

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 20th day of February, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Josef Germaine, Joliet Jewish Congregation, 250 N. Midland Avenue, Joliet, Illinois.

Rabbi Germaine 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, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA and COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK.

ABSENT: DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that the minutes of the Pre-Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated the Finance Committee conducted their regular monthly meeting today. He said they discussed an item of importance with regard to the funding of the Joliet Police Department and Joliet Fire Department pensions. He said fairly detailed reports about the current funding of pensions and the mechanisms for funding pensions and assumptions and estimates and so forth were given. He said they agreed to sit down with representatives of the pension boards along with the actuary of the City and the Finance Committee and discuss the details of exactly how they plan to meet the funding needs of the pensions for the Police and Fire retirees.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said that a selection of the actuary for the Police and Fire pension funds was made and was recommended for approval to the full Council which is on the agenda this evening.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated there was also discussion regarding the I-55/I-80 Interchange development proposal.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated they also discussed the Neighborhood Improvement Program and they received the 2007 audited report and it was placed on file. He said there was also a review of the Cash Flow, Personnel Summary, January Conference, Travel and Seminar Expense Report and the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims.

B. City-County Advisory Committee

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated they met last week and talked about common problems with respect to parking. He said they also discussed the County's desires to expand and where they are going to expand. He said we made it clear that we want them to stay in the City and he thinks they are going to try and accomplish that. He said they are talking about different funding mechanisms to accomplish this. He said in addition the two staffs have met on a regular basis and they work together very well. He said he thinks we're heading in the right direction and are trying to develop some kind of trust between the City and the County that he thinks has been missing, and he thinks with this committee we will be able to get some things done. He said they meet again on February 25th at 2 p.m. and everyone is invited to the meeting which will be at the Joliet Sports Hall of Fame. He said it basically will be a continuation of the things they talked about at the last meeting.

C. 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.

C. Water Park

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated they are trying to schedule a meeting and he asked the Director of Management and Budget if he has had a chance to look over the budget they received from the Water Park.

The Director of Management and Budget stated he has and he is going to get together with Superintendent Steve Bixenmann from the Joliet Park District.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

**A. Request Approval for Summer Hoops 2008 Basketball Program
(Council Memo #168-08)**

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and City Council approve and fund the Summer Hoops 2008 Program in an amount not to exceed \$14,900.00.

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- B. Request for a Corporation Donation to United Way of Will County
in an Amount Matching Employee Contributions
(Council Memo #169-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and City Council authorize a corporate donation matching the contributions of its employees totaling \$80,146.78.

- C. Treasurer's Report – December, 2007

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

- D. Approve 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)
Modification No. 2 – Modification to the 2008 Districts 2 and 5
Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #170-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the modification to the 2008 District 2 Neighborhood Improvement Program by adding the Jeffery Drive at Essington Road (Edgewood Estates Subdivision) decorative entrance pillar project (\$40,000); and 2) Approve the modification to the 2008 District 5 Neighborhood Improvement Program by adding the William Street (Jefferson-Marion) storm sewer/curb and gutter/roadway reconstruction project (\$157,885).

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 BROPHY, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN
QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, COUNCILWOMAN
BARBER and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1450 S. Brandon Road

1. Resolution re: Approving the Annexation Agreement for
1450 S. Brandon Road (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #173-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 1450 S. Brandon
Road (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #173-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 1450 S.
Brandon Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #173-08)

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A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that this item be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on March 18, 2008 to allow additional time for the review of an annexation agreement.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said items be tabled to the March 18, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Regular Payroll – January 1 – January 11, 2008 - \$2,615,196.14
(Council Memo #174-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period January 1, 2008 through January 11, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period December 21, 2007 through January 3, 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.

B. Treasurer's Disbursements – January, 2008 - \$24,786,752.33

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

C. Regular Claims – January, 2008 - \$3,317,229.45

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

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE. (COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN abstained from voting on any items dealing with Silver Cross Hospital and Will/Grundy Medical Clinic)

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. 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: 1102 Arthur Avenue and 354 Ohio Street.
(Council Memo #177-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16033)

2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Plat of HDPark Joliet Phase 1 Subdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#FP-3-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #179-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16034)

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Dan Campus then explained Council Memo #236-08 dealing with the Issuance of a Class "C" Liquor License at 1736 Essington Road.

