

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois  
held on the 18th day of March, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Reverend Stephen Deloney, St. Mark C.M.E. Church, 348 S. Joliet Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Reverend Deloney then led the pledge to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: MAYOR ARTHUR SCHULTZ and DISTRICT 4 COUNCILWOMAN SUSIE A. BARBER, DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY M. BROPHY, DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMAN WARREN C. DORRIS, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE THOMAS C. GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE JAN QUILLMAN, DISTRICT 1 COUNCILMAN JOSEPH R. SHETINA, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE MICHAEL F. TURK and DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMAN ANTHONY UREMOVIC.

ABSENT: NONE.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and of the Special Meeting held on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that COUNCILMAN BROPHY be appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for the period April 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2008.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Baseball

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated they are trying to get a hold of Kelly Sufka to see if there are going to be any changes in the concession prices and to set up a meeting. He said he hopes they will be able to do that in the near future.

B. City-County Advisory

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the next meeting is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> and the City will be chairing the meeting.

C. Communications, Technology & Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he has nothing new and they are assembling an agenda for a meeting to be announced soon.

D. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Finance Committee met on March 17<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the usual items on the agenda. He said the 2008 Youth Service Small Grants Program was reviewed and recommended by the committee. He said the Neighborhood Improvement Program report for March was reviewed and placed on file. He said there was also a review of the Cash Flow, Personnel Summary, March Conference, Travel and Seminar Expense report and the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims for the month of February.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said that Joliet resident Charles Martin presented a complaint regarding six men recently terminated by the Dollar Tree Warehouse Distribution Center. He said the committee discussed the instances and Jean Hansen with the Illinois Department of Employment Security will also be reviewing this.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said the Bridge Street Town Centre project being developed by O&S Holdings was reviewed. He said the project involves a \$90 million infrastructure improvement along with a Special Revenue Bond and a Special Service Area Bond for a total of \$128,112,000.00. He said this would be a 30-year bond and the anticipated interest rate will be 6.75%. He said the bonds will be repaid with 50% of sales tax revenue generated specifically by the project. He said these bonds will place a no-risk repayment with the City. He said in regards to the risk they still want to make sure that no taxes other than that special service area will be used for this project. He said there was a motion to move this forward.

E. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated the Land Use Committee had a meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>. He said they discussed a grocery store chain distribution warehouse proposal and he asked the Director of Community and Economic Development to explain.

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The Director of Community and Economic Development stated Central Grocers also known under the Centrella brand intends to build a cold storage warehouse and move their corporate headquarters here. He said that is very important because that is one of the targeted industries for the Center for Economic Development in their next five-year plan. He said they own two stores in Joliet, Strack and Van Til and Ultra Foods and numerous other stores in the area. He said we are in competition with three other sites, two in University Park and one in northwest Indiana. He said all of the other sites have TIF available to them and to be competitive they asked if we could consider some incentives. He said what we talked about doing was the same incentives we did for Dollar Tree which was a five-year, 50% and a building permit without charge. He said they haven't made a decision yet but they would move the corporate headquarters that is now in Bedford Park down here and many of the employees would probably come with them because they are high paying jobs in the range of \$25/hour to \$35/hour. He said most of them are union and there are some professional jobs associated with this. He said they are in a little bit of a time crunch and want to move as quickly as they can so he thinks a decision will be forthcoming soon.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated John Grueling from the CED kind of indicated that we had a good shot at it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA mentioned the use of IHDA and HOME funds for existing new construction and first time home buyers.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said it's a good program. He said IHDA is going to step in and administer the program themselves instead of passing it off to a third party like they have done in the past. He said we did the ASSIST Program in prior years and instead of having an outside firm do it IHDA is going to do it themselves. He said it is a very good idea and the only criticism that he had was they are only allowing themselves and consumers access to about 40% of the originators in the area and in the state instead of including all originators. He said he thought that discriminating against a certain class of business professionals wasn't a healthy or smart thing to do if they wanted to accomplish their goal of reaching more at-need prospective home buyers. He said he E-mailed Mr. Morris from IHDA and copied Senator Wilhelmi, Representative McGuire, the Illinois Association of Mortgage Professionals Executive Director Marve Stockert and their legal counsel to begin a conversation about how they can improve the program which is already a good one.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked the Director of Community and Economic Development for an update on the construction of the five new houses at Second and Mississippi.

