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held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2009***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

INVOCATION

An Invocation was delivered by Father Chris Groh, St. Mary Nativity Church, 710 N. Broadway, Joliet, Illinois.

Father Chris then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR PRO-TEM ANTHONY UREMOVIC and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILWOMAN SUSIE A. BARBER, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS, 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: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ.

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

The City Manager read a message from MAYOR SCHULTZ and his family stating that the Mayor is still in the hospital and having some tests run. He said the Mayor is monitoring the Council proceedings and he wanted an update of what happened at the Budget review session yesterday and plans on being engaged in the budget process and will be back as soon as he possibly can.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Finance

COUNCILMAN TURK stated the Finance Committee met at 5:45 p.m. this evening and there was a review and discussion of the Neighborhood Improvement Program for October and the monthly cash flow report and personnel summary. He said there was also a review and discussion of the

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October Conference, Travel and Seminar Report and an examination of the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims for the month of October.

B. Public Service

COUNCILMAN TURK said the Public Service Committee met this morning and reviewed the contracts, change orders, pay estimates and final payments and recommended their approval.

C. Baseball

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated he knows there have been on-going meetings with the JackHammers and he asked the Corporation Counsel if we're almost ready to have a Baseball Committee meeting and wrap this up.

The Corporation Counsel said we're pretty close. He said what's held it up a little bit is our need to define a scope of the work that should be done in the office area. He said he and Director of Inspections Dave Mackley have been working on that and Mr. Mackley has contacted two local professionals to give us some advice. He said they have a meeting scheduled with the team this Friday so hopefully that will set us up for the next meeting which could be after Thanksgiving. He said the team and staff have generally outlined the open issues and have an expectation about how those will be resolved. He said what we don't know yet would be the details on some of the repair work, what that would cost and what exactly needs to be done, so that's what we're waiting on.

D. Museum

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated the Joliet Area Historical Museum held a very well attended event last Thursday night, a Beer Tasting sponsored by Kozol Bros. He said the turnout was fantastic and the interesting thing about the turnout was he didn't recognize many people there. He said there were hundreds and hundreds of new guests that were in the museum. He said he wanted to applaud the museum staff for once again coming up with a creative plan and finding a sponsor for the event. He said it was a really nice event and well attended.

E. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated they have a lengthy agenda for the Committee and asked the Director of Community and Economic Development Jim Haller if we have set a meeting date.

Mr. Haller stated we have 16 items queued up for an agenda and each one of those items could probably take half an hour so we need to schedule a meeting and probably another one after that. He said we also need the Committee to go over the proposal for the transportation center which should be a stand-alone meeting at some point in time.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we can schedule a meeting for the week after Thanksgiving.

There were no other Committee reports.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A. Treasurer's Report – September, 2009

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

B. Position Vacancy  
(Council Memo #997-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill the position of Mechanical Maintenance Foreman and any subsequent vacancies directly related to this position, and ultimately not filling the entry level position of Automotive Serviceman.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what is the real responsibility of the Motor Maintenance Division with respect to the rolling stock in every one of our departments.

The City Manager said it's actually a full auto shop that takes care of all of the vehicles of the City of Joliet including all of the ambulances, fire trucks, police squad cars, all of the specialty vehicles and all of the vehicles in Public Works and Public Utilities, so it is a big responsibility. He said he thinks the responsibility keeps getting greater because we've deferred the purchase of new vehicles both this year and he is recommending no new vehicle purchases next year, so Superintendent of Motor Maintenance Dave Druzik and his crew are being called upon to help us make these vehicles last. He said this is one of those areas where we've reduced the workforce from 25 people down to 21 by agreement with Local 440.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he thinks COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked more than one time about an inventory of the rolling stock. He said he doesn't know if we have received it or not but if it's easy to get he would like to know what our rolling stock inventory is.

The City Manager said we'll provide that to the Council. He said he thinks COUNCILMAN BROPHY had asked for projections of what needs to be purchased in the future, what we're deferring and how we plan on handling that going out in a four year plan.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said Mr. Druzik was at the Public Safety Committee meeting and they had the same concerns about making sure we had the men to keep this equipment running because it is a safety issue, and we were well satisfied.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road (#A-2-09/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #998-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road (#A-2-09/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #998-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-2-09/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #998-09)

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 4 Acres at 80 Mills Road

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 4 Acres at 80 Mills Road (#A-8-09/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #999-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 4 Acres at 80 Mills Road (#A-8-09/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #999-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 4 Acres at 80 Mills Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-8-09/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #999-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioners that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on December 1, 2009 in order to provide additional time to review the proposed annexation agreements.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said items be tabled to the December 1, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Treasurer's Disbursements – October, 2009 - \$24,670,729.21

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

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B. Regular Claims – October, 2009 - \$2,941,411.52

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

C. Regular Payroll – October 3 – October 16, 2009 - \$2,961,149.65  
(Council Memo #1000-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period October 3, 2009 through October 16, 2009 including a 2009 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.

