

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

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday October 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 Isaac Singleton, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 402 Singleton Place, Joliet, Illinois.

Pastor Singleton then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, 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: DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN BROPHY, 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 and recommended them for approval.

B. Water Park

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Joliet Park District Director has been unavailable and he is going to set up a meeting for next week to discuss several questions he had regarding the Water Park's labor and operating expenses.

There were no other Committee reports.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A. Position Vacancies
(Council Memo #1126-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill the positions of Fire Captain, Police Aide, Public Safety Dispatcher, Property Maintenance Evaluator and any subsequent vacancies directly related to these positions.

B. Modification to the 2006 District 4 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1127-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the 2006 District 4 Neighborhood Improvement Program be modified to include the 3209 Apache Drive Rear Yard Drainage Project in the amount of \$11,000 and the 1129 Valley Avenue Side Yard Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$5,000.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE. (COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN voted no on Council Memo #1126-06)

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated she is voting no on Council Memo #1126-06 because she thinks a Committee should be appointed to fill any vacant positions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 164 Acres Located at the Northeast Corner of Laraway and Rowell Roads

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 164 Acres Located at the Northeast Corner of Laraway and Rowell Roads as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-65-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1131-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15676)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 164 Acres Located at the Northeast Corner of Laraway and Rowell Roads to I-1 Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-65-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1131-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15677)

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3. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Revised Preliminary Plat of Laraway Distribution Center Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#P-21-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1131-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15678)
4. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Plat of Laraway Distribution Center Unit 1 Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#FP-23-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1131-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15679)
5. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of Laraway Distribution Center Unit 1 Subdivision as recommended by the Administration subject to receipt of the following fees and documentation within 60 days of approval was presented and read: 1) A Letter of Credit or Performance Bond for public improvements in the amount of \$2,895,910.00; 2) A 1 ¼ % inspection fee for public improvements in the amount of \$36,199.00; and 3) An Irrevocable Offer of Dedication for public improvements.
(#RP-37-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1131-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15680)

The City Clerk noted that this is a public hearing so any comments would be in order at this time.

Ms. Grace Bachmann of 408 Sugar Creek Drive thanked the Mayor and Council and City officials for holding the meeting on Thursday for the Sugar Creek residents and the developers of Exel and Ryan Companies.

Mr. Chris Cartwright of 760 Sugar Creek Drive thanked the Mayor and Council for having the meeting which gave them an opportunity to have a dialogue with the developers and the Ryan Group, and he thanked COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and COUNCILMAN SHETINA for attending. He said he knows this annexation will probably go through but there are no guarantees that they are not going to be flooded. He said they understand what Exel plans on doing. He said Ryan gave some dialogue on future flooding of their neighborhood. He said they found out from the City Manager that if you decide to move your home into a floodplain and live in a floodplain and you get flooded, it is your problem. He said they never had much of a water problem before. He said they weren't affected by this until this whole future development came about. He said it's only going to get worse for them and they don't know if it's going to get any better, but there are no guarantees.

Mr. Cartwright said they learned from the City Manager that the Sugar Creek that runs through their subdivision is their responsibility and is their creek. He said COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN suggested dredging the creek. He said with the rain we had last night they had no problems. He said they have multiple sites dumping into Sugar Creek. He said they feel like they are being left out and the Township is being left out. He said he would like the Mayor and Council to think about them even if they don't vote for their offices because they are Will County

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residents and maybe they can prevent a future flood of 20 homes.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if the County could help dredge this area.

The City Manager said Will County and the Township could help. He said they could do a Special Service Area or there are a lot of things they could do.

Mr. Steve Hess of Exel, Inc. thanked everyone for their participation in the workshop that occurred last week. He said he hopes the members of the community realize the project that they are representing has a significant reduction in the amount of off-site water flow resulting in practically a 97% less post development than is a condition today. He thanked the staff and stated he looks forward to the vote.

Mr. Ken Stewart of 516 Hillside Road stated at the meeting last week the City Manager explained the ponds and how they would help their flooding problems which he agrees with. He said he filled out a Freedom of Information Act form asking if Ponds 4 and 5 were completed. He said according to his response from the City they have no information that they are completed. He said if you are going to dump water into Pond 5 which is going to go into Pond 4, he thinks you should make sure Ponds 4 and 5 are completed.

The City Manager stated the Exel project is not the project that Mr. Stewart is addressing. He said he is talking about the Laraway project which is another project.