The Director of Community and Economic Development stated we have some IHDA funds and we have the funding for five new houses to go along with the lots that the city owns. He said there are three on Mississippi and two on Second Avenue. He said on the agenda tonight is the award of bid for those five houses. He said they were competitive bids but a little bit higher than we had anticipated. He said with the subsidies that we will be able to offer through IHDA which is \$40,000 per house right off the purchase price that they will be able to finance it makes these quite affordable. He said we have never had much of a problem finding buyers for new construction. He said it appears there is a healthy appetite for those folks on the east side of Joliet that want to live in a new house and a lot of times we're lucky enough to have a waiting list. He said staff does

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not believe that we're going to have a problem finding buyers for the five houses.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said that's first-time buyers also.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said it doesn't have to be but to get the incentive it does. He said if we find somebody who wants a house and they step up and are willing to pay conventional financing for it then they are welcome to do that but our target really is the first-time homebuyers that meet low and moderate income guidelines.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they also discussed the E J& E sale to the Canadian National Railway. He said there has been a lot of conversation about that all over the state of Illinois and Joliet obviously is looking at it and we have some concerns about some of the things but we are not as grossly affected as some communities.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said that's correct. He said one of the things that's interesting is that many of our neighbors up and down the rail line are very, very concerned about this and some are outright in objection to it. He said in Will County they have been told that it's going to be pretty hard to upset the sale because it is in the national interest that this go forward. He said we do have a letter on file where we have asked them to consider the installation of quad gates at all of our grade crossings and grade separation, if possible, but we know that that's a very expensive proposition, maybe \$10 million to elevate the roadway above those rail crossings and it might not be in the cards to do that. He said at a minimum what we're requesting is all of the necessary equipment to allow for quad gates which would then allow us to go to quiet zone so the trains would not have to blow their whistles. He said most of our affected grade crossings are in areas that are not very heavily populated with the exception of Division Street out by Louis Joliet Mall and Theodore Street. He said the traffic at Caton Farm Road and Theodore Street is not expected to increase at all, it's a train a day in the morning and a train back at night.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said another thing we had a discussion with them about was the Collins Street crossing which is part of the sale. He said in their discussions they asked them what is their plan for moving traffic over the Collins Street crossing to get to the Union Pacific and they said they really weren't aware of it and they have no plans. He said about five years ago there were coal trains that used to block that intersection all the time and that is no longer the case. He said they are now routed through the Santa Fe railroad yard. He said that they asked the railway that they not increase above today's standards which might be a train every couple of weeks and they said they don't have a problem with that, they don't see themselves using that all. He said one of the things that makes us a little bit different from anyone else is strategic to their purchase is the Joliet E J & E Railroad Yard. He said we've seen employment at the "J" dwindle down over the past decades to where it is next to nothing now from what it used to be in the old days and under their scenario of purchase this would become an important hub in their system. He said they didn't give us numbers but their expectation is the employment in Joliet itself would be substantially increased.

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The Director of Community and Economic Development said another thing they said they would like to do in their plans would be to install thru-tracks through the yard so the trains don't even have to slow down and they expect the majority of trains that come through Joliet wouldn't even stop in Joliet. He said only those that would be for local distribution would the train cars be broken out and taken elsewhere. He said they estimate that traffic in and out of the rail yard and all the way up and down the rail line will move substantially faster than it did under E J & E ownership. He said although it will be a greater impact, the individual trains themselves blocking the crossings would probably be substantially less in time than the way the "J" operated it.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said there could be some positive things for us in it.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said there could be.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked if there was any possibility of abandoning the part of the line that crosses Collins Street and we could reclaim that area there for a park or something.

The Director of Community and Economic Development said it would be a possibility but again in the strategic nature of things it gives them an emergency outlet so he said he doesn't know how willing they would be to do something like that but he would broach the subject with them.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said there was a suggestion at the Land Use Committee that we share the list of folks that are on our list with privately constructed, new constructed homes because we have an abundance of people on a waiting list and we also have an abundance of un-sold homes. He said maybe if we put the two together there is some win-win there.

The Director of Community and Economic Development stated it was Alfredo Melesio's idea that he has seen some of the newer houses that have been constructed and haven't been sold yet and we have people on our waiting list.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said that it was a great idea and he deserves some credit for that.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the Land Use Committee also discussed the O&S Holdings project. He said there were probably 100 people at the meeting including members of the Chamber of Commerce, the CED and labor unions. He said this is about 314 acres at I-80 and I-55 just west of Rock Run Drive. He said they went through all of the financials on it, the land considerations and the mixed use development. He said there is about 1,250,000 sq. ft. of buildings. He said O&S Holdings has a track record in Huntsville, Alabama. He said COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and COUNCILMAN BROPHY went to see it and were very impressed with the mall. He said they also have other malls including one in Las Vegas. He said there were people here from the financial portion of it and the development portion and there was a lot of input. He said the Land Use Committee gave it a favorable recommendation to the City Council and it will go to a full airing with the Plan Commission at their March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said the Planning Director spent about 3 hours with the neighbors and they aired their concerns about buffering and things of that nature. He said they have also had folks who were concerned about the environmental consideration and ingress/egress concerns. He said they are talking about going from Houbolt

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Road through Joliet Junior College, south of the Centennial Housing complex and probably incorporating a little bit of IDI's property in there with the road. He said they also talked about the access off of I-55 and I-80. He said for the City of Joliet there are millions of dollars of potential for jobs, taxes and those kinds of things. He suggested if anybody had any questions that they should attend the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He asked the City Manager about the timing on the project going to the City Council.

The City Manager stated this will go to the Plan Commission on March 20<sup>th</sup> and then to the City Council on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated since the articles came out in the newspaper she has gotten nothing but positive, positive feedback from this. She said people are saying "make it happen" so we can shop and eat in Joliet and not have to leave. She said she knows there are some concerns with a few citizens but she thinks we can work this out, this is a great project and she is very excited about it.

F. 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.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated they addressed the revision of the Modification of the Neighborhood Improvement Policy No. 2. He said the Director of Management and Budget was at the meeting and he said there are three or four organizations or charities that use this money for salaries.

The Director of Management and Budget said as of this year it will be zero.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said the reason behind this modification is that this would prohibit these organizations from using neighborhood improvement money for salaries and from coming to the Councilmen or Mayor looking for money for salaries during the year. He said they would have to do that during budget time and put in their requests at that time and riverboat money could be used for that.

G. Water Park

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Water Park Committee has a meeting scheduled for March 26, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Joliet Park District. He said on the agenda is an update of last season and this season's operations recommendations.

There were no other Committee reports.

MAYOR SCHULTZ moved up the presentation by Muscular Dystrophy to the Joliet Fire Department at this time.

A. Presentation by Muscular Dystrophy to the Joliet Fire Department

Ms. Ellen Scieszka, District Director of the Joliet District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association said they are very proud to partner with the firemen of the City of Joliet to participate in their "Fill the Boot Drive" which was conducted last August. She said the MDA doesn't receive any government funding or United

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Way dollars so this money raised is used for services, support groups, equipment and summer camp for children and adults. She thanked Joliet Local 44 and Local 2369 for raising \$15,000.00 in support of the MDA.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he knows the MDA is the International Association of Firefighters number one charity and asked if she knows what the association contributed to the MDA.

Ms. Scieszka said they contributed \$24 million.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Treasurer's Report – January, 2008**

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

**B. Authorization to Approve Position Upgrades for Utilities Field  
Personnel  
(Council Memo #297-08)**

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the upgrade of six Maintenance Worker positions to three Equipment Operator I positions and three Equipment Operator II positions in the three Water Field Crews be approved.

**C. Modification of the Neighborhood Improvement Policy No. 2  
(Council Memo #298-08)**

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that said modification be approved.

**D. 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Modification  
No. 4 – Modification to the 2008 District 5 Neighborhood  
Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #299-08)**

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that said modification be approved.

**E. Position Vacancies  
(Council Memo #300-08)**

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill one Maintenance Foreman II position, one Lift Station Mechanic position and any subsequent vacancies directly related to these positions.

**F. Approval of the 2008 Youth Services Small Grants Program  
(Council Memo #301-08)**

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Small Grants Program be approved as recommended by the United Way Small Grants Evaluation Committee.

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G. Award of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting  
(Council Memo #302-08)

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

The Director of Management and Budget said the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate is the highest achievement that we could receive for our financial reporting. He said he would be remiss if he didn't mention Bob Fraser and Rich Yucius who recently retired because they were certainly a good part of the team and the team approach certainly works well here. He said he would also like to mention staff members including Finance Director Hugh Brennan, Accounting Manager Paul Pluth, Budget Analyst Carl McCann, Purchase Agent Meg McEvelly, Accountant Christine Skole and Secretary Pat Winterscheidt. He also thanked the City Manager for all of his help. He said our auditor Ed Marso of Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon are a big help along with Greg Miller who is the manager out on the job during the audit. He then thanked the Mayor and City Council and specifically the Finance Committee and he looks forward to a long-term relationship and said this 8<sup>th</sup> award is not their last, they will have many more to come.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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 #305-08)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 1450 S. Brandon Road (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #305-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 1450 S. Brandon Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-20-07/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #305-08)

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 April 15, 2008 to allow additional time to review environmental issues and to address concerns of the surrounding neighbors.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said items be tabled to the April 15, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

B. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 1404 S. Briggs Street

1. A RESOLUTION Approving the Annexation Agreement for 1404 S. Briggs Street as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-8-07/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #306-08)  
(RESOLUTION NO. 6031)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 1404 S. Briggs Street as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-8-07/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #306-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16048)
3. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 1404 S. Briggs Street to R-2 Zoning (#A-8-07/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #306-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16049)

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution and Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated this was a long time coming but he's glad to see they did what they needed to do and what the City needed to do and it's finished.

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C. Public Hearing re: 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 8 – Allen Street (Hunter-Seeser)

1. AN ORDINANCE Establishing the 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 8 – Allen Street (Hunter-Seeser) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #307-08)

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

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

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16050)

D. Public Hearing re: 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 9 – Helles (Willow-East End)

1. AN ORDINANCE Establishing the 2008 Joliet Special Service Area No. 9 – Helles (Willow-East End) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #308-08)

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

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

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16051)

1. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriations For All Corporate Purposes for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the City of Joliet was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16052)

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2. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 1994 Special Service Area No. 1 (Target Shopping Center Project) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16053)
3. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 1996 Special Service Area No. 14 (Joliet City Center) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16054)
4. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 1999 Special Service Area No. 66 (Raceway Associates L.L.C.) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16055)
5. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 2007 Special Service Area No. 1 – Cora (Ingalls - Frank) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16056)
6. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 2007 Special Service Area No. 2 – Garnsey (Spring Creek – Ward) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16057)
7. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 2007 Special Service Area No. 3 – Raub (Douglas – Ruby) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16058)
8. AN ORDINANCE Making Appropriation for the 2008 Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2008 and Ending December 31, 2008 in and for the 2007 Special Service Area No. 4 – Willow (Morgan – I-80) was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #309-08)  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16059)

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COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS**

- A. Regular Payroll – January 26 – February 8, 2008 - \$3,140,166.81  
(Council Memo #310-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period January 26, 2008 through February 8, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period January 18, 2008 through January 31, 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. Regular Payroll – February 9 – February 22, 2008 - \$3,204,825.87  
(Council Memo #311-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period February 9, 2008 through February 22, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period February 1, 2008 through February 14, 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.

- C. Regular Payroll – February 23 – March 7, 2008 - \$3,164,651.70  
(Council Memo #312-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period February 23, 2008 through March 7, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period February 15, 2008 through February 28, 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.

- D. Treasurer's Disbursements – February, 2008 - \$23,341,235.74

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

- E. Regular Claims – February, 2008 - \$2,870,780.72

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

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**A. ORDINANCES**

1. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Vacation of a Portion of the 40' Wide Public Utility and Drainage Easement to Allow an Above-Ground Swimming Pool at 302 Infantry Drive as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#V-2-08/Dist. #3)  
(Council Memo #313-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16060)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Final Plat of Joliet Logistics Park Phase 1 Subdivision (#FP-4-08/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #314-08)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Recording Plat of Joliet Logistics Park Phase 1 Subdivision (#RP-5-08/Dist. #5)  
(Council Memo #314-08)

The City Clerk noted these items were pulled from the agenda.

4. AN ORDINANCE Amending Salary Ranges and Fringe Benefits for Certain Employees was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #315-08)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16061)

5. AN ORDINANCE Approving the City of Joliet Budget and the Joliet Public Library Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008 was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #316-08)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN and COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN stated she still has some concerns about it and she hasn't seen any changes. She said she knows staff has been working hard and she was hoping the City Manager could come up with something different but that didn't happen so she is going to have to vote no at this time.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated we spent a lot of time on the budget and he thinks all of us have concerns about what happens in that process and he thinks we've come up with a budget that is reasonable, it's sensible, it's transparent and he thinks everybody understands it. He said the staff has worked hard on it and the Mayor and Council have worked hard on it along with the Finance Committee. He said each of them who chair a committee or sits on a committee understands what goes on in that process. He asked Ed Marso from the auditing firm Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon who is present tonight if he has seen anything different in this budget process, that it does any compromising in the process.

Mr. Marso said as far as the process is concerned no, they haven't seen anything different than they've seen in previous years.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said as the auditor you are satisfied that we are complying with the policies as set by the City Council.

Mr. Marso said correct.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he will vote aye on the budget, gladly.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN TURK asked the City Manager if there were any changes or amendments to the budget that we are voting on now.

The City Manager said no, this is the same budget that the Council reviewed in three different sessions and it is exactly the same as was presented to you two weeks ago.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he is not a critic of the budget, he doesn't criticize the budget and he certainly doesn't criticize the City Manager about putting the budget together and its shape. He said it's not his intent and it's not what he's doing. He said he is an analyst, he has a PhD in economics and public policy from the University of Illinois and he thinks he has the credentials and the experience to review and assess the budget and make his comments in regards to the structure of the budget which he has done. He said this is only the second time he is voting no on a budget in 23 years with 17 of those years as Chairman of the Finance Committee and the longest serving Finance Chairman. He said with regards to revenue, trying to bring the structure of the budget in balance, expenses are far above revenues at this time. He said two things that he brought up over a year and a half ago are two ways to enhance revenues. He said the first one was increasing our fines in regards to people that don't have auto insurance. He said if we increase the fine to \$500 and tow the car if they don't have insurance we could probably generate close to \$3 million the first year. He said 3 years ago Waukegan implemented a similar program and generated \$2 million the first year and they are about 91,000 in population. He said another revenue enhancement that he spoke about are the trucks that are getting unbelievable in this area, the semi's that are cutting through Joliet to avoid the weigh stations on I-80 and I-55. He said at their last Legislative Committee meeting they talked to Senator Wilhelmi and asked him if we could increase tickets and stop these vehicles and Senator Wilhelmi said absolutely, it's a great idea. He said he would like to bring those two revenue enhancements to the next Legislative Committee and he would appreciate the support of the Council to review this and pass this for revenue enhancement.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said looking at expense adjustments that's the call almost totally by the City Manager, that's the manager's job. He said their job on the expense side, we hire and fire the City Manager only, we have a strong City Manager form of government and that's it. He said all of the other details are presented to the Council by the City Manager and we vote on it in the budget. He said for expense adjustments the first thing you usually do is freeze employment and COUNCILMAN SHETINA brought this up two months ago. He said it wasn't voted on but this is a way to slow the growth of expenses, and another way is through attrition. He said when somebody retires if that position isn't a necessary position you don't fill it. He said if you start now over a certain period of time you'd be able to bring those expenses and revenues closer together.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said the new City Manager will be coming on board real soon and he knows every Councilperson will be meeting with the new City Manager and expressing their thoughts on the budget and where the City should go. He said again he looks at this and structurally it's not in balance, that's what he sees and that's what he reports as the Chairman and it's his responsibility. He said he has never criticized a member on the Council if they voted the other way. He said he has always shown respect and courtesy and as this goes along he hopes he is afforded the same level of courtesy and respect if he votes the other way. He then said he votes no for the budget, with respect.

