

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 3rd day of January, A.D. 2006***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Pastor Klaus Mehrl, Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1910 Black Road, Joliet.

Cub Scout Pack 256 Wolverine Patrol then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE, DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMAN ALEX LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: NONE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet held on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 3:00 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public Service

COUNCILMAN TURK reported that the Public Service Committee met and discussed the contracts, change orders, pay estimates and final payments, found them all to be in order and recommended approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 21.91 Acres Located West of Cherry Hill Road and North of Laraway Road

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 21.91 Acres Located West of Cherry Hill Road and North of Laraway Road (#A-52-05/Dist. #5)

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(Council Memo #3-06)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 21.91 Acres Located West of Cherry Hill Road and North of Laraway Road (#A-52-05/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #3-06)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 21.91 Acres Located West of Cherry Hill Road and North of Laraway Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-52-05/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #3-06)
4. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary Plat of Beatty Lumber Commercial Subdivision (#P-28-05/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #3-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on January 18, 2006 to allow additional time to work out the details of the annexation agreement.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that these items be tabled to the January 18, 2006 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – December 3 – December 16, 2005 -
\$2,552,611.95
(Council Memo #4-06)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period December 3, 2005 through December 16, 2005 and additions to the regular salaries for the period November 25, 2005 through December 8, 2005, including a 2005 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 Payrolls be allowed.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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A. ORDINANCES:

1. AN ORDINANCE Declaring the following Properties as Public Nuisances and Authorizing Application to the Circuit Court for Demolition, Injunction or other relief was presented and read:
315 Collins Street, 317 Collins Street, 465-471 N Scott Street, 804 Woodruff Road.
(Council Memo #5-06)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS,
GIARRANTE and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15365)

2. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2006 Joliet Special Service Area No. 1 – Prairie (Taylor – Douglas) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #6-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15366)
3. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2006 Joliet Special Service Area No. 2 – Willard/Woodward was presented and read.
(Council Memo #6-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15367)
4. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2006 Joliet Special Service Area No. 3 – Nicholson (Douglas – Ruby) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #6-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15368)
5. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2006 Joliet Special Service Area No. 4 – Dixon/Jersey was presented and read.
(Council Memo #6-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15369)
6. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2006 Joliet Special Service Area No. 5 – Comstock (Center – Marion) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #6-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15370)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked about Special Service Area No. 4 – Dixon/Jersey where the University of St. Francis has purchased many of the homes. She stated that most of the traffic generated is going to be for the University. She said since it is a matter of \$5,000, why does everybody over there have to pay that because eventually they will be selling their property to the University.

The City Manager stated that the City's policy right now is that all of the houses have to pay.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked why the University doesn't have to pay because they are buying the houses.

The City Manager stated that whoever owns the house has to pay.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that according to this the University owns the house, but they are not paying anything.

The City Manager stated they are exempt because they are a school. He stated he believes any school inside the City is exempt from the fee.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that these are homes that they are buying to tear down and most of the traffic is going to be generated from the University. She stated that if they own the homes then either they should pay or no one should pay in that area. She stated that is how she feels. She stated that it is a matter of \$5,000.

The City Manager said the Council's policy is that if a school owns property it is for educational purposes and they don't pay. He stated if the Council wants to change the policy then it could be reconsidered.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked what happens if in the meantime the school purchases the property, would there then be no charge for it.

The City Manager stated that when the road is started then the policy would apply at that time.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA asked if this applies to a church also.

The City Manager stated that is correct.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that she is still not getting it because right now people live in those homes next to the homes that the school has purchased so because the University purchased those homes next to the resident's home they don't have to pay for the streets and curbs. She stated that eventually those people will be selling to the University so the University is getting the street done at the cost of the people who live there now, at their expense.

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The City Manager stated that if the people sell by the time the project goes through then they would not have to pay. He said that it will be a year before the people get levied.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that it is a matter of \$5,000. She said she doesn't think it is right.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated he doesn't know what COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN is trying to say.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that there are certain homes in the area of Dixon and Jersey that the University has purchased. She said it is on the printout stating that they are not being charged.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said that is the Council's policy.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that's OK, but eventually the University is going to be purchasing the homes that the people haven't sold yet, so as of right now since those people live there they are going to have to pay the \$300 assessment, but most of the traffic is going to be generated by the University because of the parking lots that they are putting in there. She stated if the school is exempt and this is all for the University, then she doesn't believe the people in that whole area should be paying anything. She said that it is a matter of \$5,000. She stated that the people are paying for the street to be done so the University will have nice streets from the traffic they are going to generate with their parking lots.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that the policy is that schools and churches do not pay. He said if the people are going to sell their house to the school and if when the work is going to be done they still own it, then they will have to pay the \$300. He stated that if in the meantime they sell the house then there is no charge.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated he just wanted to clarify that the \$5,000 figure is the contribution from all the property owners. He said that it is \$300 per household.