3. Issuance of a Class "C" Liquor License at 1736 Essington Road
(Council Memo #236-08)

A communication from the Liquor Commissioner regarding the application of Raymond Crotty, Jr. d/b/a D & R Liquors for the issuance of a Class "C" Liquor License at 1736 Essington Road contained his recommendation that the issuance of this license is in the best interest of the City, and therefore, approval is recommended.

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

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated he is going to vote for this because the people who are applying have such a good reputation, but it is a tough business and he hopes they are successful with it.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ wished the applicants good luck.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated about 4 weeks ago we voted to transfer the liquor license for 176 West Banquets to the proposed new owners. He said it is his understanding the deal fell through and Larry Gualdoni is going to run it for the rest of the year.

The Deputy Liquor Commissioner stated that is true; they could not obtain the financing.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if the liquor license was transferred and do we have to transfer it back.

The Deputy Liquor Commissioner stated the license actually stays in Mr. Gualdoni's name. He said it was approved by the Council but we haven't issued it yet because they don't have a lease. He said they can't conform to all of our regulations so we are not issuing that license, and it reverts back to Mr. Gualdoni. He said there is nothing the Council has to do.

4. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Preliminary Plat of Subdivision of Lot 1 in Joliet Crossings Phase 2 Resubdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#P-19-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #180-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16035)
5. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Final Plat of Subdivision of Lot 1 in Joliet Crossings Phase 2 Resubdivision as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#FP-1-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #180-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16036)
6. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of Subdivision of Lot 1 in Joliet Crossings Phase 2 Resubdivision as recommended by the Administration was presented and read. (#RP-23-07/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #180-08)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16037)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

7. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Recording Plat of Kozielski Estates Subdivision as recommended by the Administration subject to receipt of the following fees and documentation within 60 days was presented and read: 1) A Performance Bond or Letter of Credit for public improvements in the amount of \$311,019.00; 2) A 1 ¼% inspection fee for public improvements in the amount of \$3,887.74; and 3) An Irrevocable Offer of Dedication for public improvements. (#RP-6-08/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #181-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16038)

8. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Reclassification of 415 Francis Street from R-3 to R-2 Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#Z-1-08/Dist. #4)
(Council Memo #182-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said this is going to be downzoned to single-family and she commends the property owners for doing that, but her concern is the cars that are parked in the front yard and she asked if that is going to be allowed.

The City Manager said it should not be allowed in the future; it is illegal. He said they will make sure they don't park there in the future and he asked the Director of Community and Economic Development to make a note of that.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said it will be single-family with sufficient parking in the back.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said yes. He said the petitioners are not present this evening.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16039)

9. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Vacation of Prieboy Avenue, East of Byrum Boulevard as recommended by the Plan Commission subject to the receipt within 60 days of the appraised valuation of \$4,800.00 was presented and read. (#V-1-08/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #183-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if this was in the City.

The City Manager said yes. He said it is a little area right at the extension of Prieboy that was never developed. He said it is a mess, the weeds and brush have grown up and there are some dirt piles in there. He said the neighbors have been asking for some time whether something could be done and said they would take care of it if the City would just vacate it. He said he thinks it is the best thing to do.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they're just going to buy it.

The City Manager said yes, they are buying it for \$4,800.00.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16040)

10. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow a Light Auto Mechanical and Muffler Repair Shop in an I-2 District Located at 350 Ward Avenue as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals subject to the following conditions was presented and read: 1) That the structure not be expanded in the future; 2) That a wrought iron fence be installed around the perimeter of the site; 3) That the site be landscaped and paved parking be provided for customers and employees; 4) That the vehicles on site be limited to cars being repaired by the muffler shop; 5) That the hours of operation be limited to Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to Noon; 6) That there be no other operable or inoperable vehicles stored at this site at anytime; 7) That the development substantially conform to the plans as submitted in the site plan and architectural elevations; 8)

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That no vehicles be offered for sale on the property at anytime; 9) That the dumpster be properly screened; 10) That if the above conditions are not completed within the specific time period or adhered to, this matter shall be scheduled for an administrative hearing; and 11) That if the property is declared a Public Nuisance, it shall be subject to rehearing and possible revocation of the Special Use.
(#2007-16/Dist. #4)
(Council Memo #184-08)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16041)

11. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow the Construction of a City of Joliet Water Tower in a B-3 District Located at Parkwood Drive and Route 6 as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented and read. (#2008-07/Dist. #4)
(Council Memo #185-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked why are we waiting until fall to get this going; these folks have been waiting for this tower for almost two years.