The Public Works Administrator stated in the first phase of Exel's project they are not going to build their pond in the northwest corner which would outfall into Pond 5. He said to start out with they are going to work on the east half of their property and build 2 detention basins and those will outfall northeast underneath the hiking path and that will drain into another portion of Sugar Creek. He said by the time they build the section that is draining into the northwest basin, Laraway Crossings should have Pond 4 finished. He said the bottom line with Pond 4 is they have to put a little more fill material in there and they are going to put a clay liner in the bottom. He said Laraway Crossings has told them Pond 5 is completed to grade. He said at this point in time Laraway Distribution Center's building should not have any impact on the people in Sugar Creek.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said since so many people are dumping into Sugar Creek, is there some way that we can enforce some type of ordinance to get them to help these folks out with that creek or can we do something to help these people.

The Corporation Counsel stated that the City Manager mentioned the Special Service Area and it is probably the most efficient mechanism for dealing with a regional problem. He said the County would be the agency that would have jurisdiction to do that because so much of the Sugar Creek watershed is outside of the City of Joliet and beyond our jurisdiction. He said it would require intergovernmental cooperation. He said they could form a Special Service district, assuming the residents that live in the district have an interest in doing that, and if you want to provide for an on-going means for collecting revenue to take care of maintenance expenses.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if this is something that should be done before the annexation is approved.

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The Corporation Counsel said what we have before us tonight is a request from a property owner that has an agreement with the City of Joliet to annex the property as we previously agreed to do. He said most of the Exel site does not even discharge into the Sugar Creek Subdivision. He said the part of the property that does discharge into Sugar Creek Subdivision will only do so after its water is retained on the Exel site, so the entire 100 year storm would be retained on site and then released at a very slow rate to the Laraway Crossings property (Ryan property), which would then detain it again and store the 100 year storm before it would then be released again at a very slow rate into the tributary to the Sugar Creek proper that runs within the subdivision. He said this is kind of unique in that very rarely does the City get double detention in an area and that's what we are getting from the Exel property. He said no other developer that he's aware of has been required to do that, but Exel has been required to do that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so in other words they should take this up with the County Board as well.

The Corporation Counsel said if there are ongoing problems outside our corporate limits that involve Township properties and County properties, these folks are represented by elected Township and County officials and they should be involved in any solution.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated there is no question that the Township and County have a responsibility. He said the Township probably doesn't have the resources to do anything and they are not generally willing to do anything about levying a tax. He said the County may feel that there is no benefit for them to do it. He said it seems that the City of Joliet is the only place to go to for any kind of relief and to at least begin the dialogue with the Township and the County and to see if there is some way as a trio to do something to try to alleviate what looks like a watershed. He said we need to step up and do what we can as a City to help and make sure what is being done doesn't exacerbate the current problem.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated he was unable to make the meeting and he asked if this project is going to add to the water problem in Sugar Creek.

The City Manager said no, it is helping the water problem that exists in Sugar Creek.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked why there's all this dialogue all of a sudden if it's helping.

The City Manager said there are a lot of people that live there that have built right next to the floodplain. He said that floodplain is documented and it is there because when you get a 100 year storm the water comes up to there and goes higher, sometimes getting very close to their homes. He said this project is going to help that. He said whenever the ground is saturated and it rains, almost 100% of that water comes down through Sugar Creek. He said after this project is built, you will have 3 huge detention ponds which will hold the 100 year storm, and that is what you want for protection for these folks and for anybody downstream.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked what happens first, the detention ponds or the buildings.

The Public Works Administrator stated they should be built simultaneously, but the ponds go in when they are doing their earth work and then they start putting buildings up.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said that's what they should do but what does the agreement require.

The Corporation Counsel said the agreement requires compliance with our subdivision regulations so as the developer alters the site and takes away the ability of that site to absorb water, then it needs to be replaced with equal or better drainage and detention.

The City Manager said Exel stated they would build their ponds up front before they would build the buildings.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked how deep the ponds are going to be.

The Public Works Administrator said the northeast ponds are going to be wetland type bottoms which means they are only 6" deep with water all the time. He said in the northwest basin what we're trying to get is a wet bottom which means approximately 10' of depth from the normal water down which means you will always have water there.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if he thought they were deep enough.

