they are in full search for a new director. He said they have hired Tony Contos as their interim director and he is doing a fine job. He said the ads are out and if anyone would like to see the requirements of the job to let him know. He said it is being advertised in newspapers, websites and other appropriate places.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said January 19th is the CAPA Annual Dinner. He said it is a great neighborhood organization and it is open to any neighbors who would like to attend.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY wished his Mom a Happy 76th Birthday on January 21st. He also sent his condolences to the family of retired Fire Lieutenant and Emergency Management Agency Director Dale Bottino who recently passed away.

MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER echoed COUNCILMAN SHETINA'S comments regarding Silver Cross Hospital and reminded everyone about the hearings that will be coming up and to voice your opinions about how you feel about it. She said moving 3 or 4 miles down the road is going to hurt us tremendously on the east side. She said we need Silver Cross to stay here and work with us and not against us.

MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER then wished MAYOR SCHULTZ a speedy recovery.

The Corporation Counsel said regarding Silver Cross, we do have a hearing scheduled for next week in the City Council chambers on Tuesday, January 22nd at 9 a.m. He said it's a hearing that the State will hold for the benefit of everyone in the community to come down and express their position on the request by Silver Cross to move the hospital out of Joliet. He said for those who can't make the Tuesday hearing, there will be a hearing on Wednesday, January 23rd at New Lenox Village Hall beginning at 10 a.m. He said if there are people who would like to express an opinion on the relocation and they cannot personally attend, they can always provide written comment to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board and their address is posted on the City of Joliet's website. He said we do encourage people to come next week in person and everyone will be heard at that time.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC moved that Louise Ray be allowed to address the Council.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

Mrs. Ray commented on the article in the Sunday newspaper regarding the east side and the west side of Joliet, and stated and that the City is one as a whole, not divided. She also thanked the City Manager for doing an excellent job in the City along with former Corporation Counsel Tom Thanas and former Police Chief Joe Beazley for their help with the Forest Park Community Center and making a difference in the City of Joliet.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the Council adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR PRO-TEM BARBER.

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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