The City Manager stated that the street is being done for all the property owners. He said this has been scheduled for a long time based upon their request.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that's right, but most of the traffic is going to be generated from the University.

The City Manager stated that the fee is probably about 5% of the project cost since it is capped at \$300. He said that even if they stayed for one year there would probably be at least \$300 worth of benefits to every one of the property owners.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated this is her opinion and what has been told to her by people who live there and again she has to voice their opinion.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA stated that when the streets were done by Sator Sanchez School the people in the area felt the same way because they thought the street was going to be for the school. He said that now after the school has been done, they are all very appreciative of what the City did because their

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houses went up in value due to the school across the street and the improvement in the streets.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that the difference is that the school was not buying their homes for future parking, which is what is happening here in this neighborhood.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that the policy is that schools and churches do not pay and when the road is done, if a school or church own the property, they don't pay. He stated that if the people own the property they will pay the \$300. He said if COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN is not happy with that, then the policy will have to be changed.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if just for this instance it could be changed because the traffic is generated from the University. She stated that is her point.

The City Manager stated that there is nothing that says those property owners are going to sell to the University. He stated that they could never sell to the University. He said that it is only some time in the future that if that homeowner decides to sell to them, which may be six months, six years or never, then the deal would be consummated. He stated that until then the City doesn't know that and they are just a property owner like everyone else. He said that there have been a lot of other property owners who have been around projects that have been around schools and they have had to pay and these people probably should be treated the same way. He stated that if they do sell in the next year they won't be charged, or if in the future they want to get their \$300 back from the University when they sell it, they should just tell the University that they want \$300 more than what they were going to sell it for and let the University pay it for them. He stated that to change the policy for these people when the City has no idea whether they are going to sell or not is not appropriate.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that whether they are going to sell or not, the traffic is still being generated by the University and they are having to pay for this extra traffic down their street to have a new street put in. She said that it has been needed for a long time; there is no question about that.

The City Manager stated that they are not paying for extra traffic; they are paying for a new street.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked the Corporation Counsel if she could just vote against the Ordinance regarding Special Service Area No. 4.

The Corporation Counsel stated that in the past when Council persons wanted to split a vote, they could vote aye as to the entire recommendation with the exception being the recommendation for Special Service Area No. 4. He said that the action today just schedules the matter for public hearing one month from now. He stated that this does not establish the Special Service Area.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that she will vote aye pending that meeting.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated that he will vote aye, but he would like to see the policy and what the Council has done with the schools. He stated that a lot of things were done with several schools previously.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that he agrees with COUNCILMAN SHETINA about the schools and COUNCILMAN DORRIS spent a lot of money by Joliet Central from his NIP funds.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN LEDESMA stated that it is a great improvement to the community and a long awaited project.

7. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Plat of Caton Farm and Ridge Roads Commercial Subdivision was presented and read.
(#FP-20-05/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #7-06)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the drawings are done and approved by staff by now.

The City Manager stated that this was part of a larger development. He stated that the building plans will come in later.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if it comes to the Council at that point also.

The City Manager stated that it goes only to staff unless the Council would like to review something like this at a Land Use Committee meeting.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated that he would like to do that because he still tends to see a higher quality product in neighboring towns for strip centers and other stores. He said that he sees less brick, less canopy coverage and less landscaping in the City plans. He stated that he would like to see some elevations before they are given a building permit.

The City Manager stated that this could be referred to Land Use whenever the plans come in.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated that at some point he would like to see what they are going to do and make sure that there isn't some quality changes that the Council would like to make or suggest that they consider.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated that quality and quantity becomes the issue again. He said that in looking at this you have 12 acres and 8 lots. He stated that you would have to look at the size of the buildings and the amount of parking that would be required.

The City Manager stated that they would have to meet the ordinance for the parking just like anything else that is approved by the staff.

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COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated that COUNCILMAN BROPHY has brought up a good point and he asked if these lots will be big enough to accommodate a CVS, Walgreen's or a nice top shelf restaurant. He stated that the Council doesn't know what they are going to do with this.

