

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 5th day of October, A.D. 2010***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

INVOCATION

An Invocation was delivered by Pastor Michael Day, First Church of the Nazarene, 1009 S. Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois with a special prayer for Councilwoman Barber's sister who passed away earlier this week.

Pastor Day 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, DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN JOHN GERL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA and COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK.

ABSENT: DISTRICT 4 COUNCILWOMAN SUSIE BARBER.

ALSO PRESENT: CITY MANAGER THOMAS A. THANAS and CORPORATION COUNSEL JEFFREY S. PLYMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that the minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMAN GERL.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Public Safety

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that the Public Safety Committee met yesterday and discussed a request to upgrade the tornado sirens at Joliet Junior College and the Westside Police Substation by increasing the head size of the sirens for better coverage. He said the Committee also discussed the relocation of Fire Station No. 3. He said that the invitations to bid will be available October 11th and will be opened on October 29th. He said they hope to bring a recommendation to the Council at the first meeting in November and there will be a hard number at that time as to what the cost of the station will be.

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B. Public Service

COUNCILMAN TURK said the Public Service Committee met this morning and reviewed the contracts, change orders, pay estimates and final payments, found them all to be in order and recommended their approval. He said they also reviewed the Westfield Subdivision drainage issue and staff presented several options and will come back to the Committee to suggest a solution.

C. Communication, Technology and Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said the Committee had met and shared information with the Council regarding use of the public right of way for advertising and the Committee is discussing a potential contract with the vendor to place television screens at various sites around the City which will have advertising that will change. He said that the City has the option to either charge rent or use a spot to advertise City information and also will have access to the screens for emergency information. He said he would like some feedback from the Council and residents on this proposal.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated that the other proposal is for advertising on benches, waste cans and other items and they are considering dozens if not more places where this could be used and the items would be designed to be pleasing to the surroundings and fit the architecture and style of the surrounding area. He said the City has not gone to using the public right of way yet for advertising purposes, all of the advertising currently is on private property, so any feedback, thoughts, opinions that the Mayor or Council has would be appreciated.

D. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Committee is compiling an agenda and there are several items that need to be brought for discussion and action from the City Council. He said there are lots selling on the west side and builders are trying to get the City to relax some rulings and regulations and the Committee is trying to schedule a meeting to talk to the builders. He said that he would like staff to put together a list of vacant lots the City has, those that are at least platted, annexed and zoned so the Committee has an idea of what is available.

There were no other Committee reports.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Regular Payroll – August 27 – September 9, 2010 - \$3,341,503.82
(Council Memo #758-10)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period August 27, 2010 through September 9, 2010 including a Summary of Overtime and an Overtime Budget Status Report were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.
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AYES: COUNCILMEN DORRIS, GERL, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, BROPHY and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Amending a Special Use Permit to Allow Recycling of Construction and Demolition Debris in an I-2 District Located at 2851 Mound Road (#2010-26/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #761-10)

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

2. AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Program for the Black Road Lift Station and Force Main Project was presented and read.
(Council Memo #762-10)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16708)
3. AN ORDINANCE Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Program for the East Side Sewage Treatment Plant Outfall Relocation Project was presented and read.
(Council Memo #763-10)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16709)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked how the money was going to be paid back.

The City Manager stated that the rate program has been structured where it will absorb some of the cost and staff is working on an agreement with the Village of Shorewood for the sale of additional capacity in the Westside Sewage Treatment Plant. He said that will help generate funds over the next twenty years to help pay for the loans without having to come back to the Council for a rate increase.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if there would there be a built in rate that would cover the cost that the City has to pay back to the EPA in the Village of Shorewood's rate also since they will be receiving more capacity.

The City Manager stated that the Village of Shorewood follows the City's rates and when there was a City rate increase last year the Village followed with a similar rate increase of their own. He said in this particular case the Village is looking at other funding sources to cover the cost of paying the City for the Shorewood portion of the capacity. He said the Village of Shorewood is actually looking at a non-home rule sales tax to be collected through their commercial vendors to help pay for this. He said the Village understands that they are going to have to find a source of revenue and it is either in the rates or another source, but it is up to Shorewood to find a way to do that.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what Shorewood needs in terms of gallons and does the plant have the capacity to cover the City's own needs as well as

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Shorewood's needs given the expansion that the City has had.

The City Manager stated that the City does have the capacity. He said that there is currently a bottleneck at Bronk Road and Black Road and this project is intended to alleviate that problem and start sending some of the sewage that needs to be treated to the Aux Sable Treatment Plant which will free up a lot of capacity at the Westside Sewage Treatment Plant. He said right now the bottleneck is most of the new area trying to get to the Rock Run Interceptor to get to the Westside Plant, and this project will alleviate some of that pressure and create some capacity for Shorewood to use the Westside Sewage Treatment Plant and have Joliet residents west of Route 59 have their sewage treated at the Aux Sable Plant.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what the timeframe is for the project.