D. Regular Payroll – October 17 – October 30, 2009 - \$2,917,470.58  
(Council Memo #1001-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period October 17, 2009 through October 30, 2009 including a 2009 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she noticed all of these villages that we're paying monies out to from the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit and she was wondering do they reimburse us anything or how does that work.

Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich stated we get a grant for about \$800,000 a year and essentially we are the financial pass-thru entity. He said the State collects \$1 from every insurance policy that goes into a fund that helps prevent auto theft and the State passes us the money and then we go ahead and send it to the various agencies.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so it's grant money that we disburse.

Mr. Mihelich said exactly, it's nothing out of our pocket. He said the only thing that is truly out of our pocket is our time for managing it as well as we do pay for a portion of our officer's salary.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Approving a Variation of Use to Allow the Continuation of Two Single-Family Residential Structures on One Lot Located at 162 Ruby Street (#2009-54/Dist. #4)  
(Council Memo #1003-09)

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

2. Ordinance re: For the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010 for the 2009 Joliet Special Service Area No. 7 – Park Hill Subdivision  
(Council Memo #1004-09)

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

3. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Variance Agreement with IAFF Local 44 Joliet Firefighters was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1005-09)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked the City Manager to explain this for the people who weren't watching the meeting yesterday.

The City Manager stated we have been engaged in a process of negotiating with Local 44 which is the union that represents the front line personnel firefighters and part of our negotiations have been dealing with some variances to the existing contract that runs through the end of 2012. He said because of the financial situation in which the City has found itself, there has been a need for us to meet with the bargaining units and try to have some variances to the existing contract accomplished. He said this agreement takes a guaranteed pay increase that goes into effect on January 1, 2010 and defers it until October 1, 2010 and another one that goes into effect on January 1, 2011 and defers it until July 1, 2011.

The City Manager said there is also an agreement on staffing and overtime and the agreement will allow a deployment plan that Fire Chief Formhals has implemented as of May of 2009 to continue and that will result in substantial cost savings in overtime expenses. He said there are some other issues dealing with Kelly Days and tuition reimbursement that will be forgone until 2012, so in 2010 and 2011 the City will not be incurring what we anticipated were the expenses for that. He said in exchange for that agreement, the City is guaranteeing that there

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would not be any layoffs of Firefighters during 2010 and 2011. He said the staff has worked on this for quite some time and we give credit to the bargaining unit for coming forward and cooperating with us. He said we do treat this as a true win-win opportunity that keeps the level of service that we've become accustomed to and also helps the City through the financial crisis that we're experiencing.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said by them doing so and coming together they've saved 16 Firefighter jobs.

The City Manager said yes.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she knows a lot of hard work went into this and she thanked Local 44 and staff for coming to this agreement and she voted absolutely aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN TURK voted aye and thanked Local 44 and their members for this variance in the agreement and thanked the City Manager and his staff for all of the work they put into this.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE commended Local 44 President Norberg and his negotiating committee, especially Fred Offermann. He said there was some concern about whether or not the numbers they were getting from the City were actual numbers and Fred did a lot of work. He said they saw that the City was in dire need and they made these variations and it's going to save the City about \$3.2 million and by doing that they saved 16 firefighters jobs. He then voted aye.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16549)

**B. RESOLUTIONS**

1. A RESOLUTION Authorizing Approval of the 2010 Consolidated Plan was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1008-09)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6318)

2. A RESOLUTION Authorizing Property Located at 209 N. Eastern Avenue to be Conveyed to the Adjacent Property Owner was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #1009-09)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if the person who is getting the lot realizes there is a potential tax consequence in that they're getting a benefit from that depending on their income taxes.

The City Manager said they'll make sure that the property owner is made aware of that before the actual closing takes place.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6319)

3. Resolution re: Authorizing the Execution of a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Agreement Between the City of Joliet and the Housing Authority of Joliet for the Conveyance of Property Located at 205-207 S. Joliet Street and 1112 Nowell Avenue  
(Council Memo #1010-09)
4. Resolution re: Adopting the Findings and Concurring in the Recommendation of the Liquor Commissioner and Directing the Denial of an Application for the Issuance of a Liquor License at 1736 Essington Road  
(Council Memo #1011-09)

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

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for the Purchase of a Fuel Dispenser and Fuel Management System – Cass Street and Gael Drive  
(Council Memo #1015-09)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Accurate Tank in the amount of \$52,745.00.