The City Manager stated that what happens is they come in and ask for a plat and then they go out and test the market and if they need to combine two lots to make it big enough for whatever they want to put there then they do it. He said then they would come back to the Council and ask to modify the plat based upon the use. He stated they don't know for sure what they are going to get in the area. He said they use a template that they think has worked in other locations and then they begin to market that and if it works, fine, their buildings have to fit the lots or they have to come back and see the Council. He stated that if the building doesn't fit the lot, then the City won't let them put the building on it and the parking can not be made any smaller.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked about the drawing that is attached to the memo.

The City Manager stated that is just a sample.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated that the City has a land to building ratio established and then it goes further with retail offices with the number of parking spaces per square foot.

The City Manager stated that is correct and the City has requirements of landscaping, size of each parking space, how many spaces, how many handicapped spaces and detention ponds. He said it is all laid out by ordinance and every time a permit comes in, it is reviewed. He stated that the entire commercial is 100% masonry on all of the buildings.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated that most of the small businesses seem to have enough parking, but that can be revisited with respect to what it might be for commercial office, commercial retail and whatever it might be, compared to land to building ratio.

The City Manager suggested that this issue be put on the Land Use Committee agenda.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15371)

RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Recognizing the Neighborhood Watch Groups of Timbers Edge and Pheasant Ridge Subdivisions was presented and read.
(Council Memo #11-06)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5715)

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2. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Conveyance of Three Lots on Woodruff Road and Holmes Avenue was presented and read.
(Council Memo #12-06)

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked who is buying these lots, so he doesn't have any conflict.

The City Manager stated they are being purchased by A. H. Partners Joliet, Inc. He stated they have done a lot of construction on the east side.

The Corporation Counsel stated that an ownership disclosure form just came in today and he will show it to COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated that he doesn't have a conflict with that so he can vote aye.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5716)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Authorization to Purchase Electronic Surveillance Equipment for the Police Department
(Council Memo #15-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Intelligence Collection Equipment, Law Enforcement Associates in the amount of \$5,745.00.

2. Authorization to Purchase Fire Station Wear for New Firefighters
(Council Memo #16-05)

A report on three quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Joliet Clothing Mart in the amount of \$18,201.75.

3. Authorization to Purchase Firefighter Turnout Gear for New Firefighters
(Council Memo #17-06)

A report on three quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to MES-Global Fire Equipment in the amount of \$34,361.00.

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4. Authorization to Purchase Maintenance for Engineering Software for the Public Works Department
(Council Memo #18-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council: 1) Authorize the Administration to enter into a one-year maintenance agreement with Eagle Point Software in the amount of \$8,370.00; and 2) Authorize the payment of the maintenance after January 1, 2006.

5. Award of Contract for the 2006 First and Second Round Pavement Cores and Rock Borings
(Council Memo #19-06 was never prepared)
6. Award of Contract for the Installation of a Dividing Wall at the Public Works and Utilities Administration Facility
(Council Memo #20-06)

A report on three proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to John Quas Masonry Company in the amount of \$3,926.00.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA
COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK,
UREMOVIC and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

B. Amendments, Change Orders, Payments and Finals

1. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment for the Rehabilitation of 407 Elmwood Avenue
(Council Memo #24-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,255.00 and Final Payment in the amount of \$5,565.00 on behalf of Fairmont Builders, Inc.

2. Approve Payment for Electric Service to Well 26-D (1949 Dee Nine Road)
(Council Memo #25-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$108,244.03 to Commonwealth Edison.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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NAYS: NONE.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- A. Transfer of a Class "I" Liquor License at 1030 N. Hickory Street
(Council Memo #29-06)

A communication from the Liquor Commissioner regarding the application of Juan J. Gutierrez d/b/a Restaurant Arandas for the Transfer of a Class "I" Liquor License at 1030 N. Hickory Street contained his recommendation that the transfer of this license is in the best interest of the City and therefore, approval is recommended.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the recommendation of the Liquor Commissioner be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR

- A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming January 15 – 21, 2006 as Joliet Jaycees Week

COUNCILMAN TURK read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ proclaiming the week of January 15 thru January 21, 2006 as Joliet Jaycees Week in the City of Joliet and urging all Joliet area residents to recognize the importance of community service to all of its citizens. He stated that the Joliet Junior Chamber has actively involved itself in the life of the community for the future development of community leaders as an organization both nationally and in the State of Illinois for the past ten years. He stated that they have contributed to several humanitarian projects in the City of Joliet.