The City Manager stated that construction is anticipated to start in 2011 and completed by 2012. He said that the contract will be broken up into several pieces to build the pipe to entice local contractors to take on the project and divide it up among multiple contractors.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if the easements were all taken care of.

The City Manager stated that they are still working on some of them. He said they have secured several and the Village of Shorewood has been very helpful. He said some of them are in the township or Kendall County but staff is confident the easements will be secured.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the loan amount is backed by the full faith and credit of the City or is it limited to water.

The City Manager stated that it is backed by the system revenue.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

4. 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:
155-157 N. Eastern Avenue, 1211 Edge Hill Street and 1223 Fairview Avenue.
(Council Memo #763-10)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GERL.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN,
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NAYS: NONE.
(ORDINANCE NO. 16710)

5. AN ORDINANCE Authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$10,000,000 Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Joliet, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of said City, prescribing all the details of said Bonds, providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the combined waterworks and sewerage system of said City, and authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection therewith was presented and read.
(Council Memo #764-10)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for a brief explanation.

The City Manager stated that in the early 2000s the City did a bond issue to sustain some of the growth in the water and sewer system. He said the bond issue was at a certain rate and with the rates being lower than what they were then, the City's financial advisor, Speer Financial, has recommended that the City go for a refunding or what would be similar to the refinancing of a home mortgage because of the lower rate. He said they have set a target of saving at least \$300,000 through the refunding or refinance process and staff is confident that they will be able to secure at least that in savings over the life of the bond issue. He said that will take place in the next thirty days and if by some chance the rates change drastically and there wouldn't be that kind of savings, the City has the authority to pull back on it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said that if the City stays pat after this refunding, do the bonds maintain the same interest rate until they are finally dissolved.

Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich stated that the original bonds would still be there at 5% and a escrow fund would be set up to fund those and new bonds would be issued at a lower rate so it would all get paid off over time. He said on the current bond issues there are eight or nine years left and the first three are not callable so those would have to be paid off and those are at a lower rate, and when it goes up to 5% they will refinance those also at a lower rate.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.
(ORDINANCE NO. 16711)

6. AN ORDINANCE Accepting a Grant of Permanent Easement from Our Savior Lutheran Church for 702 W. Palladium Drive was presented and read.
(Council Memo #765-10)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16712)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$49,458.00 for the Bronk Road (Clare - Theodore) Roadway Improvement Project was presented and read.
(Section No. 10-00431-00-FP)
(Council Memo #766-10)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6433)

2. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Conveyance of 17 N. Hickory Street to Jeff Bussean, Patrick C. Haley Mansion, at a cost of \$1,532.50 was presented and read.
(Council Memo #767-10)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6434)

3. A RESOLUTION Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes was presented and read.
(Council Memo #768-10)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6435)

4. Resolution re: Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to

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the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Agreement
Between the City of Joliet and the Housing Authority of Joliet
for the Property Located at 205-207 S. Joliet Street and 1112
Nowell Avenue
(Council Memo #769-10)

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

5. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement for Professional and Consulting Services with Teska Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$36,000 for the Cass Street Corridor Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District Study and Redevelopment Plan was presented and read.
(Council Memo #770-10)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked for a brief explanation.

The City Manager stated that the City did a Downtown TIF District several years ago and the TIF District is intended to spur development in hard to develop areas. He said staff has recommended to the City Council to consider working on the Cass Street Corridor as another TIF District. He said that Cass Street has a lot of potential for commercial and residential development and staff believes that some incentives made available to potential developers would help spur growth. He said there has been some interest and staff would like to have a study done to make a determination about the feasibility of a TIF District where the real estate enhancement to the tax bill is captured and made available for a developer to incentivize the development. He said Teska and Associates, who has done work for the City in the past in establishing TIF Districts, brought a proposal in that was the lowest of the three proposals requested and staff believes this is a good first step.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if the money being paid to Teska and Associates is repayable out of the TIF district.

The City Manager stated yes it is.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for an explanation for the section of the Council Memo that discusses expanding the City Center TIF.