The City Manger said actually we are getting it going, we have purchased the property and are now getting it zoned. He said we are still working on some access considerations and they are working on the plans for it now. He said construction would be starting later this year and it then would be available in 2009.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if they couldn't start any earlier.

The City Manager said no, not until we're done with the plans and he asked the Director of Public Utilities when the plans would be done.

The Director of Public Utilities stated they are scheduled to go out for bid in May or June and then we will be coming forward with an award of the construction contract. He said typically it takes a good 9 to 12 months for fabrication and we are looking to expedite that and are trying to get this on schedule for next June.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said in the meantime she knows they had talked about getting those folks some relief and she asked if we have done that.

The Director of Public Utilities said we have another project to build an additional water main to increase the supply out to that area and that will help alleviate the problem.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so that is in place.

The Director of Public Utilities said that project has been designed and we're working on easement right-of-way issues along Rosalind and Farrell Road and once that is addressed that will go out for bid.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if he has an estimated time on that.

The Director of Public Utilities said it will probably be another 30 days before we go out for bid and we are looking at probably 60 days for construction so they are shooting for July.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said and then in two more months it will be fall and we'll be building the water tower. She said she would like to see that expedited if possible.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked who owns that land.

The City Manager said the City bought it a couple of months ago.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if they are talking about putting any antennas on it also.

The City Manager said at this point no. He said if we do get a request we would bring that to you in the future.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if that would be our own request from the City as a need issue or are we going to be piggybacking that with private people.

The Director of Public Utilities stated ultimately this tower would replace the water tower at Elgin and Miami and the City has facilities on that tower, but there are no lease agreements with any other cellular providers at this time.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we just signed the lease recently on a piece on Fox Street and there are a lot of the antennas in there.

The City Manager said that is one that is going through the County right now.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we have something in there too. He said we have a lease in there for a tower.

The Director of Public Utilities said on that tower there are some police antennas and some other City facilities. He said he is not familiar with that agreement but he believes at that elevation that those antennas are higher than the new water tower is going to be. He said the water tower should be about 130 ft. tall to the top so once the new tower is constructed we would be able to complete a study to see if that equipment could be switched over.

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COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked if we could pay attention to what we're leasing now and if there is an opportunity to get rid of some of those leases and get a free piggyback of our own property and just see what happens.

The City Manager said we are on that tower for police and they found that to be crucial.

The Police Chief said their tower is about 350 ft. tall.

The City Manager said it really works for us because we can get all around the City. He said this is going to be a lot shorter but we'll look at whether we can use it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said if it doesn't work, it doesn't work but if it is a functional way to do it we ought to try it.
(ORDINANCE NO. 16042)

12. AN ORDINANCE Designating the 700 Block of Western Avenue as an Extension of the Upper Bluff Local Historic District as recommended by the Historic Preservation Commission was presented and read.
(Council Memo #186-08)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN thanked the Historical Preservation Committee for working so diligently on this and all of the neighbors for coming on board. She said she knows they only got 70% to 75% but she thanked them and voted aye.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16043)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Sale of a Vacant Lot Located at 1106 E. Washington Street was presented and read.
(Council Memo #190-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA 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, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMAN BROPHY and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6020)

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2. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Execution of the Trust Fund Home Modification Program Funding Agreement with the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) was presented and read.
(Council Memo #191-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked for a brief explanation.

The City Manager stated staff had applied for a grant from IHDA which would help do some remodeling or renovations on homes that are owned by people or rented by people that are of very low or extremely low income. He said the grant is for \$180,000 and we did receive the grant. He said it will allow 9 households funding for modifications. He said the maximum is \$25,000 per house and the minimum is \$15,000 per house, and it has to be a household where you have a member that is elderly or disabled and the modifications would be for things like putting ramps into the home, bathroom modifications such as installing grab bars, handicap accessible showers and lowering sinks and those kinds of things that are necessary for the elderly or disabled. He said priority will be given by staff to owner-occupied property and the Neighborhood Services Division will qualify the family, complete the work specifications and oversee the work at each of the homes.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked who checks the work once it is completed.

The City Manager said that will be checked by our staff and we will have a coordinator that will follow it all the way through.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked why is it only nine households and what if you don't use the maximum amount of \$25,000. She asked if we can add more homes to that.

The City Manager said he believes we can. He said he thinks they thought the average was \$20,000 but if there is any money left over he believes we can add one or two more houses.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6021)

3. A RESOLUTION Recognizing the Neighborhood Watch Group of the Springwood Subdivision was presented and read.
(Council Memo #192-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Ms. Patricia Struckhoff of Springwood Subdivision thanked the Council for recognizing their Neighborhood Watch Group. She asked what the next step is to getting the signs installed at the entrances.

The City Manager stated the Police Department will coordinate that with the Public Works Department.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6022)

4. A RESOLUTION Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$247,650.00 for the Arbeiter Road Salt Storage Facility was presented and read. (Section No. 07-00405-00-MS)

(Council Memo #193-08)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6023)

5. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement Between the City of Joliet and the U.S. Bureau of the Census to Conduct a Special Census for Selected Areas was presented and read.

(Council Memo #194-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked the City Manager if he could give us an idea of what this is going to cost and what it could possibly bring us.

The City Manager stated we have identified an area that has a little over 5,000 residents in it and we believe about 4,200 of those are new residents that were not counted the last time, so we've requested a new census and the estimated cost that we will have to pay is about \$129,000. He said if our estimates are correct, we should get back \$529,000 annually. He said every two years or so we do this and it's very, very beneficial to the City to do it.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6024)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Authorization to Award a Contract for the Arbeiter Road Salt Storage Facility
(Council Memo #197-08)

A report on one bid received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Bulk Storage, Inc. in the amount of \$367,650.00.

2. Request Approval for Renewal of Antivirus and Mail Security Applications and Licenses
(Council Memo #198-08)

A report on four quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Magik Technology Solutions in the amount of \$10,288.70.

3. Award of Contract for the Purchase of a Canon Color Image Runner Copier and 60 Month Maintenance Agreement
(Council Memo #199-08)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Gordon Flesch Co. in the amount of \$18,000.00 with a 5 year maintenance agreement price per copy of \$0.006 for black and white copies and \$.05 for color copies.

4. Award of Contract for the 1310 Luther Avenue and 7 N. Raynor Yard Drains
(Council Memo #200-08)

A report on nine bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to D.E. Thompson in the amount of \$14,406.00.

5. Award of Contract for the Repair of the 400-HP Pump for Line Shaft Motor
(Council Memo #201-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Joliet Equipment Corp. in the amount of \$6,213.00.

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6. Award of Contract to Install a New Seal Water System for Raw Pumps at the Eastside Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #202-08)

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 Cryer & Olsen in the amount of \$13,500.00.

7. Award of Contract for the Dr. Rao Bike Path Clearing Project - 2008
(Council Memo #203-08)

A report on four proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Construction by Camco in the amount of \$8,500.00.

8. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Verizon as the Cell Phone Provider for the Fire Department
(Council Memo #204-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the following: 1) A one time purchase of four (4) Motorola Q phones for \$1,140.00 from Verizon Wireless; 2) Switching cell phone service for the Fire Department to Verizon Wireless at a cost of \$.06 per minute; and 3) A payment of \$191.96 per month for internet access for the four (4) Motorola Q phones.

9. Authorization to Retain Consultant to Perform Actuarial Analysis for the Firefighter and Police Pension Funds
(Council Memo #205-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council retain Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co. (GRS) for a base fee not to exceed \$15,600.00 to perform a valuation of each plan for the 2008 tax levy year, and that the Administration be authorized to contract for the alternative valuations contained in the Council Memo for each pension fund as needed.

10. Authorization to Purchase Robotronics PC the Patrol Car
(Council Memo #206-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Robotronics Company in the amount of \$8,734.00.

11. Authorization to Replace Two (2) Ground Water Ejector Pumps for the Municipal Building
(Council Memo #207-08)

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 Kara Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$17,566.00.

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12. Authorization to Purchase Mechanical Equipment for Utility Foreman Truck
(Council Memo #208-08)

A report on two quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Regional Truck Equipment in the amount of \$22,642.00.

13. Approval for Purchase of IronPort E-mail Security Appliance and User Licenses Renewals
(Council Memo #210-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of the IronPort C150 for \$2,365.00 and a three year user license contract for \$12,937.50 from Sentinel Technologies for a total not to exceed \$15,302.50.

14. Award of Contract for the 2008 Winter-Spring Cyclic Pruning Program
(Council Memo #211-08)

A report on one bid received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Homer Tree Care in the amount of \$74,334.50.

15. Authorization to Purchase a Ladder Truck and an Engine for the Fire Department
(Council Memo #212-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of one 2008 E-One CR 100 Foot Ladder Truck and one 2008 E-One Cyclone II Fire Engine from Fire Service Inc. in the amount of \$1,211,187.00.

16. Authorization to Purchase Four IWIN Mobile Data Computers and Associated Leasing Fees
(Council Memo #213-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of four IWIN terminals from CDS Office Technologies at a cost of \$23,756.00 and IWIN software from SCA at a cost of \$4,000.00.

COUNCILMAN TURK 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, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMEN SHETINA, TURK, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: NONE.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we only received one bidder on the Salt Storage Facility and one bidder on the Cyclic Pruning Program.

The City Manager said we were glad we got one.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said the salt facility was a little bit high and he asked if it is just a unique business building those things with not many contractors doing it.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said that's what they were told at the Public Service Committee meeting. He said we asked that same question.

COUNCILMAN TURK said several other people picked the bids up but never submitted them.

B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate Nos. 5B and 6A for the 2007 City of Joliet Aggregate Contract
(Council Memo #218-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$6,471.00; and 2) Approve Pay Estimate No. 5B in the amount of \$2,847.66 and Pay Estimate No. 6A in the amount of \$10,910.20 on behalf of Lafarge North America.

2. Approve Pay Estimate No. 1 and Final for the 818 E. Cass Street Sump Pump Installation
(Council Memo #219-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Pay Estimate No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$8,550.00 on behalf of Construction by Camco.

3. Approve Change Order No. 5 and Payment Request No. 5 for the 2007 Plant Mix Contract
(Council Memo #220-08)

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 \$220,241.03 and Pay Request No. 5 in the amount of \$330,702.27 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Upgrade Construction Project
(Council Memo #221-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$21,809.00 on behalf of Williams Brothers Construction.

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5. Approve Change Order No. 8 and Payment No. 20 for the Black Road Water Treatment Plant Project
(Council Memo #222-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$42,892.22 and Payment No. 20 in the amount of \$73,583.21 with a reduced retainage of \$391,565.13 on behalf of Vissering Construction Co.

6. Approve Change Order No. 7 for the Fairmont and Garvin Water Treatment Plant Project
(Council Memo #223-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$9,300.22 on behalf of Vissering Construction Co.

7. Approve Payment Request No. 1 and Final for the 2008 First and Second Round Pavement Cores and Rock Borings
(Council Memo #224-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment Estimate No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$5,055.00 on behalf of K & S Engineers, Inc.

8. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Pay Estimate No. 11 for the 2006 Automatic Meter Reading Installation Contract
(Council Memo #225-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$36,750.00 and Pay Estimate No. 11 in the amount of \$45,990.00 on behalf of United Meters, Inc.

9. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 2 and Final for the Cellular Antennas Inspection on Ridge Road Standpipe and Rock Run Elevated Tank
(Council Memo #226-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, increasing Purchase Order No. 92174 to \$4,612.02 and Pay Estimate No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$6,362.02 on behalf of Tank Industry Consultants.

10. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the January 2008 City Hall, Far West Municipal Center and Police Department Snow Plowing and Salting
(Council Memo #227-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1, an increase to Purchase Order No. 92771 in the amount of \$9,140.00 and Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$14,040.00 on behalf of Trizzino Construction.

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11. Authorization for Payment of Snow Removal (Storm on January 31/February 1, 2008)
(Council Memo #228-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve payouts totaling \$49,951.95 on behalf of the six contractors as listed in the Council Memo.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated she was at a neighborhood meeting at the Clublands last night and they had some issues about when they plow the cul-de-sacs that they are tearing up the sod and sidewalks and she told them to call and we would take care of that. She said by taking care of this does that mean we are going to hold the contractor responsible, because she thinks when you hire someone to do a job and they break something they should be responsible for making repairs.

The City Manager said we have not done that before because generally when you get a snow like that in those areas you can't really tell where the curb and gutter is at. He said we do ask them to come in with very large pieces of equipment and they can clean off quite a bit of an area in a parkway and sometimes they do make some small mistakes. He said he doesn't believe the contractors can quite tell where the edge of the road and the parkways are so we have not gone back to the contractors for damage during snow removal. He said we don't get a lot of it but we do get a little bit of it.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if we shouldn't hold them accountable for that. She said she knows it's an accident but why should our taxpayers pick that up when we're already paying them extra to do this for us.

The City Manager said he thinks it's very hard in a situation like that when there is heavy snow to tell just exactly where the curb is. He said we normally don't penalize the contractor, they do their best. He said when they come out we put inspectors with them but we normally do not require that. He said he doesn't believe this situation is real extensive. He said it is some sod work and every year we do have a contract and we go out and clean these things up. He said our staff does run into a little parkway sod from time to time and there were a couple of mailboxes on Ingalls Avenue that got hit by our operators the other night and we do take care of any of that damage that occurs.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she realizes that because we are responsible, but these contractors should have some accountability and she knows it's an accident but accidents happen.

The City Manager said maybe we could review it with the Public Service Committee and see if they would like to change what we're doing.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if we have thought about buying some smaller plows so that we could do the work ourselves because there are so many cul-de-sacs. She said she thinks we should look into purchasing whatever we need to fit into those cul-de-sacs.

The City Manager said actually we need larger ones, it's when we get the heavy snow. He said those pieces of equipment are probably \$400,000 apiece and we use them so seldom. He said each year we may spend \$100,000 on the rental of equipment and he asked the Director of Public Works how many of those we

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bring out every year.

The Director of Public Works said typically about 12 to 15 a year for a given storm.

The City Manager said there are 12 to 15 pieces of equipment that would cost probably \$7.5 million and to recover that cost at \$100,000 a shot would take us a long, long time, so it is cheaper to rent.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said all right but she would like to see some accountability from these contractors because we are paying them quite well.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said as a matter of history we've had difficulty getting any contractors to come in and clean out those cul-de-sacs, it is not fun. He said in his opinion it is the cost of doing business. He said we've wrecked more mailboxes ourselves and we've wrecked all kinds of things as a result of cleaning up snow. He said you just leave them alone and don't clean them or you try to get contractors to be responsible for those kinds of damages and he doesn't think you'll get any bids at all to go out and clean those if you force them to pay for that damage. He said it happens on a regular basis, garbage trucks go in and they wreck them too, it's the cost of doing business. He said that's fine, have the Public Service Committee look at it but he thinks you're going to have a hard time getting anybody to go in and clean them.

12. Approve Payment to Motorola-STARCOM21 Network for the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit
(Council Memo #229-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$6,201.00 to Motorola-STARCOM21 Network for the maintenance and use of 10 portable radios.

13. Approve Pay Tuition for Three Firefighters to Attend Oak Lawn Fire Academy
(Council Memo #230-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$6,000.00 to Oak Lawn Fire Department.

14. Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Contract to Update Wiring and Reprogram Fujitsu Telephone Switch at Five City Facilities
(Council Memo #231-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$15,768.38 on behalf of Allied Electric and Communications.

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

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

MAYOR:

- A. Application for a Drive-In Permit for the CVS Pharmacy on Lot 2 in
Drauden Pointe Center Subdivision
(Council Memo #235-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the application for construction of a drive-in facility for the CVS Pharmacy located on Lot 2 in the Drauden Pointe Center Subdivision located at the southwest corner of Caton Farm Road and Drauden Road.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN TURK,
COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMAN BROPHY, COUNCILMAN
GIARRANTE and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

- B. Issuance of a Class "C" Liquor License at 1736 Essington Road
(Council Memo #236-08)

This item was approved earlier in the meeting.

MAYOR

- A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming February 23, 2008 as "Rotary Day"

COUNCILMAN BROPHY read a Proclamation issued by MAYOR SCHULTZ proclaiming February 23, 2008 as "Rotary Day" and encouraging all citizens to recognize the Rotary Club of Joliet for its service to improving the human condition of our citizens.

Director of Management and Budget and past Rotary Club President Ken Mihelich accepted the Proclamation on their behalf. He said right now they are offering three \$2,500 scholarships, one each to a senior from Joliet Central, Joliet West and Joliet Catholic Academy. He said if anyone is interested, call him and he will get them the application which is due in early April.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- A. Mayor Schultz - Appointments

MAYOR SCHULTZ placed in nomination the appointment of Greg Sebben as the new Emergency Management Agency Director.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the appointment of Greg Sebben as the new Emergency Management Agency Director be confirmed.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE told Mr. Sebben that he has some big shoes to fill because Dale Bottino and Charlie Parini really brought this office a long way and he voted aye and wished him good luck.

Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ wished Mr. Sebben good luck.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA thanked the Street Department workers and the Police and Fire Departments during all the snow events we've had and the staff has done a lot of hard work. He said he had some calls on some problems with some cul-de-sacs like everybody else did but he thinks in the main we did a good job with it and we've conserved our salt and we still have some left for another couple of storms and he said he appreciates the work everyone has done.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she would echo COUNCILMAN SHETINA'S comments and said everyone did a great job. She said she just wanted to reiterate that we had quite an extensive Finance Committee meeting this afternoon and she knows there are concerns about the Fire and Police Pension funds, but speaking for herself they have her total commitment that we are going to sit down and work together and bring this to where it's supposed to be.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said they are reviewing resumes for a new director for the museum and that work is progressing as well on the Houbolt project. He thanked Corporation Counsel Jeff Plyman for all the time he put in to help the museum staff with the technical parts of preparing a bid document for this very important exhibit. He said John Houbolt was born and raised in Joliet and went on to do great things in flight and with NASA and we are going to build an exhibit to honor his memory and his contribution and it's going to be a fantastic exhibit. He thanked Purchasing Administrator Meg McEvilly also for all of her help.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY congratulated Police Chief Hayes and the undercover drug team on their recent raid.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY also said Lamb's Fold is having a fundraiser this weekend for anyone who would like to help out.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said they met with the building trades about CenterPoint. He said he and COUNCILWOMEN BARBER, QUILLMAN and COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE met with them. He said we got a good report and we are going to appoint COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE as the point person for that. He said he will bring that to the next meeting for the Council's OK.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked the Police Chief to briefly explain why Officer Richard Trafton received the Officer of the Year Award from the Exchange Club.

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The Police Chief stated yesterday the Joliet Exchange Club awarded Officer Trafton the 2008 Officer of the Year Award. He said last June Officer Trafton was involved in an incident on Cass Avenue. He said in that incident Officer Mike Sheridan was responding to an individual who had told him that an offender had just tried to stab him and then Officer Sheridan radioed for backup. He said along with Officer Trafton, Officer Mike Smyth and Officer Dave Sova entered the apartment complex where the offender was hiding in the stairwell. He said Officer Sheridan ordered him to show his hands and as he did that this offender ran towards Officer Sheridan and began stabbing him. He said Officer Trafton was able to pull Officer Sheridan back and at that time he discharged his service weapon at the offender and Officer Trafton then handed Officer Sheridan off to Officer Smyth who was behind him in the stairwell. He said the offender was able to get up and come back towards the officers a second time and Officer Trafton fired a second round, mortally wounding the offender. He said Officer Sheridan received two stab wounds and thankfully, the Joliet Fire Department paramedics were able to bring Officer Sheridan to Silver Cross Hospital where he was quickly treated and has recovered from his wounds and is back on duty. He said for his courageous and outstanding police work Officer Trafton was awarded the 2008 Officer of the Year Award. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the Council recess at 7:20 p.m. to closed session to discuss personnel, after which the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

Recorded on Tape