The Public Works Administrator said yes. He said your detention is basically from the normal water level up to the high water. He said what's below, whether it be grass or a water surface, is just for aesthetics. He said the storage is there whether it's a wet bottom or a dry bottom. He said we're trying to get wet bottom on the northwest ponds just for aesthetic purposes.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinances be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said in response to one of the resident's comments on whether he can vote for her or not, it doesn't really matter to her because she was elected to this office to be a voice for the people. She said whether she votes no or votes yes, this is probably going to pass today, but what she wants to tell him and the folks that live in Sugar Creek is she will do her best to help with intergovernmental agreements to get some help out there. She said she will vote yes but she won't forget them and will help them.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked the Public Service Committee to make certain that we are represented there and that nothing is done to cause a greater problem than we already have. He said he trusts our staff; they have been straight with us. He said he has the same sentiments as COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN has and is sure we all have the same feelings that we don't do any more damage than is already there and he votes aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN TURK said he is going to vote aye and he thinks the City has always been a good neighbor to all of our neighbors and he thinks we have proven that and this is no exception.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated he concurs with COUNCILMAN TURK and he thinks the staff has done a great job on this and he votes aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated we have taken a leadership role many times and on things like this we have stretched our staff well beyond our borders and we've asked them to take care of this town as well as these folks. He said we take the lead on those too and they should be recognized. He said they have done it in the past, they will do it in the future and he votes aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated over the past 10 years he doesn't recall any vote that we've taken that is going to hurt our neighbors and he votes aye.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ said we'll do everything we can to help you out and he votes aye.

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive and Annexation of 10.179 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive (#A-63-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1132-06)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive (#A-63-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1132-06)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 5.32 Acres Located North of Spencer Road and East of Rickey Drive to R-1B Zoning (#A-63-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1132-06)
4. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 10.179 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road (#A-64-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1132-06)
5. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 10.179 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road (#A-64-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1132-06)
6. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 10.179 Acres Located East of Rickey Drive and North of Spencer Road to R-1B Zoning (#A-64-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1132-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting of November 21, 2006 to coincide with the petitioner's recently submitted Annexation and Preliminary Plat requests relating to this project.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said items be tabled to the November 21, 2006 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

C. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 302 Oscar Avenue

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for 302 Oscar Avenue (#A-58-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1133-06)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 302 Oscar Avenue (#A-58-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1133-06)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 302 Oscar Avenue to R-2 Zoning (#A-58-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1133-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that these items be taken off the table and that a public hearing be scheduled for the City Council meeting of October 17, 2006.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said items be tabled to the October 17, 2006 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – August 26 – September 8, 2006 - \$2,758,587.94
(Council Memo #1134-06)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period August 26, 2006 through September 8, 2006 and additions to regular salaries for the period August 18, 2006 through August 31, 2006 including a 2006 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.

- B. Regular Payroll – September 9 – September 22, 2006 - \$3,206,893.11
(Council Memo #1135-06)

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Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period September 9, 2006 through September 22, 2006 and additions to regular salaries for the period September 1, 2006 through September 14, 2006 including a 2006 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 TURK moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR SCHULTZ moved several items up on the agenda at this time.

A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming October 2006 as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

COUNCILMAN TURK read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ proclaiming October 2006 as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Joliet in recognition of the importance of creating an atmosphere wherein we as a community agree that there is no shame in being a victim of domestic violence and that to allow this violence to continue is completely unacceptable.

Ms. Marilyn Dorris of Guardian Angel Community Services thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and recognition.

B. Presentation of Donation to the American Red Cross

The Deputy City Manager introduced Mr. John Hines and Ms. Katie Hines from the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. He said Mr. Hines is President of the Board of Directors and a longtime volunteer and also a Joliet resident. He said the City of Joliet held a Tag Day in June to raise money plus they raised the cost of the registration fee for the Car Show a little bit to add to the donation. He said the City of Joliet matched the funds raised and he presented a check in the amount of \$9,243.30 to Mr. Hines.