Ms. Pam Newman, Joliet Junior Chamber of the Joliet Jaycees, thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition. She stated that they have many events coming up including a benefit spaghetti dinner on January 16th, a blood drive on January 17th, and a Family Talk Program on January 19th presented by Joliet Police Officer John Hanke on the hazards of drinking, all to be held at American Legion Harwood Post #5. She stated on February 20th they will be holding a social event at the local Jitters Coffee House in downtown Joliet.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR SCHULTZ suggested that the next Council meeting scheduled for January 18, 2006 be changed to January 17, 2006 and that the Pre-Council meeting scheduled for January 17th be cancelled.

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COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. be changed to Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., and that the Pre-Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. be cancelled.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN LEDESMA, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS,
GIARRANTE and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if the City Manager has a status on the Marquette Gardens streetlighting project.

The City Manager stated that he doesn't have a status report, but he will try to get one. He said that there was a hang up on ComEd doing the work and they are way behind on everything they are doing.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated that a resident in the area contacted a representative from ComEd who explained to the resident that the problem was that the City Engineer and the ComEd Engineer couldn't get together. He said that he would like this brought to the Public Service Committee.

The City Manager stated that he would be glad to do that and they will invite ComEd and let them explain why they are not getting it done.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated that the second phase is coming up in this year's Neighborhood Improvement Program. He stated he would like it all done at once since this has been pending for a year already.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated there has been a spike in the graffiti activity on the west side and there was a question as to what the protocol is with respect to the Police Department when there is a graffiti report. He stated that Mr. Steve Cammack was involved in the reporting of this and he asked the Police Chief to explain what the normal reporting process is when there is a graffiti action taken.

The Police Chief stated that a police report is taken and a picture taken, which is then sent to the criminal intelligence section where it is evaluated. He stated that some of it is just kids trying to do copycat stuff and some of it is significant to the Police Department. He stated that there was a small problem where an officer had an interpretation of the policy that was a little different than what was intended. He stated that has been straightened out.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if it is appropriate for a homeowner to call the police and report it.

The Police Chief said yes. He stated that the City also has a graffiti removal program.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated it seems like the Police Department is doing double duty these days and she would like to commend Officers Badertscher, Higgins, Banas and Vanhoose for going into burning buildings and saving lives. She said they all did a wonderful job. She stated that she got to experience firsthand the Fire Department EMTs when she had to call an

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ambulance for her mother and she would like to commend EMTs Ballard and Mores for their professional conduct and medical knowledge. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY thanked the members of the Joliet Jaycees for being at the meeting and accepting the Proclamation. He stated that they carry on an exhausting schedule of community work in this town and it is appreciated. He stated he especially appreciates them scheduling something at one of the City Center establishments. He also reminded everyone that Sunday, January 8th is the Wish Upon a Star softball in the snow fundraiser at St. Joe's Park from noon until sometime in the evening. He also wished his favorite police officer, "Blackie" Blackburn, a Happy Birthday.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS stated that he would like to pass on a word of sympathy to the family of Levi Williams, who passed away Friday. He said that Mr. Williams owned the Williams Barber Shop on South Chicago Street for over 35 years. He stated that his daughter, Bonnie Winfrey, has worked in many different areas in the City. He stated that he also wants to be the very first person to recognize that in 2004 the Boston Red Sox won the World Series, in 2005 the Chicago White Sox won the World Series, and 2006 has to be the Cubs year.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that he read in the paper that some people were riding through yards and destroying Christmas decorations and he had it happen also in his neighborhood. He said that one of his neighbors had a wooden deer destroyed, which was something that her deceased husband had made. He stated that the police officer who took the report took the deer home and fixed it for her and brought it back. He said that she was very happy about that. He asked if Vulcan Quarry pumps water out of their quarry on Laraway Road.

The Director of Community and Economic Development stated that they do pump water out of their quarry and it goes into Sugar Run Creek directly into the Des Plaines River.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that he got a call asking if this could contribute to the wells in the area drying out.

The Director of Community and Economic Development stated that they could contact Vulcan Quarry because they have done numerous tests in the area to see what impact they would have on people's water wells. He stated that they have found that the wells are so far away that they haven't had any significance on what has happened. He said that it is probably a result of the ongoing drought over the past several years. He stated that if it can be proven that Vulcan is responsible for some of it, they have stepped up and fixed some of the folk's wells.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked how they would go about reporting this.

The Director of Community and Economic Development stated that Vulcan has a citizen advisory committee and they can either contact them or the manager at Vulcan Quarry.

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The City Manager suggested that COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE give the names to the Director of Community and Economic Development and a meeting could be set up with Vulcan and the residents concerned.

MAYOR SCHULTZ stated that he agrees with COUNCILMAN DORRIS that the Cubs are going to do it this year.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the meeting adjourn.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

Recorded on Tape