

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 2nd day of December, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by COUNCILMAN DORRIS who then led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ 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, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: NONE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., of the Special Meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the next Finance Committee meeting will be held on December 15th following the Pre-Council meeting.

B. PUBLIC SERVICE

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

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C. WATER PARK

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated he spoke with Park District Director Dominic Egizio to get an update on the season's figures but he said the discounted water park season passes just went on sale Monday so he doesn't have an update yet. He said he should have that in a couple of months.

There were no other Committee reports.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Adoption of the 2008 Tax Levy

1. AN ORDINANCE For the Levying and Collection of Taxes for the City of Joliet, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois for the Year A.D., 2008 was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1399-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16356)
2. AN ORDINANCE Abating a Portion of the 2008 Tax Levy for the City of Joliet (General Abatement) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1399-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16357)

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

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if there were any comments, and being none, he closed the public hearing.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated he wanted to point out that this is the lowest in four years and with this levy a person that lives in a \$250,000 house will pay \$2,775 for the City's portion of their taxes. He said that is all the City is responsible for and he voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said with respect to the levy or the maximum tax rate he asked if the City Manager could show the nuance on the value of the million some dollars on the Library. He said the levy went from \$32 million to \$35.7 million and of that portion \$1 million was the Library. He asked if he could tell him the difference in that \$1 million on the Library.

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The City Manager said with the form of government that we have and the Library that we have we actually levy the taxes for them. He said they are not a separate governmental agency and are actually a subsidiary of the City of Joliet. He said the Mayor and City Council appoint members to the Library Board and that Board then certifies to us a tax levy that they would like for us to include in our tax levy under Illinois law and that's what we've been doing for many years. He said we have usually entrusted the determination of the appropriate tax levy to the Library and they've done a great job in trying to keep the per capita cost down. He said as we discussed yesterday we've done a lot of work with the Library over the last 15 years in having an addition put on the old Library in downtown Joliet and having a new annex built on Black Road. He said as far as this particular levy there is an increase coming from the Library and we've incorporated that into this tax levy and added just a little bit over \$1 million that's been requested for the Library so that has been included in this tax levy ordinance.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he was talking to Will County Treasurer McGuire last night and he asked him about the capture of the taxes versus our levy and Mr. McGuire indicated it looked like no matter what happens in terms of the foreclosure market we probably would get somewhere around 99% of that no matter what happens. He said so we should capture our total levy with almost certainty.

The City Manager said we do and we factor in a certain percentage for uncollected every year so that is included. He said he knows there has been a lot of focus on the foreclosures and that we do have a substantial amount in Joliet but when you look at the big picture the amount of foreclosures is still a relatively small amount compared with the rest of us that have been able to keep up with our house payments and pay the real estate taxes. He said while we have factored in the foreclosure problem it's something that won't have a big impact on the overall tax levy.

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road (#A-98-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1400-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road (#A-98-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1400-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 1.73 Acres at 7902 Caton Farm Road to B-3 Zoning (#A-98-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1400-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on January 6, 2009 to allow additional time to finalize the annexation agreement.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said items be tabled to the January 6, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

C. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1137 W. Laraway Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 1137 W. Laraway Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-116-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16358)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 1137 W. Laraway Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-116-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16359)

D. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1430 W. Laraway Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 1430 W. Laraway Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-117-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16360)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 1430 W. Laraway Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-117-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16361)

E. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 21533 W. Millsdale Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 21533 W. Millsdale Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-118-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16362)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 21533 W. Millsdale Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-118-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16363)

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F. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 21529 W. Millsdale Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 21529 W. Millsdale Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-119-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16364)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 21529 W. Millsdale Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-119-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16365)

G. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 21517 W. Millsdale Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 21517 W. Millsdale Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-120-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16366)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 21517 W. Millsdale Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-120-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16367)

H. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 21833 W. Millsdale Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 21833 W. Millsdale Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-121-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16368)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 21833 W. Millsdale Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-121-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16369)

I. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 721 W. Laraway Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 721 W. Laraway Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-123-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16370)

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2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 721 W. Laraway Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-123-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16371)

J. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 2322 S. Brandon Road

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 2322 S. Brandon Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-124-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16372)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 2322 S. Brandon Road to I-T Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-124-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16373)
3. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Vacation of a 1.36 Acre Portion of Patterson Road South of Millsdale Road as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#V-11-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16374)
4. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Preliminary Plat of CenterPoint Intermodal Center at Joliet, Phase 1 as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#P-8-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16375)
5. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Plat of CenterPoint Intermodal Center at Joliet, Phase 1 as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#FP-10-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16376)
6. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of CenterPoint Intermodal Center at Joliet, Phase 1 as recommended by the Administration was presented and read. (#RP-16-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #1401-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16377)

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Ms. Mary Baskerville, President of the Will County Environmental Network, stated their group has followed this project for several years. She said they have several concerns that they have brought to the Council before. She said they would like to see some appropriate buffering of some historic woods in Joliet Township and they are hopeful that will come about. She said they are also in support of the Offermann School being saved and were glad to hear that CenterPoint will move the school. She said their third concern is with the environment and they have brought forth information to the Council on the Karst topography found in the region where CenterPoint is hoping to proceed. She said they have asked Sam Panno from the Illinois State Geological Society to speak to the Council tonight and she asked that the Council delay voting on this matter until he arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Kevin Breslin appeared on behalf of CenterPoint Properties. He said they would request the Mayor and Council's favorable consideration and approval this evening of the proposed Ordinances to annex and zone these eight additional parcels. He said it is consistent with the total project concept plan that this Council has previously approved. He said they are somewhat infill parcels with probably one very significant exception which is the addition of about 85 acres at the very southwesterly portion of the property. He said they were able to secure additional acreage through a transaction with the Stepan Chemical Company and so in effect they have enlarged the opportunity that is provided by the project by adding that additional acreage which opens up some additional opportunities for the City to expand its horizons further south and west.

Mr. Breslin said with respect to Ms. Baskerville's comments, when they put together a comprehensive plan involving ComEd, Gallagher Asphalt and the others they will sit down and talk to them about what sorts of buffering plan they may want to have as you transition from the industrial park to what other preservation is capable of being put together up there. He said they don't have anything very specific to respond to at this time in terms of some kind of a transition. He said with respect to the Offermann School, they will remove the structure from its present location as it is very much in the path of construction but there is quite of bit of risk that inadvertently there could be damage to the structure. He said they are getting bids to move the structure across Laraway Road and find an appropriate location on the north side and then we'll go from there in terms of what additional opportunities there may be for the long term preservation of the structure. He said they will make the commitment that they will not be applying to demolish the building. He said with respect to the Karst, he stands by the record that they've made before which is as they approach the question of constructing in the area both CenterPoint as well as City staff will take a long hard look at what additional protective measures may be necessary. He said no one is making decisions concerning construction at this time.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said when you say construction up there are you talking about buildings or rail or both.

Mr. Breslin said he thinks they are talking about planned buildings in Section 29 which is north of the new Laraway Road. He said they see no indications concerning any unusual conditions but they certainly will investigate it when it becomes a construction issue.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if he is prepared to talk about Vetter Road with respect to the timing and the amount of traffic that would go on Vetter Road if and when it happens. He said it looks like it would be a long time before Vetter Road gets truck traffic if in fact it does.

Mr. Breslin said he believes it would be a very long time. He said there is really no immediate plan to construct in that vicinity. He said he doesn't think that's scheduled for any firm commitments for construction for a good 6 or 7 years and that is consistent with our deal with the railroad company. He said he thinks we have plenty of land to work through in the short run. He said along the main arterial they're going to be constructing the four lane arterial from the intermodal gate out to Arsenal Road. He said as a matter of fact because of some changes in the alignment that we're proposing to the railroad and some additional land acquisition that we've made, we're actually going to redirect a portion of the rail lead tract that goes south and west. He said the effect is we have a much larger southwesterly tract of land to develop in the City of Joliet. He said they are probably going to add at least a million square feet of additional, accessible land and when he says a million square feet he's talking about buildings as a result of some new alignments. He said we have a lot of land we have to work through before we have to work out to Vetter. He said it's quite a bit in the distance in terms of the infrastructure plan.

Mr. Sam Panno of the Illinois State Geological Survey arrived at the meeting and said he is a senior scientist out of Champaign-Urbana. He said they visited the area that you're considering for development in 1994 and looked at three sinkholes in Section 29 near the river. He said the area surrounding that also contains sinkholes. He said they are currently looking at doing an inventory of all Karst features in the State of Illinois and this is one of their study areas. He said when they initially did their work in 1997 where they looked at all the Karst features in the State they missed a lot of this and didn't map it as Karst. He said the additional work they are doing shows that this area which is roughly 20 square miles has Karst features all over it and he explained the crevice features in it that range in size from an inch to 8 inches wide and said this is the pathway through which ground water flows. He said sinkholes in the area range from 30 feet to 600 feet in diameter so when they do finally get around to completing their mapping of this area it's clear that on the basis of what they see now it's all underlined by a Karst aquifer and there are at least 30 or maybe more sinkholes in the area. He said the sinkholes they visited that were 30 feet in diameter in 1994 don't even show up on this map so in all likelihood there are a lot more sinkholes in this area. He said the concern here is the vulnerability of the underlying aquifer and possible construction problems associated with collapsing soils which should be taken into consideration when building buildings or roadways.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if this is unique to this area and isn't anywhere else in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Panno said about 10% of the State of Illinois is underlined by Karst aquifers and has Karst features such as sinkholes. He said sinkholes are a symptom of Karst features of the Karst aquifer.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if we are drawing from that aquifer or will we be drawing from that aquifer at all for water.

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The City Manager said he thinks we're in a much deeper aquifer and it's not the same aquifer from which we draw our deep wells. He said those wells go down over 1,000 feet so he doesn't believe this would be the same aquifer.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked Mr. Panno to explain the term "Karst".

Mr. Panno stated it is a surface expression of collapsed sediment into bedrock and also describes the underlying aquifer and the underlying aquifer in this case is dolomite which has crevices and the crevices are wide enough where the sediment collapses into it creating the sinkholes. He said sinkholes are drains basically so when it rains water drains into the sinkhole from the surface and if there is a contaminant on the surface it enters the sinkhole, goes directly into the aquifer and shoots down into whatever the direction the ground water is flowing which often is flowing toward a river or stream.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what method is used by the State of Illinois to make certain that those things are corrupted.

Mr. Panno said the primary method of making sure that groundwater is protected is to control what is sited on the land. He said for example a landfill is not allowed to be constructed in a Karst area. He said in northwestern Illinois there is a proposal to build a large industrial size dairy which would house about 10,000 dairy cows. He said that situation currently is in litigation and is being fought by the people that live in the area because it is a Karst area and the people relying on well water in that area are fearing that the facility will allow contaminants such as manure and feed and so forth to get into the water and contaminate their wells. He said one of the things you can do to protect the groundwater is to site these facilities where you don't have the Karst features.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if we have any risk to environment or property here with the proposed improvements and he asked Mr. Panno if he was familiar with the proposed improvements.

Mr. Panno said he is not familiar with the improvements .

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we're talking about a rail yard intermodal center and supporting industrial buildings generally being in Karst areas and he asked if you can build on these areas in any way, shape or form.

Mr. Panno said you can build in these areas if you have waste lagoons or some sort of waste stream coming out of the industrial facility. He said there needs to be additional steps taken to protect the groundwater in the event of leakage or spills.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said ours is all dry industrial, storage, distribution, transfer type operations and he doesn't think we envision any manufacturing that would involve the type of waste that he's talking about.

The City Manager said when Ms. Baskerville first raised the issue of Karst we spent quite a bit of time with Mr. Breslin and his team going over what can be built on top of a Karst and it was our understanding that it is not an area where construction is prohibited, but you have to have the right kind of construction, and we're convinced based on what CenterPoint has proposed for construction in this area that we will be able to protect the Karsts and make sure that there's no infiltration into them of any kind of contaminant. He said the industrial that's

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being talked about here is basically distribution centers and they'll all be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system so we won't have any kind of an infiltration into that area. He said the only runoff would be storm water detention and we have plans in place to handle that. He said he knows CenterPoint has committed to looking at each of these areas when it's time for construction to make sure that construction can actually take place.

The City Manager said staff has had conversations to make sure that we address this issue when plans for construction do come in and we will make sure we don't create a problem for anybody who's on a well in that area. He said many of the property owners that are in that area won't be living there any more or they have already vacated because of the initiative to acquire the properties through CenterPoint. He said there are others that are still on their wells and will be there but we'll make sure that we don't have any situation that will cause any kind of contamination of their well. He said what's before you tonight does not include any construction plans and it's merely the annexation of eight additional parcels, some of which are the homes; there is also a vacation of a short portion of Patterson Road and then we have the platting that's coming in showing the area of the rail yard and some of the surrounding properties. He said so we are not at that stage where there's construction being discussed. He said CenterPoint knows that when that does come our way we will be having a conversation and if Mr. Panno is available to help us understand it a little bit better that would be great.

Ms. Patti Nugent of the Will County Environmental Network stated she has also been following this area for about the last 48 years. She said one of the things she brought up last time was that the environmental impact for Section 29 was not done or was part of the record. She said she asked Attorney Mike Hansen at the last meeting if it was done and it was not. She said if it is done why hasn't it been made available, and if it's not, how can the Council vote on this without an environmental impact being done on Section 29 especially in light of what Mr. Panno said.

The City Manager said there are various versions of environmental impact studies. He said if we bought a building in downtown Joliet we would have a phase one environmental done. He said business people have environmental assessments done frequently. He said that usually comes at the time of either purchase or construction. He said in this case since CenterPoint has proceeded with purchasing all of the land even prior to the annexation process starting, we will anticipate that the environmental assessments will be done before construction to make sure that construction can proceed. He said we're confident that when the projects are coming in on all of these sections including Section 29 we'll be in a position to say yes or no to CenterPoint or whoever may be building on those parcels as to whether this piece of property is fit for construction or not. He said we are relatively certain that all of the parcels are fit for construction but we'll certainly deal with each one as they come in. He said you are not required by Illinois law or by City Ordinance to have an environmental study done prior to the annexation or the zoning of the property. He said when we were doing all of the annexations out on Caton Farm Road and other areas we did not have environmental assessments done at the time those

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decisions were made. He said certainly lenders will be asking for suitability of construction and we'll be asking for the same thing. He said we're not trying to minimize what Ms. Nugent has raised at this hearing and previous hearings and we understand she has a legitimate concern and we'll address those when construction starts. He said he doesn't want her to think we're ignoring her or not heeding her warnings about the Karsts. He said it is something we do take seriously and we'll deal with it at the time of construction.

Ms. Nugent said there are hundreds of private wells in Sections 28 and 29. She said on the other side of Laraway they are all private wells. She said this Karst region can flow for quite a while so you just can't be thinking of the ones that they purchased because there are hundreds of other private wells in the area.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said your point is well taken but right now we're just voting on annexation. He said before they build anything out there they have to come back to us and that will all be in the process.

The City Manager said there will be further interaction with the City through the building permit process and at that time we'll make sure that the issues that have been raised are addressed and if Ms. Baskerville and Ms. Nugent have additional information for us at that time we welcome it. He said Mr. Panno raises issues that are beyond our field of expertise and we'll certainly need to tap into some other resources to verify information and make sure we don't make a mistake. He said he knows there are a lot of private wells out there but it's in an area that has a lot of pre-existing heavy industrial users such as a landfill formerly called ESL that has hazardous waste buried in it, a gypsum pile where there is a considerable amount of runoff. He said there is also considerable underground mining, a quarry and a generation plant for electricity that uses coal and there are a lot of other sources that if there are Karsts out here they may have contaminated some of the wells already. He said he thinks CenterPoint may be doing some of these studies to protect itself because if there is contamination it may be coming from these other industrial users that have been out there for many, many years especially the landfill and the gypsum pile. He said those are the issues that we'll certainly look at, not that we're looking to blame somebody else but we want to make sure if there is a problem that the person or company responsible for it will step up and handle it.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated we won't take the environmental issues lightly but like the City Manager said these could be pre-existing conditions already. She said she is going to vote aye on this but as it comes to us as we said earlier we'll look at each and every one and work together.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated he thinks CenterPoint has done a great job along with Mike Hansen. He said they have been very responsible and as a developer they've done a great job and their commitment is something special and he votes aye.

K. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)

L. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)

M. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)
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3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
- N. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
 2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
 3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
- O. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
 2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
 3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
- P. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
 2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
 3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
- Q. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive
1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)
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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)

R. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 to I-2 Zoning (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #1402-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner, CenterPoint Joliet, LLC, that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on February 3, 2009.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said items be tabled to the February 3, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – November 1 – November 14, 2008 - \$3,132,448.70
(Council Memo #1403-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period November 1, 2008 through November 14, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period October 24, 2008 through November 6, 2008 including a 2008 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.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the City of Joliet Budget and the Joliet Public Library Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009 was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1404-08)

Ms. Nancy Murphy, President of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Joliet said she was speaking on behalf of the Board, the staff, volunteers and the countless men, women and children who receive the services provided to the homeless. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their ongoing support over the past several years. She said their commitment to improving the quality of life for all of our citizens has been very evident and in this time of severe economic distress the most vulnerable in our society must rely on each of us. She said at Catholic Charities they have every confidence that the Mayor and City Council will do everything in their power to support services such as Daybreak Shelter that provide for the less fortunate.

Ms. Pam Kostecki stated she has been with Catholic Charities for 13 years and is the Division Director of Community Services and her responsibilities include the Daybreak program. She said she wanted to extend their most sincere appreciation and recognition to the City of Joliet for all of their support over the years. She said the City's support has been critical to the provision of shelter for over 10,000 persons including over 2,000 children. She said with the state our economy is in they are currently seeing an increase for the needs of their services. She said without their program 1,024 families would have become homeless last year alone. She said the City began funding through the Housing Foundation yearly allocations of gaming revenue which they hope continues. She said their State and Federal programming funding is dependent on these matched dollars. She said if we lose these funds an additional \$755,000 annually will be jeopardized. She asked that the City work with them to find another solution because this would create a financial crisis for them. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and support.

Mr. Bob Stephens spoke on behalf of Daybreak Shelter. He said in October they lodged 85 to 100 persons per night and they served approximately 7,500 meals. He said the Daybreak Shelter is a matter of life and death to some, a place to sleep and a place to eat. He asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider their initial thought of cancelling funding to the place that helps so many that have fallen on bad times.

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Mr. Howard Wright, President of the Spanish Community Center, stated he is also speaking for the people they serve. He said he is not here to merely ask for money but to ask for the Council's ear. He said they have gone through the year fairly well but then in September they got hit with a rainstorm on the weekend of their festival and that set them back a little bit. He said they have asked a couple of times for the City's help. He said they've listened to what's going to happen in the 2009 budget and that brings concern to them. He said the City is 10% of their budget and that 10% would change what they do on the east side of Joliet. He said the Spanish Community Center represents the major force that helps the Latino population which has grown to be 30% of the Joliet area. He said they are not asking for money to pay salaries, they are just asking for money to help the people to keep them off the streets and keep them fed and clothed.

Mr. Alex Ledesma stated he is here asking for money for the Spanish Center and other organizations that help the needy. He said too much money is going to an entertainment center instead of agencies that feed the hungry and dress the people that need clothing. He said when he was on the City Council for 12 years he got together with Councilman Dorris and got some funds together out of their NIP funds on a couple of occasions for different events. He said he asks that Councilman Dorris and Councilwoman Barber do the same and pull \$5,000 or whatever they can out of their NIP. He said a street or two can hold back for another year. He said help the Spanish Center before it closes its doors.

Ms. Angie Mercer stated she is not here to ask for money, she is here to point out a way where the City can make money. She said the Recycling Center is being shut down because it's costing the City too much and she asked why it is costing the City anything. She said anything you recycle is money and why are we paying Waste Management to take away our money. She said a place called "Recycle Bank" is a company that in several cities in the U.S. has set out totes and as the machine picks it up it credits the person living there for the recycling which is money they can spend and the City takes those recyclables and sells them and makes money. She said she would propose that the City set up a "green committee" and look into this. She said we could also get the surrounding counties to come into it with us and the next thing we could make money off of other cities.

Mr. Dan Kennison stated many of the non-profits that serve not only Joliet but Will County rely on private donations from individuals and it makes up a lot of the money whether it's a golf outing or an annual banquet and that kind of thing. He said at the same time we're looking at cutting the money coming from the City. He said it's very difficult right now to raise money and each one of these non-profits that the City has been supporting are really getting hit from more than one direction right now. He said it's going to be very difficult in 2009. He said if there is any way that you can reconsider the monies that you're cutting out of the non-profit budget he knows they would appreciate it. He said if you can't do that, maybe you could fund them at the current levels just for the first quarter so we can have a chance to sit down with the boards and figure out how we can come up with alternatives to raise some of this money. He said they'll try to come up with some other funding mechanisms but they just need a little bit of time.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote COUNCILMAN TURK said there has been a lot of discussion. He said we have a list of all of the grant recipients that were in the budget and every one of them is a worthy organization who need funds. He said he's been on this Council for a long time and has always done the right thing. He said before the good times in the late 1980's and early 90's there were some rough times where we increased property taxes, we increased user fees, we increased water rates, we added money onto the vehicle tag and we were able to eliminate a lot of that stuff when times were good. He said now we have fallen on some difficult times and while those budgets back then were difficult, this is probably the most difficult budget that he has voted on.

COUNCILMAN TURK said he would like to compliment the City staff, the City Manager, the Finance Department and all the staff who have pulled this together. He said not only have we cut all the organizations we give gaming revenue to but we've cut our own budget over \$10 million. He thanked the staff for the hard work they have put into this and former City Manager John Mezera and former Management and Budget Director Bob Fraser for encouraging us to escrow some money in prior years. He said they warned us that 2008, 2009 and 2010 were going to be tough years and he doesn't think any of them or any of us expected it to be this tough. He said he hopes and prays it doesn't get any tougher. He said before we could always tell the staff to go find the money and we'll be fine but the money isn't there. He said we all feel the same way up here, it's difficult, it's very, very difficult to say no. He said we need to adopt this budget and during the next year starting in January we need to monitor our expenses and spending on a monthly basis and that's a commitment that the Council will work on with the City Manager. He said hopefully maybe some expenses will come in lower than we anticipate, hopefully not higher, and if there are any funds down the road that we can do something with then he thinks we need to take a look at it, but he thinks the only responsible thing to do tonight is to vote on this budget and he votes aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he has been on this Council 23 years and we've made a lot of progress over the years. He said since 1994 we have provided resources and funds to the social service agencies and the schools and are very proud of what we have accomplished. He said after the first of the year he thinks it will be important for us to sit down together with the agencies, the CED, the Chamber and Will County and maybe work up some plans where we can address these needs that are out there and hopefully we'll be able to come up with some solutions.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC thanked the staff for a superior job and hard work that they've done including the City Manager, the Director of Management and Budget and the Finance Director because it is very, very difficult and it's not an easy task. He said looking at the future over the next six months he knows the City Manager is going to have to make some hard decisions on adjustments. He

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said this is just the start of this budget process. He said he knows we'll be working with him closely and helping him the best way we can. He said also on the revenue side as he stated earlier he thinks it's extremely important that we search for these other revenues, not property tax increases because people can't afford that, but we should be looking at areas of fees and fines that our neighbors have done all around us like Plainfield, Channahon, Minooka and New Lenox. He said the fines should be increased for people driving without auto insurance. He said we should be stopping and fining trucks that are cutting through Joliet and damaging the infrastructure and they should be penalized and those funds should be coming into the City. He said once those added revenues come in he would encourage us to take those funds and pledge them to the pension funds above of what we're going to have to be giving and providing for those funds to bring them up to an adequate funded level and decrease the unfunded percentage. He said it's a difficult job and it's going to be a lot of work over these next six months and working together we'll accomplish a lot. He then voted aye.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said this is a very tough time. She said she's only been here a year and eight months and she's seen a very, very strong Council working together but today is a sad day with the things we have to do in order to keep everybody together. She said sometimes we have to take a step back and take another look and do things we might not want to do. She said she echoes what Councilman Turk has said that it's not only us, we are trying to protect everybody and do what we can for the whole City of Joliet. She said she knows eventually it's going to happen, it will come back to you so pray with us and go along with us. She said we don't know for how long but she asked the Lord before she came here tonight to lead and guide us and she hopes he's going to do that for us and she voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said as the County Seat we have a responsibility to do a little bit more than the average municipal government does and we've done that but we've learned something important, that while growth is beneficial, it is not infinitely sustainable. He said when the growth slowed down we've learned that those revenues that go along with them slowed down as well. He said he would like to think it's possible to do more all of the time but looking forward into the budget and not just this year but as you look at 2010, 2011 and 2012 the City of Joliet has some monumental challenges depending on what happens with the greater economy. He said he thinks on the other hand we've been fair with those that we've shared gaming revenues with. He said this past year we did not reduce the contributions when gaming revenues were down and we could have by agreement. He said he doesn't recall the details of it but we probably should have sent a little warning out a little more clearly that that part of the agreement is a reality if we have to exercise it. He said the future years may mean even more dire conditions so it is a time for needed leadership, it is a time for ideas, it is a time for those of you that care to come together with us and help us figure out together as a community how we do these things that we know we need to do but are becoming more difficult to do from a fiscal point of view. He said a budget is a balance of many things, you can't say we're doing one thing so we can't do another. He said this is a budget of many different things competing for a finite amount of money so you can't point to any one thing in the budget.

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He said there are obviously things that stick out in any given year but it's unfair to pick on things that are being funded in favor of those things that are not. He said he would call upon all of you in the community and our friends in other elected positions to put our heads together and do a little more work and figure this out. He said this budget is necessary to pass obviously at this time but the work begins tomorrow morning figuring out how to do the work that we need to do in spite of the budget that we're passing tonight. He then voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he had the opportunity to work at the Daybreak Shelter last Monday with his church and he thinks they fed 87 people. He said there were people who used to be homeowners that had children that have fallen on hard times and lost their jobs. He said knowing that this budget was coming and that we were going to have to do this it really is very difficult. He said he knows the Warren Sharpe Center, Peter Claver Center, Forest Park Center, Daybreak and everyone has needs and it would be really difficult to sit here and try to prioritize those needs. He said when he looks at the list of people being cut and the services being cut or may have to be cut the majority of these cuts are going to affect people that live in Districts 4 and 5, from Midland Avenue east. He said he's made the statement in the past and he'll make it again tonight that it's wonderful to build new roads and new sidewalks but if the people walking on top of those sidewalks are hungry we just have sidewalks and streets that are hurting people. He said District Councilmen have always had discretion in their NIP and we've used NIP in the past to bridge some gaps. He said we can't bridge a \$5 million gap out of NIP, there are certain things we need to prioritize. He said with Daybreak we've got to clothe and try to feed people, we have to make sure that those agencies that are providing the only hot breakfast that some of these children get in the morning comes through some of our funding and we need to start tomorrow morning looking at that funding. He said County Executive Larry Walsh is here and we need to try to put some things together with the County and Larry has always been willing to work with us. He said he doesn't think you're going to let the doors of some of these places close. He said it takes five votes to do it but before he lets one of these centers close we won't build any streets. He said he believes that you've got to keep them running. He said he's going to vote for this budget but he's letting this Council know that he is going to come back and try to reallocate some of this money to keep kids fed and clothed and to keep families from living on the street and under the viaducts. He said we've got to find a way. He said we have to prioritize those things that are going to have the most human effect on people. He said it's easy for him to sleep at night, he has a house to sleep in but he has also gone and serviced people who have no place to stay and he can't see building new roads that are carrying people that are hurting. He said he is voting aye, but he shall return.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said it's all been said. He said this is a day that none of us were looking forward to. He said we saw it coming with all of the different organizations needing the money and there is no doubt in our minds they all need it but this is a bare bones budget. He said staff met with department heads, they cut their budgets and we're going to eliminate jobs through attrition. He said the money just isn't there and it's a sad day but he has to vote aye.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated like Councilman Giarrante said, it's all been said. She said we all have heavy hearts here this evening but on the other hand everybody is tapped out. She said we're not raising taxes, we're not raising fees, this Council is certainly not getting a raise

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and she is tired of reading that and seeing on the internet that the Council is raising their salaries because we are not raising our salaries, what little it is for as hard as we work. She said the pension funds need to be brought up to speed, they've been underfunded for so long. She said these are hard working people that have worked for these pensions all their lives, people like you and I, not like the CEO's of these companies that are in D.C. now begging for money because their companies are failing and they're flying around on private jets. She said this is different and people don't understand that. She said this is the pension fund that City employees have worked for and they deserve to be funded so that their pension is there when they retire so they are not on the street later on in life.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said we all need to work together and she agrees with Councilman Dorris about looking at some of the NIP funds. She said we all need to come together as a community and a County and a City and work together. She said it's a big roller coaster ride, its got ups and downs every single day and no one can predict the future and of course we don't want to see these agencies close. She said as time goes on more and more people are going to need their services. She said she is going to vote yes on the budget but that doesn't shut the door here tonight, it doesn't mean that we're not going to continue to work together and work with the agencies and see what we can do to help especially in trying times. She said tighten your seatbelts and tighten your pocketbooks because we're in for a long ride and no one knows where it's going to go but if we stick together we'll be able to make it to the end and she voted aye.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ said as soon as the riverboat money came we gave it to you. He said we don't have it to give now but if we do get it back he guarantees you will get it. He said he supports this budget and he votes aye.
(ORDINANCE NO. 16378)

2. AN ORDINANCE For the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 for the Joliet City Center Special Service Area was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1405-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16379)

3. AN ORDINANCE For the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 1994 Joliet Special Service Area Number One (Joliet Commons Shopping Center Project) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1406-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16380)

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4. AN ORDINANCE For the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 1999 Joliet Special Service Area Number 66 (Raceway Associates L.L.C. Project) was presented and read.

(Council Memo #1406-08)

(ORDINANCE NO. 16381)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR SCHULTZ moved up the Proclamation on the agenda at this time.

MAYOR

- A. Proclamation re: Congratulating Pete McLenighan on his 25 Years of Distinguished Service to Stepping Stones

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ Congratulating Pete McLenighan on his 25 Years of Distinguished Service to Stepping Stones. She said Stepping Stones has been recognized as one of the premier providers of substance abuse services in the State of Illinois. She said Mr. McLenighan has served on numerous boards and received the "George Schwab Distinguished Service Award" when he served on the Governmental Relations Committee. She thanked him for his many years of service.

Mr. McLenighan said he is very honored to be recognized this evening and said the Mayor, Council and staff have been terrific to work with over the years. He also commented on the budget cuts pertaining to all of the different agencies.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he appreciates the work they have done and he said we can't forget the numbers of families that you've helped in both areas of abuse and that's a very important function. He said we are very sorry we can't provide any dollars right at this point in time but he thinks everybody up here has said that we're going to monitor the dollars as they come in and make sure that we don't lose any grant applications if we can help it because there are some serious grant applications out there. He said this Council will do everything it can through the aegis of the Mayor and City Council and City Manager as time and money permits. He thanked him for helping the families they have helped over the years. He said he was on a couple of the boards and he watched people go through that process and a lot are saved and he appreciates what he's done.

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5. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Addition of Territory to the 2008 Special Service Area No. 1 – Harwood/Scribner/Sterling Sanitary Sewer Improvements was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1407-08)

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16382)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Establishing a Maximum Tax Rate for the City of Joliet was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1412-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for an explanation.

The Corporation Counsel said this authorizes the City Manager and the Finance staff to work with the County, if necessary, at the time that the assessed valuation figures are disclosed to the public to reduce property taxes in Joliet to make sure that the maximum tax rate would be \$1.11 which is the same rate that has been in effect in Joliet for many, many years. He said this is a way to make sure that property taxes do not increase in Joliet.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6210)

2. A RESOLUTION Declaring and Authorizing Distribution of Surplus Funds in the Rock Run TIF Fund was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1413-08)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6211)

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3. A RESOLUTION Approving an Interagency Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Joliet Job Corps Center for Policing Jurisdiction was presented and read.
(Council Memo #1414-08)

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6212)

4. A RESOLUTION Declaring Certain City of Joliet Property as Surplus was presented and read. (1989 Ford Reserve Fire Ambulance and Various Size Hose)
(Council Memo #1415-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that said Resolution be adopted, that the 1989 Ford Reserve Fire Ambulance be donated to the Wilco Area Career Center in Romeoville and that the hose be donated to the Office of the State Fire Marshall's Office.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6213)

5. Resolution re: Authorizing an Amended Development Agreement for the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for 205/207 North Chicago and 5 West Cass Streets (Chicago & Cass Streets LLC)
(Council Memo #1416-08)

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

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BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for the Purchase of Replacement Boiler Tubes for the No. 1 Boiler at the Eastside Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #1423-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Barr Mechanical Sales Inc. in the amount of \$9,234.00.

2. Authorization to Approve Emergency Replacement of the Boiler at 818 East Cass Street Facility – Roadways Division
(Council Memo #1424-08)

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 Poehner, Dillman & Mahalik in the amount of \$26,989.00.

3. Authorization to Purchase UPM Cold Patch Material
(Council Memo #1425-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Gallagher Asphalt in the amount of \$18,360.00.

4. Authorization to Extend the Professional Service Contract with Ceridian for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
(Council Memo #1426-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the extension of this contract with Ceridian for one year (2009) in the amount of \$15,377.68.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated at the Public Service Committee meeting this morning they asked Director of Human Resources Mike Suppan to give them a readout for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) on how many of the employees use it and how many family members, etc. use it and he said Mr. Suppan put the information in all of the Council's mailboxes.

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B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Approve Payments to the City's PILOT Agreement with Industrial Developments International (IDI)
(Council Memo #1431-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve payments totaling \$146,132.72 to the various governmental units as listed in the Council Memo.

2. Authorization to Pay IWIN User Fees
(Council Memo #1432-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$9,691.00 per month to the Illinois Department of Central Management for the period January thru December 2009.

3. Approve Change Order No. 2 for the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Upgrade Construction Project
(Council Memo #1433-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$8,432.00 on behalf of Williams Brothers Construction.

4. Approve Change Order No. 5 for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvements Construction Project
(Council Memo #1434-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$27,273.00 on behalf of Williams Brothers Construction.

5. Authorization to Approve Payment for Emergency Water Main Repairs on Mills Road at the EJ&E Crossing
(Council Memo #1435-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve a net increase to Purchase Order No. 97152 in the amount of \$121,434.10; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$122,424.10 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

6. Approve Payment No. 5 and Final for 2008 Lawn Mowing Services - Utilities
(Council Memo #1436-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 5 and Final in the amount of \$7,976.58 on behalf of Carefree Lawn Maintenance.

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7. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Estimate No. 1 and Final for the 2008 Sanitary Sewer Chemical Root Control Program
(Council Memo #1437-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order No. 98405, a net deduction in the amount of \$135.19; and 2) Approve Pay Estimate No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$32,134.75 on behalf of Duke's Root Control, Inc.

8. Approve Payment for Testing Services for the Arbeiter Road Public Works Facility and Gael Drive Fire Maintenance Facility Construction
(Council Memo #1438-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$17,924.00 on behalf of Geocon Testing Services, Inc.

9. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 2 for the Ferris Place/Ivy Place/Margaret Street/Morris Street Roadway Improvements Project – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #1439-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,730.56 and Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$192,406.77 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

10. Approve Change Order No. 6 for Phase 3 of the Enterprise GIS Implementation
(Council Memo #1440-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$62,000.00 on behalf of Plangraphics.

11. Approve Change Order No. 4 and Payment No. 2 and Final to the Contract for Weed Cutting and Clean-Up of City-Owned Properties
(Council Memo #1441-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 4, a deduction in the amount of \$340.00 and Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$18,596.00 on behalf of Latino's Landscaping.

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12. Approve Change Order No. 5 and Final Payment to the Contract for Weed Cutting and Clean-Up of City-Owned Properties
(Council Memo #1442-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5, a deduction in the amount of \$2,001.00 and Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$10,599.00 on behalf of Abe's Lawn Service.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he's been watching Babe's Hotdogs with their "Buy Local" project and he said it's a great idea. He said they're talking about buying in our local community and trading in the local community and especially in this era it's really important. He said he thinks the owner is doing a great job with it, there are a bunch of people involved with him and he appreciates what he's doing.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN commended the Police Department for their "Shop with a Cop" program which will be December 16th. She said our police officers are selling Santa pins for \$3.00 to help them take underprivileged children shopping to Kmart. She said it is the second year the Fire Department will be doing the same thing and they will be doing their shopping on the 14th of December, so if anyone has a dollar in their pocket, please give it to them so they can help the underprivileged children.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY reminded everyone that folks are volunteering ringing bells for the Salvation Army. He said this Saturday the Joliet Rotarians will be out and about at various storefronts ringing the bell for the Salvation Army so don't forget to throw in some coins in the kettles.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said with the rerouting of Cass Street he is using Bridge Street more often going west and he has the occasion to stop longer amounts of time at the stop sign at Broadway going up the hill. He said the building at the northeast corner of Bridge and Broadway is falling down the hill. He said if you look at the east wall it's concave and if you look at the west wall it's convex and we should check it out.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE complimented everyone who was involved in the Christmas Parade. He said it was great and everything went well.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the Council adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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