Mr. Hines accepted the check on behalf of the American Red Cross. He said the City of Joliet has been the top fundraiser in each campaign and they are really proud of the City of Joliet. He said each year the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago has a "Hometown Heroes Awards" honoring the individuals that do extraordinary acts of kindness and are very courageous people. He said this year at its "Heroes Breakfast" they honored Joliet Police Officers Robert Badertscher and Terry Higgins who rescued several people who were trapped in a burning home. He said the reason why Joliet is always here to help them is because of the quality of the people of Joliet and their compassion for others. He thanked the Mayor and City Council and presented them with a plaque in recognition of their support.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Amending the Joliet Liquor Code Regarding Accessory Premises
(Council Memo #1136-06)

The City Clerk noted that this was approved at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

2. Final Planned Unit Developments, Preliminary, Final and Recording Plats
 - a. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of Maple Springs Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#P-3-06/Dist. #4)
(Council Memo #1137-06)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said before they come in for recording approval, there are several items on their disclosure form that he would like the staff to address and he said he would talk to the Director of Community and Economic Development about it.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15681)

- b. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Planned Unit Development of Country Club Villas Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#PUD-8-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1138-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15682)
- c. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of Country Club Villas Subdivision as recommended by the Administration subject to the receipt of the following fees and documentation within 60 days of approval was presented and read: 1) A performance bond or letter of credit for public improvements in the amount of \$713,468.00; 2) A 1 ¼% inspection fee for public improvements in the amount of \$8,918.35; 3) An irrevocable offer of dedication for public improvements; and 4) A receipt from the Joliet Park District for the cash contribution from the developer in the amount of \$216,700.48. (#RP-35-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1138-06)
(ORDINANCE NO. 15683)

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COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinances be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

- d. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of NHP Alzheimer's Center Subdivision as recommended by the Administration subject to receipt of the following fees and documentation within 60 days was presented and read: 1) A Letter of Credit or Performance Bond for public improvements in the amount of \$95,010.00; 2) A 1 ¼% inspection fee for public improvements in the amount of \$1,187.00; and 3) An Irrevocable Offer of Dedication for public improvements. (#RP-36-06/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1140-06)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15684)

- e. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary Plat of Schweitzer Road Industrial Subdivision (#P-23-06/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1141-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by staff that this item be tabled indefinitely to allow additional time to develop an off-site utility plan.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said item be tabled indefinitely.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

- f. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final PUD of Central Park Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#FP-16-06/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #1142-06)

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COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, BROPHY, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA
and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated she is going to vote no because she doesn't think we should be building any more residential on floodplains until we get the problems that we've currently experienced the last couple of days and all summer taken care of.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated as he indicated in the preliminary plans, there is too much density and this is not the right and best use for this property and he votes no.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if they are going to begin construction this year or in the spring.

Mr. Robert Rogina of Rogina and Associates advised that it will start in the spring.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15685)

3. 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: 209 S. Eastern Avenue, 212 S. Eastern Avenue, 517 Gardner Street (garage only), 656-658 E. Jackson Street, 504 Krakar Avenue and 359 N. William Street.

(Council Memo #1143-06)

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN LEDESMA asked if demolition proceedings on these properties will begin if they are not taken care of.

The Corporation Counsel said that's correct. He said a vote to declare a property as a public nuisance has traditionally been a direction to the Legal Department and the Neighborhood Services Division to begin enforcement. He said a case may not end up in a demolition court if there is , many times we will enter into a settlement agreement with the property owner for rehabilitation of the property within a short period of time.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked about 359 N. William Street. She said the Cathedral Area residents are very upset about this because they don't want to see another house torn down.

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The City Manager said this is a vacant, two-story wood frame house and it is in foreclosure. He said we are trying to get it into court so we can get the attention of the owner and have them do something with the property. He said we have a lot of homes included in this Council Memo that are vacant. He said they don't necessarily have to look bad, but if the structures are vacant then we take them to court whether they are in foreclosure or not to get the attention of the owner so they will do something with the home.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if she can assure the residents that this will not be torn down.

The City Manager said yes, I think at this point you could assure them that it wouldn't be torn down. He said the owner would certainly have the ability to tear it down if they wanted to but we are not proceeding to have this torn down, we are proceeding to try to get it occupied.

(ORDINANCE NO. 15686)

4. AN ORDINANCE Amending the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Use of Brick in Exterior Elevations – Section 47-30(e) was presented and read. (#ZO-3-06)
(Council Memo #1144-06)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN TURK, BROPHY, GIARRANTE, LEDESMA, SHETINA and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked for an explanation of the addendum.

The City Manager stated we had discussed modifying this yesterday at the Pre-Council meeting to make sure that it was clear that EIFS and Drivet would be allowable and also the cement siding would be allowable especially in those areas where there is no underlying support sufficient to carry brick or stone. He said the Corporation Counsel also added a definition for face brick being a "brick veneer with a nominal 3" bed depth".