The City Manager stated the current TIF District covers the downtown area and there is the option of expanding that beyond its current borders. He said that the only problem with that is that there are only ten years of life left to it so any developer coming into the Downtown TIF will have the ability to recapture some of that investment, but it would be limited to the next ten years. He said sometime there needs to be a longer time than ten years to recapture some major investment being made in an older building or a block of buildings which is why the recommendation is to start a new TIF District along Cass Street so a developer coming in would have the full twenty-three years allowed by State statute for recapturing some of the real estate taxes generated by the new development.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6436)

6. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Execution of an Exchange Agreement with World Energy Solutions Inc. for the Purchase of Natural Gas was presented and read.
(Council Memo #771-10)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked what the savings would be.

The City Manager stated it is unknown until the auction takes place but they believe this will give a greater savings than the previous system. He said the consultant being recommended will conduct a reverse auction where it is done online and the companies that sell Natural Gas in bulk would be notified that the City will be hosting an auction. He said that the companies would then post their cost and everyone else that is part of the virtual auction room would see the price and be able to underbid it. He said the City will have the option at the end of the auction period to declare that they have a good price or reject the last bid. He said the current procedure is a static bid where companies submit a written proposal and are not aware of the other companies' bids. He said staff believes they will achieve some savings and if they don't, they will go back to the old way.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if the advisor that the City has chosen gives the City a guarantee that he has no connection with any of the bidders.

The Corporation Counsel stated he has not met with him so he is unsure of his documentation but it is his understanding that the advisor is an independent consultant and paid out of the proceeds of the auction. He said the advisor is independent and has no way of knowing who is bidding what number.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated he thinks it would be a step of due diligence if there was a standard document that this type of professional would make to his client guaranteeing his lack of connection to any bidders.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6437)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for the Woodruff Road Drainage Improvements Project

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(Council Memo #772-10)

A report on six proposals 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 Co. in the amount of \$39,851.97.

2. Award of Contract for the Neufairfield Subdivision Parkway Tree Planting Improvements - 2010
(Council Memo #773-10)

A report on six bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Alaniz Group, Inc. in the amount of \$20,687.00.

3. Award of Contract for the Fairway Estates II Drainage Punchlist Improvements - 2010
(Council Memo #774-10)

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 Stip Bros. Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$8,240.00.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if this work will clear up the problems that the subdivision has been experiencing.

Director of Public Works Jim Trizna stated that there are not too many drainage issues left but they have worked closely with the residents there and the Legal Department because they are involved in a suit with the former developer. He said that the City has been advised to go ahead with the improvements and when the City collects the money from the developer, that will reimburse the fund.

4. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Replacement Parts for the No. 4 and No. 5 Primary Tanks at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #775-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Siemens Water/Envirex Products in the amount of \$23,982.00.

5. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Replacement Valves on the Final Effluent System at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #776-10)

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 Cryer & Olsen Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$23,600.00.

6. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Two Replacement Boilers at the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #777-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the

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Mayor and Council award the contract to Barr Mechanical Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$59,930.00.

7. Award of Contract for the 612 Lavinia Lane and 702 W. Palladium Drive Yard Drain Project
(Council Memo #778-10)

A report on seven proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Superior Excavating in the amount of \$15,994.00.

8. Approval to Purchase Microsoft Licenses
(Council Memo #781-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract for the purchase of Microsoft Licenses to CDWG in the amount of \$86,075.48.

9. Authorization to Purchase Public Safety Radio System 6809
Controllers
(Council Memo #782-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract for the purchase of three 6809 Radio System Controllers to Motorola Inc. in the amount of \$10,350.00.

10. Authorization to Upgrade Tornado Sirens
(Council Memo #783-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve Purchase of the equipment from Federal Signal in the amount of \$20,053.10; and 2) Approve Installation of the equipment by Braniff Communications in the amount of \$10,360.00.

11. Award of Contract for Various Street Resurfacing and Patching
- 2010
(Council Memo #784-10)

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 in the amount of \$41,233.50.

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: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, BROPHY, DORRIS, GERL, GIARRANTE and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

B. Amendments, Change Orders and Payments

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1. Authorization to Approve Amendments for the Professional Service Agreements Related to the Disposal of Biosolids Materials
(Council Memo #788-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve an amendment to the agreement with Rogina & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; 2) Approve an amendment to the agreement with Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

2. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payout No. 1 and Final for the Westwood CSO Improvements
(Council Memo #789-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,433.92 and Payout No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$57,659.21 on behalf of J. Russ & Co Inc.

3. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Bronk Road (Black – Clare) Roadway Improvement Project
(Council Memo #790-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$49,458.00 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Estimate No. 1 for the Infantry Drive Fence Repair Project - 2010
(Council Memo #791-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$3,300.00 and Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$6,460.00 on behalf of Alliance Fence Corp.

5. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the Repair of Utilities Vehicle – Unit W030 (1997 Case Backhoe/Buster)
(Council Memo #792-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,915.07 and Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$24,420.56 on behalf of McCann Industries.