2. Authorization to Purchase a Maintenance Agreement for Engineering Software for the Public Works Department - 2010  
(Council Memo #1016-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Eagle Point Software in the amount of \$8,910.00.

3. Authorization to Enter Into a Maintenance Agreement for Livescan Equipment  
(Council Memo #1017-09)

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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to ID Networks Identification Technologies in the amount of \$13,600.00.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

**B. Amendments, Change Orders and Payments**

1. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Repair to the No. 2 Raw Pump at the Arbeiter Road Lift Station  
(Council Memo #1020-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, a net increase of \$5,244.00 to Purchase Order No. 103280 and Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$6,234.00 on behalf of Joliet Equipment Corporation.

2. Authorization to Increase Purchase Order and Make Payment for Boiler Repairs at 921 E. Washington Street (Maintenance Building)  
(Council Memo #1021-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve an increase to Purchase Order No. 103925 in the amount of \$2,160.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$6,960.00 on behalf of Naal Plumbing and Heating Co.

3. Approve Payment for Emergency Valve Replacement (Essington Road at Twin Oaks Drive)  
(Council Memo #1022-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$11,227.71 on behalf of Len Cox & Sons Excavating.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Request No. 5B for the 2009 Aggregate Contract  
(Council Memo #1023-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,871.31 and Payment Request No. 5B in the amount of \$21,389.53 on behalf of Vulcan Materials Co.

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5. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment Request No. 5 for the 2009 Plant Mix Contract  
(Council Memo #1024-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$13,178.84 and Payment Request No. 5 in the amount of \$51,206.36 on behalf of D Construction Inc.

6. Approve Payment No. 16 for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvements Construction Project  
(Council Memo #1025-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 16 in the amount of \$351,091.17 with a reduced retainage of \$209,224.17 on behalf of Williams Brothers Construction, Inc.

7. Approve Payment for the Emergency Excavation at Essington Road Lift Station  
(Council Memo #1026-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the Payment in the amount of \$22,909.25 on behalf of Len Cox & Sons Excavating.

8. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 11 for the Eastside Treatment Plant Outfall Relocation Project  
(Council Memo #1027-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$7,947.00 and Pay Estimate No. 11 in the amount of \$21,801.90 on behalf of Strand Associates.

9. Approve Amendments for the Professional Service Agreements Related to the Disposal of Biosolids Materials  
(Council Memo #1028-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the following: 1) Amendment to the agreement with Drinker, Biddle, Gardner and Carton in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; 2) Amendment to the agreement with Rogina & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00; 3) Amendment to the agreement with R.S.S.I. in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00; 4) Payment Estimate No. 13 on behalf of R.S.S.I. in the amount of \$5,295.50; and 5) Payment Estimate No. 18 on behalf of Rogina & Associates in the amount of \$10,467.85.

10. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Request No. 2 for the 2009-2010 Landscape Restoration Program  
(Council Memo #1029-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$2,989.35 and Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$5,121.14 on behalf of K&D Enterprise

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Landscape Construction.

11. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Request No. 5 and Final for the Caton Farm Road (IL Route 59 – Caton Ridge Drive) – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1030-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2, a deduction in the amount of \$6,764.25 and Payment Request No. 5 and Final in the amount of \$20,195.80 on behalf of Meade Electric Company, Inc.

12. Approve Progress Payment Request No. 2 for the Neufairfield Subdivision Public Improvements – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1031-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Progress Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$135,591.67 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

13. Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Contract for the Removal of Underground Storage Tank at 12-14 New Street  
(Council Memo #1032-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$4,326.44 on behalf of Metro Tank and Pump Co.

14. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment Estimate No. 3 and Final for the 2008 Sidewalk/Curb Replacement Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #1033-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3, a deduction in the amount of \$14,872.13 and Payment Estimate No. 3 and Final in the amount of \$2,568.06 on behalf of M & A Cement Works.

15. Approve Change Order Nos. 4 and 5 for the 2008 Hazardous Tree Removal and Tree Trim Contract  
(Council Memo #1034-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$17,000.00 on behalf of Homer Tree Service and Change Order No. 5 to extend the contract completion date from December 31, 2009 to February 28, 2010.

16. Authorization to Approve Change Order No. 2 to Repair Damage to Entryway Wall, Flag Pole and Landscaping Located at Center and Marion Streets  
(Council Memo #1035-09 was never prepared)

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17. Approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2009 City Parks  
Landscape Maintenance Contract  
(Council Memo #1036-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$4,900.00 on behalf of ArborTek.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- A. Transfer of a Class "B" Liquor License at 2771 Black Road  
(Council Memo #1041-09)
- B. Transfer of a Class "A" Liquor License at 674 Meeker Avenue  
(Council Memo #1042-09)

The City Clerk noted that these items were tabled until December 1, 2009 at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

MAYOR

- A. Proclamation re: Recognizing Pam Heavens and the Will-Grundy  
Center for Independent Living on their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

COUNCILMAN BROPHY read a Proclamation issued by Mayor Schultz recognizing Pam Heavens and the Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living on their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing programs and services to disabled individuals of all ages and all types of disabilities, and congratulating Pam Heavens for all of her accomplishments and hard work during the past 20 years.

Mr. Val Rand thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Board for this honor to Pam and the Center. He said Pam is an outstanding leader and it is a pleasure to work with her. He thanked the City and everyone involved for being so cooperative and seeing the needs for the ADA and helping them implement it.

Ms. Heavens thanked everyone for the honor and said she will make sure it is on display tomorrow at their annual meeting. She said she was 21 when she started and it has been a great 20 years and she looks forward to working with everyone in the future.

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B. Proclamation re: Recognizing Jerry E. Lewis for His Many Years of Dedication to Music

MAYOR PRO-TEM UREMOVIC read a Proclamation issued by Mayor Schultz recognizing Jerry E. Lewis for his many years of dedication to music and to the Joliet Junior College community for teaching music from 1971 until his retirement in 2004 and to the Joliet Federation of Musicians Local 37 of the American Federation of Musicians and his numerous accomplishments and honors. He said it's been a pleasure for him to work with Mr. Lewis for 17 years at Joliet Junior College.

Mr. Lewis thanked the City of Joliet and the Mayor and Council for this Proclamation. He said he came here in 1971 and worked with a number of outstanding people. He said he worked at Bicentennial Park with Georgiann Goodson and Billie Limacher when it was just a slab and look what that has grown into. He said he is very grateful for this honor.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Mayor Schultz - Appointments

MAYOR SCHULTZ placed in nomination the appointment of Jason Cox to the Plan Commission replacing Steve Cammack.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the appointment of Jason Cox to the Plan Commission be confirmed.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated Jason Cox is a good appointment and he then thanked Steve Cammack for his service. He said Mr. Cammack had a change in his work status and works longer hours so he had to resign but he wanted to thank everyone for his appointment.

COUNCILMAN TURK congratulated the JCA Girls Volleyball Team who won the Class 3A State Championship. He said he's sure the Mayor will prepare a Proclamation in the future and change the signs at the entrance to the City of Joliet to add this championship.

COUNCILMAN TURK thanked all of those involved for the fantastic job that was done on the rehab of the home at 2118 Dartmoor. He said he attended the open house on Sunday and said it is a really nice home.

COUNCILMAN TURK then wished the Mayor well and a speedy recovery.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said yesterday we started the process of reviewing the 2010 Budget while picking up the pieces of 2009 and not knowing where we are headed, but in the process we have learned a lot of things and we found that

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probably in the future there are things we could do differently and probably could do better. He said some of the things in this process are very exciting so they get some headlines and some of the potential revenue enhancements that we deal with do cause consternation in the community and we understand that. He said yesterday was the first meeting and nothing has been etched in stone as yet. He said as President Obama, said everybody is going to have to hurt a little bit and that's probably what's happening. He said he listened to Dr. Harper from the Plainfield School District on the radio and he's asking people to take part in their budget process and to take part in ideas and exchanges with the school district and he thinks it's a good idea. He said we have three more meetings and in that process he would urge and hope that people would come to meetings. He said we don't get much participation that way, we get some phone calls but not a lot, and he thinks participation is important because people have some pretty good ideas.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA thanked Local 44 for the work that they did and he thanked the participation of the City Council, the City Manager and his staff. He said that was a very important step to take. He said it hurt them in terms of some finances and it hurt us also to have to do some of the things that we do. He said he would urge the folks in this community to pay attention, these meetings are televised and to come to these meetings and bring their ideas. He said we're not looking for just negative things, we're looking for some positive ideas about how to handle the City budget process and the City employment complement. He said this process is very difficult for all of us and he hopes we can handle it in a gentlemanly and ladylike fashion and he urged the public to participate by phone or by presence here.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said there was supposed to be a meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> with Canadian National regarding the train whistles blowing at the crossings. She said she never got a report on that.

The City Manager said he's not sure when that meeting was held but he did meet with Jim Trizna and David Ortiz from our Engineering staff this afternoon and we mapped out the process for filing for the Quiet Zones with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and he explained the process. He said we had negotiated with Canadian National to reimburse us for the cost of pursuing the Quiet Zone applications and he thinks the total amount we had allocated was about \$400,000, so there is adequate funding for us to pursue that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if this is going to take a year to do.

The City Manager said it could. He said right now the FRA is flooded with a lot of Quiet Zone applications from all of the communities in northeastern Illinois as a result of the Canadian National purchase of the EJ&E. He said we are asking them to expedite our review and we'll keep working with them, but it is a Federal agency over which we don't have a lot of control.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said the reason she's saying this is because she's getting a lot of phone calls about the train whistles and she can also hear them all night long and they are nowhere near where she lives. She said it's probably because of the wind but it's 12 a.m., it's 2 a.m., it's 4 a.m. and it's not just one whistle, they're laying on those whistles. She said she was wondering if we could do something with our Congresswoman to get that expedited. She said a year is just too long, these people need some rest.

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The City Manager said he'll ask Congresswoman Halverson's Chief of Staff if there is something that her office may be able to do to help us with that. He said we'll see if we can push it and get a quicker turnaround than what was promised.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN also congratulated the Joliet Catholic Academy Girls Volleyball Team. She said they had their "Ghostbusters" theme going and she had the pleasure of accompanying six teenage girls to that game and saw first hand how they brought the State title home to Joliet. She said she never doubted for a minute that they would do it in two games and not three. She said congratulations to Coach Scheibe and all the girls on the team for winning two years in a row.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN wished her Dad a Happy 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday and her mother-in-law Adele Quillman a Happy 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday with both having November birthdays.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said there is a spaghetti dinner fundraiser tomorrow at Cantigny to support our troops from 11 a.m. to 8 a.m. She then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and sent out best wishes to the Mayor for a speedy recovery.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said with regards to the budget matter, the Library Budget was submitted to us as well. He said it is a very interesting document to read and he encourages his fellow Council members to look at it, it's not something we spend a lot of time on but it was very well done and the staff at the Library is truly working on a shoestring, there is little money for capital projects or maintenance. He said it really tells the story of where the Library is and it is a very important institution in our town and we should at least know what is going on with them. He said we have an all volunteer board there that helps a really good staff and we need to support our Library.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he would like to echo COUNCILMAN SHETINA'S comments in inviting the public down to the meeting but more importantly would like to invite his fellow Council members to take these four weeks and do the homework and take the time to read this document and ask your questions in due time, we have three more meetings. He said people should be pro-active, in other words he would like to see solutions. He said if the proposal from staff is not acceptable, he thinks we ought to deal with the possibilities of solutions instead of the negativism of criticism. He said there is nothing we can do with criticism but if there is a proposal or a solution or suggestion brought up he will certainly listen. He said he spent about a half hour with Mr. Mihelich with questions and details trying to comb through this to find definitions, answers and pennies that might be hiding and he has more time yet to go do that. He said he intends to do his homework, he intends to have a reason to vote whether he's supporting the proposal or another solution, and he encourages his fellow Council members to do the same thing because simply voting no is nothing more than grandstanding.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY then wished the City Manager a Happy Birthday tomorrow at midnight.

The City Manager thanked him and wished COUNCILMAN BROPHY a Happy Birthday today.

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COUNCILMAN DORRIS thanked the City Manager and staff with regards to a meeting they had today on the future development of a grocery store on the east side of Joliet that was almost dead. He said staff did a tremendous job today and he thinks it's back on the table and he thanked the staff and he thinks we're going to bring it to fruition.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and told the Mayor to get back soon.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE wished the Mayor good luck and told him to get back to work and start earning his pay again. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and invited everyone to come downtown next Friday for the Thanksgiving Parade, it's usually a great event.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE also wished the JCA Girls Volleyball Team congratulations and said we need to go for a three-peat, we have two in a row and we need a three-peat. He then wished the JCA Football Team good luck in their playoff game this Saturday in Peoria and said they will be in the championship the following weekend if they win. He also wished the Providence football team good luck in their playoff game.

MAYOR PRO-TEM UREMOVIC said in regards to the budget, all of us up here are working hard and we all take it seriously, that's our job. He said he will not be at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> budget meeting, he will be at the University of Illinois giving a presentation on Economic Regional Stimulus Outcomes, but he has forwarded some of his comments to the City Manager and will follow up on those when he comes back.

MAYOR PRO-TEM UREMOVIC also congratulated the JCA Volleyball Team for their win. He then told the Mayor to hurry up and get back. He then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the Council adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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ARTHUR SCHULTZ  
Mayor

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JANET K. TRAVEN  
City Clerk