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated he understands staff putting this together because it is helpful so we can compare apples and apples as we look at the other surrounding communities around Joliet. He said he doesn't think even with this amendment that it adds to the quality. He said he mentioned yesterday that he would like to see more subdivisions like Country Glen and Glenwood Manor. He said it's not like he wants to see every subdivision like that but what he would like to see in our comprehensive plan is maybe a subdivision like Wooded Creek, a subdivision like Country Glen and a subdivision like we are building right now. He said this doesn't add to the quality at this point so he is voting no and is asking that this go back to the Land Use Committee for review and to look at more quality and brick in the new homes.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated she too wants more quality in building the homes and although she thanks the staff for working on this, it still doesn't come up to the standard that she would like to see for the City of Joliet so she also is voting no.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he can understand the concerns of COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC AND COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN. He said Joliet has come a long way over the last 10 years with respect to quality on the homes. He said we probably have seen a couple of projects that did not go forward because of the quality that we have asked for, and that's OK. He said remember that this is market driven. He said today Glenwood Manor and Country Glen look great, but the market is going to determine whether or not we are going to have another Country Glen or Glenwood Manor or whatever we are going to have. He said Joliet has taken a position over the past 20 years that we are going to house people. He said we have a tremendous mix of folks in our City and it requires all kinds of housing. He said sometimes condominiums and apartments are highlighted and there is more activity in that area and that's starting to show right now a little bit. He said sometimes its homes that are \$150,000 - \$200,000 and that happened to have been a strong market for us. He said the used market in Joliet remains very strong; they don't stay on the market very long. He said to say that this particular issue is a focal or a driving issue is probably not completely right but it tells us that we have looked for an increase in quality and we've achieved that as a Council.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we don't have to hold our head in shame to anyone. He said we've increased the gauge on the vinyl, the amount of brick going on the houses, the landscaping and berming requirements and are protecting the properties around the commercial and industrial enterprises that we've undertaken. He said we rank second to no one. He said he doesn't know of anybody that is doing a better job than we are. He said we are going to build the kind of houses that people want given that they stay within the parameters that we've set as a Mayor and Council and staff. He said we have been the forerunner in putting in the kinds of impact fees and park district allocations that are necessary. He said people call us for copies of our ordinances and ask to meet with our staff and we have been very generous in lending our staff to every city around here so we have nothing to be ashamed of.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said we just approved a Preliminary Plat for Maple Springs Subdivision and the estimated price ranges are from \$412,000 to \$484,000.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ asked how many new homes have been built in the City in the last 5 years and how much our population has gone up.

The City Manager said in the last 5 years we've probably built 6,500 homes and our population has increased by 20,000.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he took this seat in 1995 and he asked the City Manager what the minimum residential lot size was at that time.

The City Manager said 7,500 sq. ft.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said it was 7,500 sq. ft. and 65 foot across the front. He said there was no builder required residential disclosure form, no brick or masonry requirements, no special berming, fencing, ponds, aerators and so forth. He said by the year 2000 we had most of those things in place, and now we are tweaking them. He said we put the right things in place many years ago.
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5. Ordinance re: Approving a Variation of Use to Allow a Retail Beauty Supply Business in an R-3 District Located at 809 Woodruff Road (#2005-108/Dist. #4)
(Council Memo #1145-06)
6. Ordinance re: Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow Construction of a Community Residential Home for Eight People Located at 1815 Birmingham Place (#2006-97/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1146-06)
7. Ordinance re: Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow Construction of a Community Residential Home for Eight People Located at 7105 Pyramid Drive (#2006-98/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #1147-06)

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

8. Ordinance re: Accepting Easements Associated with the Olde Renwick Trail Aerator Installation
(Council Memo #1148-06 was never prepared)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement with Energy Resources Center to Provide Electrical Energy Procurement Consulting Services was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1153-06)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5838)

2. A RESOLUTION Accepting the Dedication of Right-of-Way for Theodore Street from Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1154-06)
(RESOLUTION NO. 5839)
3. A RESOLUTION Accepting the Grant of a Public Utility Easement from Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1154-06)
(RESOLUTION NO. 5840)

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA moved that said Resolutions be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

4. A RESOLUTION Approving the Second Addendum Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the U.S. Route 30 (Plainfield Road) from Cass Street/Western Avenue to the Former E. J. & E. Railroad Reconstruction and Traffic Signal Modernization Project was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1155-06)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5841)

5. A RESOLUTION Declaring Certain Fire Department Equipment as Surplus (5 Sets of Fire Gear and 5 Pairs of Boots) and donating it to the WILCO Career Training Center was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1156-06)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5842)

6. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Acquisition of 803-805 Black Road was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1157-06)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said this is another good acquisition, and it took long enough but we got it done.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if we were going to increase the plantings on that corner.

The City Manager said yes. He said they were going to move it back further and take the pavement out of there.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5843)

7. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of Property Located at 221 N. Broadway Street and a Vacant Lot at the Northeast Corner of Woodruff Road and Clark Street was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1158-06)

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 5844)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Request Authorization for the Demolition and Replacement of the Jefferson Street Entrance Doors

(Council Memo #1160-06)

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 for the demolition of the pre-cast concrete panels to Trizzino Construction in the amount of \$3,600.00, and to award the contract for the replacement of the two sets of doors to Moore Glass in the amount of \$13,488.00.

2. Request Authorization to Approve the 2006-2007 Rock Salt Purchase Contract

(Council Memo #1161-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council enter into a Joint Purchasing Agreement with the State of Illinois and Cargill Incorporated Salt to purchase 7500 tons of bulk rock salt at a unit price of \$37.24 per tone for a total of \$279,300.00.

3. Award of Contract for the 7315 Southworth Circle Rear Yard Drainage Improvement Project

(Council Memo #1162-06)

A report on four proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Austin Tyler Construction, LLC in the amount of \$26,670.00.

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4. Request Authorization to Purchase Gloves for the Public Works and Utilities Department
(Council Memo #1163-06)

A report on two proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to McCann Industries in the amount of \$6,482.76.

5. Request Authorization to Purchase Odor Control System for the Black Road Lift Station
(Council Memo #1164-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award this contract to Ley & Associates in the amount of \$112,000.00.

6. Award of Contract for the Millboro Place Storm Sewer Project – 2006 CSO Elimination Program
(Council Memo #1165-06)

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 P.T. Ferro Construction Company in the amount of \$171,223.75.

7. Award of Contract for the Campbell Street Watermain Extension Project - 2006
(Council Memo #1166-06)

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 P.T. Ferro Construction Company in the amount of \$109,718.50.

8. Award of Contract for the Installation of Rear Yard Drain and Alley Storm Sewer at 806 Western Avenue
(Council Memo #1167-06)

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 Austin Tyler Construction LLC in the amount of \$32,472.00.

9. Award of Contract for the Theodore Street Pumping Station Landscaping Improvement Project
(Council Memo #1168-06)

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 Trotter Landscaping in the amount of \$12,300.00.

10. Authorization to Reject the Bids for the Joliet Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvement Project
(Council Memo #1169-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the two bids received for the above project be rejected as sufficient funds are not available to construct the project as bid.

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Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if staff wanted the Council to reject these bids. She said that's fine, but she just wanted to make sure.

The City Manager said yes.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said there was a \$2.5 million difference between the low bid and the engineer's estimate, and he asked for an explanation.

The City Manager said they were not sure why exactly there was such a difference. He said we are going to break it down into smaller bids, rebid it and do some of it ourselves. He said we know it is way too high.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

B. Change Orders and Payouts

1. Approve Change Order No. 5 for the 2006 Plant Mix Contract
(Council Memo #1174-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$20,847.26 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

2. Approve Change Order No. 4 and Payment Request No. 7 & Final for the Sable Ridge Interceptor Sewer Project
(Council Memo #1175-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$15,817.31 and Payment Request No. 7 & Final in the amount of \$15,817.31 on behalf of T.J. Lambrecht Construction.

3. Approve Amendment No. 2 for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Upgrade Engineering Services Agreement
(Council Memo #1176-06)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$48,000.00 on behalf of Clark Dietz.

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

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR

A. Presentation of Donation to American Red Cross

B. Proclamation re: Proclaiming October 2006 as “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

These items were presented earlier in the meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

A. Mayor Schultz – Appointments

MAYOR SCHULTZ placed in nomination the appointment of Christine Merriman to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the appointment of Christine Merriman to the Zoning Board of Appeals be confirmed.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN LEDESMA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if this appointment was a replacement or to fill a vacancy.

MAYOR SCHULTZ stated there was a vacancy.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he respects the Council’s vote on the brick ordinance and their comments and he thinks they are correct. He said we have gone a long way in improvements and he does commend the Council and staff for that.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said the Council has approved an agreement with Energy Resources Center for electrical energy procurement, and he asked what would happen if the General Assembly meets in special session and freezes the rates.

The City Manager said we wouldn’t have to go through with this agreement.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said then we wouldn’t execute it.

The City Manager said that’s correct.

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COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said so we are not executing anything at this point until we get more information.

The City Manager said we have authorization to do that but one of the conditions we have is that if the rates are going to be frozen, then there is no way that anyone will be able to compete with that.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if we choose another provider other than ComEd and that producer goes off-line, and they don't produce electricity, what happens then.

The City Manager said you could just rebid it and we wouldn't be penalized in any way. He said if they do not fulfill their contract then we don't have to go through with the contract and we can accept one from someone else.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked if there would be any interruption in service.

The City Manager stated no, we will always have electricity and there will never be an interruption in service.

COUNCILMAN TURK stated he had some calls today as a result of the storm and there are still a lot of people in the City without power. He said he talked to some residents on the west side of Fairlane Drive and it seems like there is an extraordinary amount of power outages in that area. He said he was wondering after everyone is on board and the storm is cleaned up, maybe we could take a look with ComEd to see if there is a certain grid there is a problem with. He said it seems like there are always electrical problems in the west side of Glenwood Manor and part of Parkview. He said they are also getting a lot of water since Infantry Drive went in. He asked the City Manager if they could check those two things out.

The City Manager said he received an e-mail from Brian Lemke referring to his property in the 700 block and somebody else in the 500 block and he forwarded the e-mail to Jeff Hettrick at ComEd. He said he talked with Jeff and what they agreed to is that ComEd will do a reliability study and look at it and compare it to other areas of the City and see if there have been more outages in that particular area and if there have been, they will do an analysis of that and see what they need to do. He said we could also have them come to a Public Service Committee and explain it.

COUNCILMAN TURK said he also had a call from a couple of senior citizens about having the Penny Saver newspaper thrown in their driveways. He said one woman doesn't get out every day and the paper will lay there and it gives the impression that no one is home. He said she called the Penny Saver office and asked to be taken off the list and they more or less told her she was out of luck. He asked if the City has any control over something like that.

The Corporation Counsel said there has been some litigation in the Federal courts which says municipalities cannot restrict businesses from directly contacting and doing drops on private residences. He said if they drop the material in the public right-of-way it is littering, but short of that you really can't prohibit people from distributing newspapers or commercial solicitations in residential areas.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA said over the past month we have been beset with rain and other kinds of storms and last night's storm was really nasty. He said the Police, Fire and our street workers have been under siege with this. He said he was very proud this morning when he saw the Homer Tree Service trucks and every other company that we could possibly get out cleaning up debris. He said the City's response is just getting better and better. He said it is very important and he hopes we can keep this kind of a response going.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA mentioned that the Director of the Community & Economic Development Department outdid himself on the Pumpkin Fest and even with Friday's rain and cold there were still a good number of people at the fest.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said with the power outage now, Western Avenue seems to be on two separate grids and it seems that every time it rains or there is a storm, either the north side or the south side goes down. She said it is her understanding that the south side went down last night and she said she was told by ComEd that the power will be down for two more days and she asked if that was correct.

The City Manager said we cannot determine when ComEd will have the power back on and it's different in every neighborhood. He said they were going to try to have the majority of the people restored tonight by 11 p.m. He said he talked to ComEd about 5:30 p.m. and they had 24,000 customers out as of early this morning and they were now down to 8,000 customers out. He said we do have some neighborhoods where we have significant damage with large trees down on the wires and telephone poles down. He said those areas that are dependent upon those lines to take the electricity to their homes will probably not be up until sometime late tomorrow afternoon at best. He said ComEd has all of their crews out on 16 hour shifts. He said ComEd has hired contractors that are also working with them to get everything done. He said they did expedite a lot of work for different entities including various schools and our mechanical maintenance facility and other important facilities around town. He said this is probably the closest thing to a tornado that we've had and the damage is very significant and widespread. He said we will continue to talk with ComEd for updates tomorrow morning and will ask them about Western Avenue to see what they can do to expedite that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if the sirens in those areas are non-functioning.

The Fire Chief said they did their monthly testing this morning and all sirens were operational.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if all these storms that we've had would be called a 100 year flood.

The City Manager said no.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked why all the ponds on the far west side are overflowing. She said if they are built to hold water with the exception of a 100 year flood, why are they overflowing and flooding the streets especially out on Arbeiter Road.

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The City Manager said he's not questioning the accuracy of her statement, but he would ask what she means by all of them are overflowing.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said not all of them are overflowing, but some are.

The City Manager asked if she could be specific as to which ones.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the ones out by Arbeiter Road have again flooded. She said apparently there is a lady that has lived out there for 2 ½ months and 3 times in those 2 ½ months she's been unable to get out of her subdivision due to the flooding on Arbeiter Road.

The City Manager said staff did drive out there this morning and the ponds are doing very, very well. He said he is not aware of any ponds that overflowed in the rain that we had last night. He said if there is some flooding that is on Arbeiter Road that may be related to the construction on Arbeiter Road. He said there is a large sanitary sewer interceptor that is going from a little bit south of Caton Farm Road all the way down to Black Road. He said there is a lot of construction and some parts have no storm sewer and no road at this point. He asked for the lady's name and phone number and he said they would check it out tomorrow and see what they can do.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said that he thinks it's valuable to point out that we consider the importance of the Public Works functions by the action the City Manager has taken with regards to Jim Eggen and Jim Trizna both being elevated to a Group 1 level, and he asked if these are effective yet.

The City Manager said it is not effective yet and hopefully it will be brought back to the Council in a couple of weeks.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said those are two very important functions and we want to separate them so they can be focused and this is a good time to do it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we've come a long way with ComEd and utilities. He said we expect now to know exactly when power will be turned on compared to years ago when there was a question mark if it would ever come back on.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY congratulated the Director of Community and Economic Development and his staff on a great Pumpkin Fest. He said it was a lot of fun with the kids.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked about the commercial lease signs that we allow commercial building owners to install advertising space for lease and he questioned whether there is a limit to the size and the duration that signs can stay up. He said there are several signs now that are becoming eyesores. He said you have a main sign for the building that is brick or decorative and then there is this plywood thing stuck out in front in some cases for more than a year. He said if we can deal with this in Land Use or some other appropriate place he would like to do that to see if we can limit the size, the scope and the duration of the signs.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said people expect a few things out of us whether it be gas prices or ComEd or simple things. He said this summer it was skunks and noisy cars. He said while we can't do something about everything we do try. He said he thinks one of the most bothersome things in the summer is the cars with the loud music booming from them that disturbs people all day and night whether you're driving along side them or in your home and listening to them go by. He asked before next summer if the Police Department could come up with a special team to address this. He said with regards to skunks he thinks we ought to let a contract out to remove them because they are a nuisance.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE also commended the Director of Community and Economic Development and the rest of the City employees that helped with Pumpkin Fest; they did a great job. He said he was there working for 4 hours and it was great to see all the families out there. He said he heard from the police they hardly had any problems at all.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he asked about 9 N. Hickory Street a while back and it was supposedly in court. He asked for an update.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA asked if we filled the vacancy position for the Inspector in the Neighborhood Services Division.

The City Manager said the Council authorized the position to be filled tonight which will be done.

COUNCILMAN LEDESMA thanked the staff for moving so quickly on last night's storm problems and this morning's cleanup. He said he is asking people to have patience that everything will be back to normal.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said there was a lot of activity at the old Barrett's Hardware building and it seems like everything has stopped now. She asked what's going on with it.

The City Manager said there was a pending sale on the property and there was a proposal that would have converted it into a boutique/hotel. He said at the last minute the sale did not close because of some financial and legal problems relating to the proposed new owner. He said that owner will not be going through with the sale. He said it is still for sale but that project will not be proceeding. He said there was a trailer that had been moved to the rear of the building and they are having a little bit of a legal problem trying to get it out, but it should be out soon if it isn't already.

MAYOR SCHULTZ thanked the Police, Fire and all City employees for a job well done last night and said he wanted to personally thank ComEd. He said the last he heard it will be 11 a.m. tomorrow morning before everybody gets service but don't hold him to it because that's just what he was told.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the Council adjourn.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, BROPHY
and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

Recorded on Tape