6. Approve Payout No. 1 and Final for the Copperfield Erosion Project
(Council Memo #793-10)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payout No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$9,900.00 on behalf of G-Three Construction Corp.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the recommendations of the City Manager

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be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 1356 Houbolt Road
(Council Memo #796-10)

B. Transfer of a Class "B" Liquor License at 2450 W. Jefferson Street
(Council Memo #797-10)

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

MAYOR

A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming October 2010 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

COUNCILMAN BROPHY read a Proclamation issued by Mayor Schultz proclaiming October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Joliet and urging everyone to educate themselves about this crime as well as honor the efforts and dedication of those involved in the cause against domestic violence.

Ms. Amanda Suggs accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition.

B. Presentation by the Joliet Fire Department and Muscular Dystrophy Association

Ms. Ellen Sanders, Executive Director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, thanked the Mayor and Council and Fire Chief Joe Formhals for their support of the annual "Fill the Boot" program. She said this was another great year for the drive and she thanked the citizens of Joliet for their contributions. She said that over two or three days the Fire Department raised \$10,000 for the MDA's efforts in research.

Ms. Sanders then presented the "Golden Boot Award" to Mayor Schultz.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked how much the International Association of Firefighters has raised over the past years.

Ms. Sanders stated that she knows they are the biggest, non-corporate donor and in 2010 they raised \$28 million across the country. She said she also wanted to present a plaque to Eric Mattson and Ralph Norberg of the Fire Department for their tireless efforts on the boot drive.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

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COUNCILMAN TURK welcomed COUNCILMAN GERL to the City Council and stated he looks forward to working with him in the future.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA echoed COUNCILMAN TURK'S comments.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if the crossing guards in the Wesmere Subdivision and other areas were reinstated in the right places.

Police Chief Fred Hayes stated that they have staffed all of the positions that were staffed in the past and they are working on a pilot program to seek some adult volunteers from the schools to help with crossing guard duties. He said in September the traffic unit trained 17 volunteers in the Troy School District and that is the first school district that will work with the pilot program to try and help the City with the cost of providing crossing guards to ensure the safety of the children in the City. He said the Troy School District was the first district that agreed to work with the Police Department and they have a very organized parent-teacher organization and the superintendent and staff have been very cooperative with the program. He said it looks like they will be able to implement something there within the next month and they are working very closely to ensure that all of the volunteers have the proper equipment and training and that these duties are being given to qualified individuals. He said eventually they would like to slowly phase in some volunteer support to the paid program and reduce the amount of paid positions overall. He said this is the first step and it would probably take a few years to do this, but the Troy School District had 17 volunteers and the Police Department will be working very closely with them in the next month or so.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked to be informed of the locations so he could observe the volunteers working.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN welcomed COUNCILMAN GERL to the Council.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated that the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Finale all-dessert fundraiser is being held this Sunday, October 10th at Harrah's Casino from 3:30 – 5:30 P.M., tickets are still available and many local restaurants are participating.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE welcomed COUNCILMAN GERL to the Council.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that during the summer the City met with the residents of Pheasant Landing regarding the fence on Route 59 and he asked where the City was with that project.

The City Manager stated that there was an intergovernmental agreement that was drafted and is currently being reviewed by IDOT. He said IDOT has not returned the agreement yet but did state that they wouldn't give the City authorization to put the fence in until the Route 59 project was completed. He said IDOT has opened two small segments of the roadway and the City is trying to see if they could move it along. He said a letter is being sent to the homeowner's associations asking for their help in maintaining the grassy area and landscaping that the State will be putting in.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated that was a total surprise and he doesn't know how the residents would be able to cut that, and he hopes that the residents are aware that it is the State requesting that, not the City.

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The City Manager stated that the City has communicated that to the residents.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY welcomed COUNCILMAN GERL and stated he is looking forward to working with him.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY thanked Deputy Fire Chief Ray Randich for coming to a meeting of the Glenwood Manor Homeowner's Association to help the residents understand some important safety strategies they can make around their homes. He said the Deputy Chief did a great job representing the Fire Department.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY welcomed all of the students from Joliet Catholic Academy that were present in the audience.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated he received a call from a resident on Midland Avenue asking for some speed patrols in the afternoon in the Midland and Mason area.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS welcomed COUNCILMAN GERL and welcomed MAYOR SCHULTZ back.

COUNCILMAN GERL thanked the Council for their warm welcomes. He said his first day in office he received a stormwater complaint so he would like to meet with staff after the meeting to address this resident's issue.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the Council recess to closed session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining, land acquisition or conveyance and pending or threatened litigation after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk