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held on the 17th day of February, A.D. 2009***

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

The Invocation was given later in the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: MAYOR PRO-TEM JAN QUILLMAN 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, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. City-County Advisory

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they are still progressing and he asked the City Manager if he had any current information.

The City Manager stated the two staffs continue to meet and discuss the project.

B. Communication, Technology and Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said the Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

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C. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Finance Committee met this evening and there was a review and discussion of the Joliet Library audit. He said there was also a review of the 2008 NIP report that was placed on file and they reviewed investment balance history. He said there was also review of the Personnel Summary, the January Conference, Travel and Seminar Expense Report and the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said there was also an extensive review and discussion on future IMRF contributions and the cash flow for the year end 2008. He then asked the City Manager and Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich to give an overview on that.

The City Manager stated he, Ken Mihelich and Director of Human Resources Mike Suppan attended a meeting conducted by IMRF about two weeks ago and at that time IMRF announced due to the changes in the structure of the IMRF pension and the effect of the market on it, there has been about a \$7 billion loss in assets. He said the result is under the statutory rate setting procedure, the City's rate along with the other municipalities in Illinois would see a contribution increase from 9.27% in 2009 to 16.63% in 2010 which is about a 79% increase in what the employer's obligation is under IMRF pension. He said IMRF pension covers all City employees with the exception of Police and Fire which means about half of our employee complement are members of the IMRF pension fund. He said IMRF indicated that most municipalities will not be able to afford a 79% increase in one year and they will be working with us on a phasing proposal, but there will be some expenses that will need to be caught up with later on in the process. He said it will be a substantial increase over what we've been paying into the IMRF pension fund. He said it is very similar to the process we went through last year with the Police and Fire pensions where we ended up having a net increase of \$6 million into those two pension funds. He said it is a sign of the times and a dramatic change in our employer contributions and is something we have been preparing for.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if there is a projected minimum increase.

The City Manager said he thinks they were talking about a 51% minimum payment which will get it to about 13 1/2% or 14% which is still a very substantial increase for us. He said that will translate into about a \$3 million increase on top of what we've been paying into IMRF.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich to make some comments on the Cash Flow Report.

Mr. Mihelich said essentially to recap the year, we had an original budget that was passed in March of 2008 for 2008 and in May and June we talked about some things that were happening in the economy that forced us to revise that and it was officially revised in December of 2008 with the new 2009 budget. He said we are happy to report that those revisions did come in generally. He said revenues were probably \$3.5 million over what we expected and a large portion of that has to do with the fact that we did a little bit better in the last month as far as some real estate taxes that did come in and a few other items. He said on the expense side we are probably about a half million or so on the negative side but we more than made that up on the positive of the revenues. He said so we are a

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little bit better than we expected.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said the 2008 Budget was not really something that we were real happy with and going into 2009 the last paragraph of the Cash Flow Report pretty much sums it up: "A continued downturn in the economy coupled with anticipated increases in 2009 salaries, benefits, pensions and commodities will require significant adjustments to the 2009 Budget" that was just approved two months ago. He said the City Manager is working with staff on this right now and probably very shortly will be coming up with some recommendations for the Mayor and City Council.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Committee met this evening. He said they discussed the payoff for snowplowing for the fire stations and the low bidder was Len Cox & Sons at \$960 per plow. He said because of the extensive snow in January they went over there and we paid them, but from this day forward the firefighters will be plowing their own drives. He said in the past they used to do their own drives but with the stations being wider and the drives being longer they decided to hire somebody to plow them, and Station No. 7 was a good place for snowdrifts, but in the future they will be plowing and shoveling the snow themselves.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they also discussed the purchase of 15 VHF Radios for the Fire Department in the amount of \$7,035.00 which is in the budget.

E. PUBLIC SERVICE

COUNCILMAN TURK stated the 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.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Establishing the Public Hearing Date for the 2009 Appropriation Ordinances
(Council Memo #130-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Place the 2009 Appropriation Ordinances on file for public inspection as of February 19, 2009; 2) Direct the Administration to have the notice of the public hearing published as required by law; and 3) Set March 3, 2009 as the date of the public hearing as a part of the March 3 Regular Council meeting.

- B. Approve 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Modification No. 1 – Modification to the 2009 District 5 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #131-09)

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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the modification to the 2009 District 5 Neighborhood Improvement Program by adding the Youngs Avenue (Cass Street – S. End) Resurfacing Project (\$13,000.00).

C. Treasurer's Report – December, 2008

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

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, SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER and MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN.

NAYS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 69.3 Acres for Bronk's Landing Subdivision

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 69.3 Acres - Bronk's Landing Subdivision (#A-111-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #134-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 69.3 Acres - Bronk's Landing Subdivision (#A-111-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #134-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 69.3 Acres - Bronk's Landing Subdivision to B-3 Zoning (#A-111-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #134-09)
4. Ordinance re: Approving the Preliminary Plat of Bronk's Landing Subdivision (#P-5-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #134-09)

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 March 17, 2009 in order to finalize outstanding issues with IDOT and the annexation agreement.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said items be tabled to the March 17, 2009 City Council meeting.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

INVOCATION

An Invocation was delivered by Reverend Isaac Singleton Sr., Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 402 Singleton Place, Joliet, Illinois.

Reverend Singleton then led the pledge to the flag.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN moved up the Proclamation on the agenda at this time.

MAYOR

A. Proclamation re: Recognizing the Accomplishments of Reverend Isaac Singleton Sr.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ recognizing the accomplishments of Rev. Isaac Singleton Sr. who became pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church 47 years ago and has received numerous honorary distinctions while in the Joliet area. He said we wish him good health and much happiness as he retires from more than 5 decades of dedication to the church.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER thanked Rev. Singleton and said he is a man who stands behind his word and as you can tell by this Proclamation, he is a man of all things.

Reverend Singleton stated he is proud to accept this honor and proud of Joliet and for being here as Pastor for 47 years and is proud of his beautiful wife and family.

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 2505 Garden Street

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 2505 Garden Street (#A-127-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #135-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 2505 Garden Street (#A-127-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #135-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 2505 Garden Street to R-1 Zoning (#A-127-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #135-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by staff that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on March 3, 2009 so that the Plan Commission can first review the matter.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Treasurer's Disbursements – January, 2009 - \$27,375,307.00

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

B. Regular Claims – January, 2009 - \$4,422,939.19

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

C. Regular Payroll – January 1 – January 9, 2009 - \$2,441,158.41
(Council Memo #136-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period January 1, 2009 through January 9, 2009 and additions to regular salaries for the period December 19, 2008 through January 1, 2009 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.

D. Regular Payroll – January 10 – January 23, 2009 - \$3,291,466.94
(Council Memo #137-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period January 10, 2009 through January 23, 2009 and additions to regular salaries for the period January 2, 2009 through January 15, 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.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE. (MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN abstained from voting on any items dealing with Silver Cross Hospital)

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Approving the Vacation of an Alley Located Adjacent to 500 East Cass Street (#V-6-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #138-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a recommendation by both the Plan Commission and the Administration that the petition be denied.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said petition be denied.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

2. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow the Installation of a 160 Ft. Tall Telecommunications Monopole with Related Ground Equipment Located at 929 Plainfield Road as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals subject to the following conditions was presented and read: 1) That the ground-level equipment area be screened by a six foot tall board-on-board wood fence; 2) That the ground-level equipment area be landscaped around the perimeter of the required wood fence; and 3) That the petitioner shall post a bond in the amount of \$35,000.00 prior to the issuance of the building permit for the proposed installation. (#2009-02/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #139-09)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if staff has looked into trying to get some lease money off of these.

The City Manager said yes, we're checking other communities to see if anybody else has an on-going fee. He said we have a one-time fee but there are some communities he thinks that are exploring the opportunity so we certainly want to look at that.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16425)

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3. AN ORDINANCE Declaring the following properties as Public Nuisances and authorizing application to the Circuit Court for demolition, injunction or other relief was presented and read:
379 S. Chicago Street, 538 N. Briggs Street and 126 Willow Avenue
(Council Memo #140-09)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said she knows that this is to force the owner to fix up the property but the owner of 126 Willow Avenue doesn't live there so it's empty. She asked if anyone knows where he lives.

The City Manager said they don't know but they will find out. He said we'll follow up on it and he's sure the owner has been getting notices wherever his known address is.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said that home could be easily fixed up.

The City Manager said we'll follow up with the owner and see what the status is. He said usually if it's coming to you at this point that means we have not had cooperation from the owner but once we get to court sometimes we do get cooperation.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said the reason she asked is because we do usually show a current address for the owners. She then voted aye.
(ORDINANCE NO. 16426)

4. AN ORDINANCE Accepting the Dedication of Right-of-Way in Association with the Construction of the Granite Street Sewer Outfall Repairs Project was presented and read.
(Council Memo #141-09)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16427)

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5. Ordinance re: Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Joliet and AFSCME Local 440 for Certain Part-Time Employees
(Council Memo #142-09)

The City Clerk noted that this item was taken off the agenda.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Conveying City Owned Property Located at 343 South Joliet Street to Neighboring Property Owners was presented and read.
(Council Memo #146-09)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6237)

2. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement with the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board for Funding of the 2009 Surcharge Reallocation Grant Program was presented and read.
(Council Memo #147-09)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6238)

3. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement for Mosquito Control Services to be Provided by Joliet Township was presented and read.
(Council Memo #148-09)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the City Manager if he has any idea how long we've been doing this.

The City Manager said he would say at least two decades that he knows of, maybe a little bit longer. He said he's not sure what went on before but we've always done it cooperatively with the Township.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked how do we measure the effectiveness of the spraying, or do we keep doing it because we've always done it and is it still needed.

The City Manager said COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked the same question and the way we test it is to see what other towns are doing and we've received information showing that other towns our size have a similar program. He said towns smaller than us that have less area to cover also do it. He said there are two parts to this program. He said one is usually the larvae site program where you're trying to hit the wet spots in the community that breed mosquitoes and that seems to be where most towns focus their energies. He said then there is what is called in the business "adulticide" where you actually spray the fog and try to kill the adult mosquitoes. He said what we've found is that St. Charles pays \$90,000 a year, Glen Ellyn through a Mosquito Abatement District pays \$95,000 a year, Romeoville pays \$50,000, Aurora pays \$110,000 for a partial contract that doesn't cover the entire city, Frankfort pays \$70,000 and Naperville does most of it in-house through their Public Works Department. He said it seems like for the area that we have to cover and the level of service we receive, the price we have of \$183,066 is competitive. He said the question is do you hold back on that especially in this time when we're trying to find ways to save money. He said it really is a difficult thing to pull back on. He said he did ask the question to staff and our concern obviously is with the West Nile Virus and other diseases carried by mosquitoes. He said it is a difficult contract for us to recommend against so we are recommending that we do it. He said we can look at pulling back on some of the mid-season applications and if we see an opportunity to do that we'll do that, but it really depends on the weather. He said if there are a lot of mosquitoes out that's when we call them and have them come shoot the fog.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what is the boundary of their spray and does this go beyond Joliet Township and into Troy Township.

The City Manager said this particular contract covers Joliet Township and the City of Joliet and Rockdale.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said so it covers us in Kendall County, Troy Township, Plainfield Township, New Lenox Township and all of those properties.

The City Manager said yes, our portion has grown as our boundaries have grown so that probably explains the increase that we've seen over the last several years as we've expanded west and south.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we cover the whole City.

The City Manager said it does.

COUNCILMAN TURK said in a gated community with private streets, they are still obligated to service that area for Joliet.

The Director of Public Works said yes.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN asked if we don't use all of it up do we get a credit.

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The City Manager said we pay for the applications as they come through. He said he believes the larvaecide is done fairly early in the season and the spraying is done later in the year and he thinks that comes in phases depending upon what the mosquito count is and in other ways of measuring the level of mosquito activity. He said so if we don't ask for those extra applications we will save money.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC thanked the City Manager for doing a great job because there were serious questions about this with our economic condition.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6239)

4. A RESOLUTION Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$27,512.31 for the 2008 Plant Mix Contract was presented and read. (Section No. 08-00407-00-RS)
(Council Memo #149-09)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6240)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Authorization to Repair Damaged Police Vehicle Unit 0429
(Council Memo #153-09)

A report on two estimates received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Rendel's Auto Rebuilders in the amount of \$6,043.40.

2. Authorization to Purchase Fifteen (15) Mobile VHF Radios for Fire Department Vehicles
(Council Memo #154-09)

A report on three quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Illinois Communications Sales Inc. in the amount of \$7,035.00.

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3. Authorization to Make Emergency Repairs to the No. 3 Pump at Black Road Lift Station
(Council Memo #155-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Gasvoda & Associates in the amount of \$13,106.00.

4. Award of Contract for the Well 10D Rehabilitation Project - 2009
(Council Memo #156-09)

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 Water Well Solutions in the amount of \$217,312.00.

5. Authorization to Award a Contract to Service Five Failed Sanitary District Flow Meters
(Council Memo #157-09)

The City Clerk noted that this item was taken off of the agenda.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

B. Amendments, Change Orders and Payments:

1. Authorization for Payment of Automated Fingerprint Identification System Maintenance Agreement
(Council Memo #161-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment in the amount of \$6,504.00 to NEC Technologies for the maintenance agreement on the AFIS equipment for the term April 1 thru March 31, 2010.

2. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the January 2009 Fire Station Snow Plowing
(Council Memo #162-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, an increase of \$1,900.00 to Blanket Purchase Order No. 99327 and Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$6,650.00 on behalf of Len Cox & Sons.

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3. Approve Change Order No. 2 for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Pump and Tank Repairs Project
(Council Memo #163-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2, a decrease in the amount of \$8,813.00 on behalf of Mecon Industries, Inc.

4. Approve Payment No. 33 for the System-Wide SCADA System Construction Project
(Council Memo #164-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 33 in the amount of \$103,935.91 with a reduced retainage of \$52,770.53 on behalf of Wunderlich-Malec Environmental.

5. Approve Change Order No. 8 and Payment Request No. 7 and Final for the 2008 Plant Mix Contract
(Council Memo #165-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 8, a deduction in the amount of \$59,602.07 and Payment Request No. 7 and Final in the amount of \$189,205.20 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

6. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Request No. 9A for the 2008 Aggregate Contract
(Council Memo #166-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$14,357.68 and Payment Estimate No. 9A in the amount of \$20,426.37 on behalf of Lafarge Joliet Inc.

7. Approve Payment Request No. 4 and Final for the Arbeiter Road Fuel Dispensing Facility
(Council Memo #167-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Request No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$20,000.00 on behalf of Petroleum Technologies Equipment, Inc.

8. Authorization to Approve Payment for Snow Removal for Parking Decks and Lots – January, 2009
(Council Memo #168-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the additional expense in the amount of \$6,930.00 to Purchase Order No. 99474 on behalf of Will County Materials, Inc.; and 2) Approve payment to Will County Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$8,130.00.

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9. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 4 and Final for the Well 10D Rehabilitation Project - 2008
(Council Memo #169-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, a deduction in the amount of \$3,244.72 and Payment Estimate No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$38,610.53 on behalf of Water Well Solutions.

10. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment No. 4 and Final for the Bentley Drive (Bronk – 1350' East) and Preiboy Avenue (Von Esch – East End) Roadway Improvements – 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #170-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$773.95 on behalf of Len Cox & Sons Excavating.

11. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment Request No. 7 for the Black Road and Timberline Drive Roadway Widening and Traffic Signal Improvements Project
(Council Memo #171-09)

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 \$1,210.50 and Payment Request No. 7 in the amount of \$83,077.02 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

12. Approve Payment Request No. 7 and Final for the Caton Farm Road and I-55 West Frontage Road Roadway Improvements Project
(Council Memo #172-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Request No. 7 and Final in the amount of \$23,372.16 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

13. Authorization to Reimburse the Property Owner of 23443 Caton Farm Road for the Relocation of a Fence Associated with the Right of Way Acquisition for the Caton Farm Road and West Frontage Road Roadway Widening and Traffic Signal Improvements Project
(Council Memo #173-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the reimbursement of \$7,350.00 to the property owners of 23443 Caton Farm Road.

14. Approve Change Order No. 5 and Payment Request No. 12 and Final for the 2007 Electrical Maintenance Assistance Contract
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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 5 and Payment Request No. 12 and Final in the amount of \$11,860.44 on behalf of Van Mack Electric.

15. Approve Change Order and Payment for Emergency Service
Line Repair at 1257 N. Hickory Street
(Council Memo #175-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the increase to Purchase Order No. 99889 in the amount of \$8,090.12 and the payment of \$9,089.12 to Construction by Camco.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY 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, SHETINA, TURK, UREMOVIC and MAYOR PRO-TEM
QUILLMAN.

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated we have an item here on parking garages and he asked if anyone from staff is conversant with the conditions of the two parking garages and if there are any outstanding issues we need to address like water leaks and things of that nature and are the elevators working.

The City Manager said he's not sure, we can check into it and give you a report before the next meeting.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he would like them to check the elevators and see if there are any structural problems that are evident to the naked eye. He then voted aye.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

- A. Issuance of a Class "1" Liquor License at 158 N. Chicago Street
(Council Memo #180-09)

A communication from the Liquor Commissioner regarding the application of Data Safe Worldwide, Inc. d/b/a 158 North for the issuance of a Class "1" Liquor License at 158 N. Chicago Street contained his recommendation that the issuance of this license is in the best interest of the City, and therefore, approval is recommended

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

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**B. Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 3115 W. Jefferson Street
(Council Memo #181-09)**

A communication from the Liquor Commissioner regarding the application of Michael Harris, Michael Carlson and Mark Tomasik d/b/a Shamrox Pub and Laugh-ery for the issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 3115 W. Jefferson Street contained his recommendation that the issuance of this license is in the best interest of the City, and therefore, approval is recommended.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN noted the statement from the Fire Inspector that says since there is so much construction that needs to be done he would ask that the final permit be held until the final inspection is done on the building.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Dan Campus stated the applicants have gone ahead and gotten pre-approval of the license with the knowledge that we will withhold the final permit until all the inspections are done and the Fire Department and the Building Inspector and all the departments of the City are satisfied.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that the recommendation of the Liquor Commissioner be concurred in.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

DAYBREAK SHELTER

COUNCILMAN DORRIS stated we received a memo today from the City Manager saying that there is a possibility that the Daybreak Shelter on Cass Street could close tomorrow. He said he thinks that would be horrible for the City of Joliet. He asked the City Manager if he could give us some information and if there is anyone here from Daybreak Shelter to answer our questions of what can be done to keep the shelter open until we can come up with a viable way to either help them or help them help themselves.

The City Manager said it's actually the cold shelter part of the Daybreak Shelter that is being proposed for a closure based on the funding shortages that Catholic Charities and Daybreak are seeing. He said they're no different than what most businesses and other not-for-profits are experiencing right now with the downturn in the economy. He said we've had a long-time relationship with Daybreak and the City of Joliet has provided them with \$2.7 million in funding over the last 16 years. He said most of that funding came from riverboat gaming revenue and each year the City would enter into a one-year contract for assisting Daybreak with the operation of the shelter by the Housing Foundation of Will County which is the actual legal entity. He said this year's budget was not in a position to allocate money for social service agencies and as a result Daybreak along with several other social service agencies were not included for an allocation of riverboat gaming revenue in the 2009 Budget. He said we have had a series of conversations with the operators of Daybreak and they've indicated that a grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the Federal Government through HUD is at stake

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if the City's grant of \$240,000 is not provided. He said he has indicated to the operators of Daybreak that the budget for 2009 has changed dramatically and the City is not in a position to provide that funding. He said there are some discretionary areas and if the Council so chooses we would be in a position to provide some funding, probably not at the same allocation as previous years, but some if the Council so chooses.

The City Manager said as far as the cold shelter goes we do use the services of Daybreak through our Police Department. He said we frequently have members of the public who are homeless appearing at the police station at all hours of the day looking for shelter and the agreement we have is when the temperature reaches a certain level Daybreak is required to take all comers, anybody that we drop off or anybody that shows up at their door in a cold shelter area. He said it's not their full dormitory style facility but it's a place where somebody can stay out of the cold when temperatures drop below 15 degrees. He said this year has been an extraordinarily difficult winter. He said Daybreak has provided him with the figures and it shows that there were about 15 nights in December and 21 nights in January when we had the cold shelter open with a total occupancy of about 520 in one month and about 400 or so in the other month so it's a facility that is of great need. He said he spoke with Police Chief Hayes today about the issue and there is no doubt that the Police Department uses the cold shelter frequently. He said one night a few weeks ago we had seven transports of homeless people to the cold shelter so it is a facility we've had a long-term relationship with and he does recommend some funding level because we do have a valuable service provided by Daybreak for the Police Department and our recommendation is for that to continue.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said there was one thing that he was taken aback by, and that was that we received a memo today saying that if there is no additional funding that it would close tomorrow. He said that to him didn't give us much of an opportunity to respond. He said we just happened to have a meeting tonight and if we didn't have a meeting tonight and if the memo was correct then the cold shelter would be closed tomorrow and he had an issue with that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if anyone from Daybreak was present to answer questions.

Ms. Pamela Kostecki, Division Director of Community Services for Catholic Charities, stated part of the issue is that they've been under the understanding for three separate City Council meetings that this was coming before the Council and as you know the funding allocation for this year began in January. She said they are at a little more than a \$36,000 loss at this point from January until now and they don't know when a decision is going to be made and how soon and they feel that they have to take some kind of action. She said they already have frozen hiring and have laid staff off.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN asked what exactly is this grant for. She asked if the \$750,000 grant that Daybreak keeps saying they're going to lose if they don't get the money from the City is for the cold shelter.

Ms. Kostecki said that it funds all of the staffing and the operations of Daybreak center.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said so it's for staffing. She said that's funny because she thought the original grant was for housing for 10 families for six months.

Ms. KostECKI said their HUD funding began as a demonstration project back in 1992. She said with the change in administration at the Federal level the funds rolled over to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She said in maybe 1998 HUD went to the Continuum of Care concept where every community based on their entitlement amounts have to prioritize their projects. She said they get well over the entitlement amount of money for Will County and the City of Joliet because of rolling in two projects together; one being the support services that are provided to Daybreak Shelter and the other a transitional housing project. She said they do run a 10 unit transitional housing project for single women with children that without us would be homeless or in our shelter program. She said they stay with us for two years and we provide them with housing, food and everything that they need while they're trying to improve their education and obtain employment so they can afford market rate rent. She said it's their goal for these families to all be in permanent housing when they leave us.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said right, but this grant money isn't for your cold shelter.

Ms. KostECKI said no, the cold shelter is something that they entered into with the City.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said so in order to apply for this grant you have to have a Letter of Intent that you have to leverage the money to get the grant and you never had that letter, did you.

Ms. KostECKI said they did and they provided it.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN asked if it was for 2008.

Ms. KostECKI said yes.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said she thinks in 2007 you had a letter, not 2008.

The City Manager said he doesn't have a copy of the letter, he doesn't think he issued it but maybe somebody on the staff issued it.

Ms. KostECKI said yes.

The City Manager said apparently there was a letter issued but he doesn't have a copy of it.

Ms. KostECKI said she doesn't have it with her but would be happy to provide it.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said in the notes she received the letter that Daybreak had was from 2007 to apply for the 2007 grant, not the 2008 grant.

Ms. KostECKI said it has written in the body of the letter the commitment for 2008-2009.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN asked how can you commit money you may not have for the following year.

Ms. Kostecki said everything from the City, even the original contract that they entered into, says "based on the ability to continue to fund".

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said it states funding is "based on the ability to continue to fund", and we're kind of strapped this year.

Ms. Kostecki said she understands that.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said she is a little miffed here why you would apply for a huge grant like that when you didn't have the money in hand or the letter because you knew it was based on if the money was going to be available so you just kind of assumed the money was going to be available. She said when you were here a few months ago you led us to believe that the original grant money was for all of Daybreak.

Ms. Kostecki said it is.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said well no, it's just for those 10 families, that's what that grant is for.

Ms. Kostecki said no, it is not.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said she talked to the grant writer and that's what they told her.

Ms. Kostecki asked if she talked to the Chicago office and MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said no.

Ms. Kostecki said we can provide you with the proposal. She said the way that HUD works, the funding is very political like everything else. She said everyone on the Continuum of Care is aware of how this works. She said there used to be two grant proposals, one for Daybreak Center Support Services for the Homeless Shelter and a separate project for Transitional Housing. She said it used to be two different pots of money and around 1998 is when the two pots of money were rolled together into one in order to leverage more dollars for other projects and new permanent supportive housing projects. She said Lambs Fold and Cornerstone has received funding and there are numerous entities who have received additional funding because of our rolling the two projects together.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY thanked Ms. Kostecki for being here tonight and said in the spirit of cooperation we applaud you for what you do with challenging work that is in a difficult environment as it has always been. He said as a member of the Board of the Continuum of Care he knows for a fact that these social service agencies in Joliet and in Will County have cooperated to produce efficiencies and a more productive work environment as required by HUD under the Continuum of Care edict. He said HUD basically said get together and figure out where your major need is in each community and come back to us. He said instead of dictating from Washington D.C. what money should be spent, HUD said do it in your communities, come to us with a list of priorities and we'll provide funding. He said this group has done that. He said the goal is to end homelessness and along the way there are a lot of other challenges that they have to take on from

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substance abuse to emergency housing and so on. He said he would like to turn the spirit of this conversation into one of a little bit more cooperative tone because we do applaud you for what you do, we appreciate what you do and as the County Seat we need you to do what you do. He said instead of arguing about details of technicalities and paperwork that Ms. Kostecki could obviously produce if we gave her time, we should be talking about the need at hand.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said perhaps we should bring this back up at a Pre-Council meeting because she feels a responsibility to her constituents to ask these questions and she thinks it would be irresponsible of her if she didn't ask these questions of this grant; it's a lot of money.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said these questions are certainly in order but the spirit of the day is we have people in need in our town, we ask professionals like Ms. Kostecki and others in the social agency population here in town to do a difficult job and they do it very well. He said they have reached out to us directly, they have reached out to us through mail, they have reached out to us through their board members, they have done the respectful thing through this budget year and they have been waiting patiently. He said this is not a just since yesterday type request. He said the need is every day and every night at that shelter.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN should ask these questions, they are legitimate and they are responsible. He said he doesn't think they set any negative tone. He asked how does Daybreak differ from Morning Star Mission; they don't receive any funding at all from the City at this time.

Ms. Kostecki said Morning Star Mission is a completely different program. She said we receive Federal and State funding in order to provide services so we do that without the expectation or the requirement that clients participate in any kind of religious or spiritual activities. She said that is not the same for Morning Star Mission. She said Morning Star Mission's men's program is focused on substance abuse and they now have the family shelter which she can't give specifics on.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said so Morning Star does the same function. He said there's always the question of whether there is duplicity and in these trying economic times that's why we have to ask these questions to make sure there isn't duplicity and it's more an administrative function than it is an actual service function.

Ms. Kostecki said she couldn't speak to how Morning Star is funded, she wouldn't have that information.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC asked the City Manager if he is making some financial recommendation but only for this year and certainly not next year. He said even with the 2009 financial criteria that we're dealing with at this time you're asking us to make some contribution and it's a one-year only.

The City Manager said he is. He said the Council heard him talk 20 minutes ago about an IMRF contribution that is going to go up 79% whether we pay it next year or over a period of time and he knows we've talked about a lot of the challenges that we have coming before us. He said the staff made the difficult recommendation back in November to eliminate the riverboat gaming allocations for all social service agencies just because of the \$10 million drop in gaming

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revenue that we're seeing in 2009 over 2007. He said we just didn't have the money to share. He said at the time we made the recommendation he was not aware of the HUD grant that Daybreak qualifies for and their reliance on our match. He said the other thing that separates Daybreak from the other social service agencies is that we have a direct relationship not only with using Daybreak services for dropoffs from our Police Officers but also we were part of the group that created the Daybreak organization. He said he's not sure if you're ever going to cure homelessness but you have to keep fighting the fight and he thinks if we were to step back on our funding that it would be a serious regression in our effort to fight homelessness.

The City Manager said he has not brought any kind of new spending to the Council, even on the mosquito abatement contract he spent a couple hours with staff trying to figure out if we wanted to fight the mosquitoes or not and he brought it forward to the Council reluctantly. He said but he thinks on this particular item there is value to the community in assisting Daybreak and that's why he is recommending that we grant some level of funding with the understanding that it is for 2009. He said he told Ms. Kostecki and her staff that he can make no representations what happens in 2010 because he thinks we are looking at substantial changes in our operation too but at least it does give them about a nine month head start to try to work on where the funding will come from in 2010.

COUNCILMAN TURK said he thinks it's real obvious that the Housing Foundation Board is looking for alternate sources of revenue for this funding for next year. He said they are in the process of doing that now and they're committed to doing that so he doesn't think we're going to see them coming back next year. He said what he would like to see happen is the Council requested certain documents from Daybreak or Catholic Charities and now they've received them. He said we had a chance to go through them in the last week and he thinks there are some Council Members who still have some questions and he thinks in the next two weeks you'll probably see some Council people coming to Daybreak's office and sitting down with staff and looking at things to get the answers and he would think that two weeks from now it should be on our agenda to either go with it or not go with it. He said what he would like to see the cold shelter being kept open for two more weeks as long as we've been keeping it open this long and he thinks you'll have an answer then. He said he thinks those Council people who want to come over and get answers will have that opportunity and he thinks that's a fair request.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said when we cut all of these charities and social organizations he thought that was final. He said Ms. Kostecki made the statement that she has been told for the last 3 or 4 Council meetings that we were going to address this and he asked who was leading her on like that.

The City Manager said that was him and it was the result of a conversation that started in December. He said the vote took place on December 2nd as far as the budget and he had a meeting with the Catholic Charities/Daybreak staff on December 4th and that's when he learned of the HUD grant problem. He said he has actually received quite a bit of information and some Council members have asked him for additional information and that came on January 27th and that's what he provided to the Council. He said he had anticipated at some point at one of our Council meetings that the topic would be brought up, it appeared that it wasn't quite ready as we can see from tonight and there is a difference of opinion on it. He said he's been indicating to Ms. Kostecki that he's hoping that it

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would be the next meeting and he thinks when he told Ms. Kostecki that the Council was unlikely to take action on it tonight he thinks that resulted in the decision to consider closing the cold shelter tomorrow.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said this is Catholic Charities, how much does the Joliet Catholic Diocese donate to your operations.

Ms. Kostecki said \$300,000 goes directly to Daybreak. She said it's over \$1 million from the Diocese but she doesn't know the exact amount.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he went over the budgets and he has some questions. He said he would like the City Manager to schedule a meeting here for whoever wants to come and ask Ms. Kostecki to bring her information because he has some questions he wants to ask before he can accept this. He said he had a conversation with the Fire Chief and Police Chief and they're talking about taking ambulances out of service and maybe engines out of service and he doesn't know if people realize what dire shape the City of Joliet is in.

Ms. Kostecki said we do understand that and we are too and that's why we felt we had to take action so that we don't go further and further in the hole. She said they have frozen hiring and laid people off.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said that's some of the questions he wants to ask. He said he would like to schedule a meeting here and whoever wants to attend fine.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said did you say the Diocese donates \$1 million.

Ms. Kostecki said it's to the whole agency, it's well over \$1 million. She said the Council has the budgets for Daybreak Center, we didn't give the Council the whole agency budgets.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he doesn't see anything from the Diocese, he sees it from DCA, DES, FEMA, HUD in-kind contributions, holiday appeals for the in-kind contributions of \$290,000. He asked if that is what you're referring to as the Diocese.

Ms. Kostecki said yes, it looks like for FY 2009 it was \$299,050.00.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said that would be the only monies coming from the Diocese.

Ms. Kostecki said that's right.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if that was total.

Ms. Kostecki said that's just for the shelter operations. She said Catholic Charities does receive a lot larger allocation to its whole agency but they have children services, senior services and head start programs.

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COUNCILMAN DORRIS said the proposal he thinks is can Catholic Charities or Daybreak stay open for two weeks and give us a chance to work out some type of agreement. He said he thinks the City Manager is going to make a recommendation that could affect our Neighborhood Improvement Programs. He said in the next two weeks we're probably going to be all over the worst weather for this year. He said daylight savings time starts the first week in March and it's getting warmer every day. He asked Ms. Kostecki if she could commit to us to keep it open for two weeks.

Ms. Kostecki said she can with the understanding that she is not the final authority at Catholic Charities. She said she certainly knows that it is the commitment of Catholic Charities to serve these people, it is heart wrenching to see the people who come in for cold shelter and what they're going through and she would really hate to have to close those doors so she will most certainly bring this information back and advocate back for that to be the case. She said they will give the City Manager a call in the morning and let him know. She said she is not the final authority though.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS asked if it is the Board that is the final authority.

Ms. Kostecki said it's their Executive Director Kathy McGowan.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN asked why isn't she here this evening.

Ms. Kostecki said she had another commitment. She said she does feel that she can speak for the agency and she highly doubts that Ms. McGowan would go against this recommendation.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said when our City Manager indicated an opportunity to work with you and the Council about rendering these monies why would you write a scathing editorial slamming this Council.

Ms. Kostecki said they never wrote anything slamming the Council.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said yes you did, she read it December 5th. She said it was an editorial which generated many other written letters and call-ins telling the Council that we need to give the monies and people weren't at the meeting and they don't know what happened. She said she just wondered why Ms. Kostecki would do that.

Ms. Kostecki said she signed her name to what was written and it said that we are working and have been in partnership with the City. She said she provided a copy of that to the City Manager. She said she doesn't know what the Mayor Pro-Tem is referring to but if someone is saying that she wrote something that she didn't she would love to have that information.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said you just wrote in here that you said you didn't realize that you could recall that editorial that you wrote.

Ms. Kostecki said the editorial that she wrote has nothing scathing about the City at all; we have been in partnership with the City for a very long time.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said it all depends on who is reading it. She said maybe people took it out of context but it really wasn't very flattering to us and she just wondered when that was addressed with you why you didn't retract it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he would remove himself from that group, he's not included in that "us".

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he isn't either.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we have a fiduciary responsibility too to all of the agencies that we deal with and we made it very clear that as the riverboat gaming dollars abated that the contributions would abate. He said we had no idea that we'd ever come to a position where we are now where we're trying to keep our employee complement together. He said he doesn't know how much we're going to be able to do in that regard, we have the same problems you do, layoffs, not replacing people, looking at our insurance programs and all of those kinds of things. He said our budget is a couple hundred million dollars plus a year. He said he went to a Finance Committee meeting before this meeting happened and there is no question it's rough. He said as a City we certainly understand our responsibility but what he would like to see if we're going to have a meeting is the board members from your board along with the City Council so we can ask them some direct questions as to their intent and how the operation conducts itself and those kinds of things.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he understands the good things you do with the kids and the head start programs and those kinds of things are all great. He said he thinks we have the right to ask these questions and he doesn't think we need to be bullied into it. He said we all have a vote here and we have a right and a responsibility to find out where this goes. He said he doesn't know when we got to the point where we were funding the day to day salaries and operations. He said he thought we had at least a tacit understanding that this stuff was going to be for major projects, things of that nature, hardware and those kinds of things. He said he is surprised that our contribution has that great of an effect on the whole operation of Headstart. He said it surprises him that we have that big of a clout in this thing. He said he would ask that their Board be invited and we have a joint meeting with the Board and the City Council and call a meeting of the whole.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN said this isn't personal, these are just hard, tough questions that she has to ask. She said she had received many calls on it as well so she thought as long as you're here this evening she'll just ask the questions. She said we appreciate the work that you do, we don't want to see anybody be out in the cold especially in these times.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS asked when will we find out if the shelter will close tomorrow or not.

Ms. Kosteki said they will call the City Manager in the morning but she wouldn't worry about it. She said she will call him in the morning and let him know that Kathleen agrees with her but she is not the final authority and she does not want to send them the message that she is.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA said with all due respect he thinks a couple of the Council members today did go to another organization and see if they could handle the people from the cold and they said they could. He said he guesses that's been rejected, is that the idea.

The City Manager said no.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said Morning Star Mission said they could handle it. He said they were talked to by two of our Council people.

The City Manager said that's what he was told. He said he had a conversation with a representative from Morning Star and they have a much different setup than what Daybreak has. He said they do it by allocation of beds and they do have some beds that are open now both in the men's dorm and the women's dorm so they could handle some additional people that may be brought. He said the question is could they handle a full night and he understands there have been some evenings where there's been 50 people and he's not sure if Morning Star is equipped to handle that level of demand.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he doesn't want people to think that we had no concern because we did and we went and got an alternate and he doesn't think in this kind of climate we're going to have 50, he thinks we're going to have more of a reasonable number but we have made some accommodation and what happened to that and why can't we do that. He said if they want to close the cold shelter we have another opportunity.

The City Manager said Morning Star is willing to help. He said we informed them today that there might be a closure of the cold shelter at Daybreak and they offered their facility in the interim and we would need to meet with them just to see what the long term relationship would be.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said you are going to hold that in abeyance until you have some idea what's going on here.

The City Manager said he thinks we have to explore both opportunities at the same time to make sure that if the cold shelter at Daybreak does not work out and Morning Star has room that we would be able to access that.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said you also have to keep in mind Morning Star is on a shoestring budget so if we give them 50 additional people they're going to be looking for funding from somewhere. He said there has to be a funding source because right now they use volunteers and his church is one that was there two weeks ago to feed these people and they do not have the resources to do it long term without another source of funding. He said we also donate to Morning Star Mission so he knows that it's very difficult for them to take on 50 people for the next two months without some form of funding. He said if we ask them they're going to be looking for the funding from City Hall.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he wants to retract anything that might have sounded like bullying. He said what the spirit of his comments were was to first acknowledge that we had a professional partner here that we've worked with for many years and it felt like we were putting her on the spot with a bit of grilling that wasn't due. He said obviously we can have this meeting that has been requested and look at details and he's sure they'll provide information and board

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members and such but the short notice that they got last November or December, the news that their budget in a few weeks would be cut altogether, was something that every social service agency had to deal with. He said we have unique issues here with this one in that we again partnered with them to create the Housing Foundation and asked them to do things for us on a regular basis. He said with that in mind he wholeheartedly encourages the staff to schedule the meeting, invite those that can attend and he will certainly do so himself.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Director of Community and Economic Development if there is any news with regard to the building at Ruby and Clement Street that burned. He said it's an old auto repair building and he asked if there is any schedule for taking that down.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he called on that and there is a demolition order on it.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said right, and he has pulled a demolition permit but has not yet acted upon it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the people who own the property are doing the demolition.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said he'll find out for sure tomorrow.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the first time that we talked about Daybreak he called the City Manager and asked if there was some way to try and put this together. He said he thinks you also made them aware of this fact that we were going to try to put this \$240,000 together so we didn't lose a grant for \$740,000. He said whatever the use is, he doesn't know what that use is but it's obviously for their purposes. He said he thinks one of the things that concerned us was they knew that we were trying to put it together and then the letters started coming and he thinks that is where we got a little miffed because we were trying to find some way to do it. He said he thinks that is where the rub came in and he said he's not the only one who was called. He said we did indicate to them that we were trying to put this together and so that's where he got off-key on it because they knew we were trying to put it together, in some fashion we were going to do it. He said that's what bothered him about it all.

MAYOR PRO-TEM QUILLMAN wished the MAYOR well. She then reminded everybody there is a neighborhood meeting at the University of St. Francis on March 10th to discuss the University's Master Plan.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the Council recess at 7:42 p.m. to closed session to discuss personnel after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

Recorded on Tape