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Prior to his vote, MAYOR SCHULTZ stated he is going to ask the City Manager this question again. He said there is no tax increase and the City Manager said no, there is not. He said there is no user's fee increase and the City Manager said no, there is not. He said the budget is the same as we discussed before and the City Manager said yes it is and it's balanced. MAYOR SCHULTZ then voted aye.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said two weeks ago we tabled this to give members of the Council time to meet with staff to go over some recommendations and asked if any of those meetings were ever held.

The City Manager said no.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she did meet with the Director of Management and Budget.  
(ORDINANCE NO. 16062)

6. 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:  
1508 Fairview Avenue and 408 S. Joliet Street.  
(Council Memo #317-08)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16063)

**B. RESOLUTIONS**

1. A RESOLUTION Appropriating Funds for the Phase III Engineering Services for the Essington Road Traffic Signal Interconnect Improvements Project was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #322-08)  
(RESOLUTION NO. 6032)
2. A RESOLUTION Appropriating Funds for the Phase II Engineering for the Essington and Hennepin Intersection Improvements Project was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #323-08)  
(RESOLUTION NO. 6033)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolutions be adopted.

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said this was very much needed and he appreciates it and votes aye.

3. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement with the County of Will for the Black Road and Timberline Drive Traffic Signal and Roadway Widening Improvements Project was presented and read.

(Council Memo #324-08)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Mr. Larry Warren who resides at 766 Meadow Wood Drive stated he lives two houses from Black Road and they have concerns about the widening of Black Road and the addition of the light at Timberline and the library. He said they were hoping they could get a chance to review these concerns with the Council or the engineering team at their homeowner's association meeting and he spoke to the City Manager right before the meeting and he agreed to that. He said they are concerned about the flow of traffic and the walkers on the sidewalk. He said they are also concerned about the beautiful trees being removed along the parkway.

The City Manager said they would be at their homeowner's association meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6034)

4. A RESOLUTION Adopting Agreements Between the City of Joliet and Certain Public and Private Entities for the Sharing and Use of Riverboat Gaming Revenue and General Corporate Funds in 2008 was presented and read.

(Council Memo #325-08)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked if Big Brothers and Big Sisters have closed on their building.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said yes they did.  
(RESOLUTION NO. 6035)

5. A RESOLUTION Approving an Interagency Agreement Between the City of Joliet and the Joliet Job Corps Center was presented and read.  
(Council Memo #326-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6036)

**BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Award of Contracts**

1. Authorization to Approve Payment for Emergency Tree Removal and Clean-Up Caused by Storm Damage on August 23, 2007  
(Council Memo #330-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment in the amount of \$8,562.00 to Homer Tree Care.

2. Authorization for the Emergency Repair to the Line Shaft on the No. 4 Raw Pump at the Westside Treatment Plant  
(Council Memo #331-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the increase to Purchase Order No. 94110 by \$7,493.42 to C & T Construction; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final to C & T Construction in the amount of \$8,483.42.

3. Authorization to Award a Professional Services Contract for the Phase III Engineering Services for the Essington Road Traffic Signal Interconnect Project  
(Council Memo #333-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00.

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4. Award of Contract for the 2008 Landscape Maintenance Services (R.O.W.) Contract  
(Council Memo #334-08)

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 Illini-Scapes in the amount of \$9,300.00.

5. Award of Contract for the Phase II Engineering Services for the Essington and Hennepin Intersection Improvements Project  
(Council Memo #335-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Civiltech Engineering Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$336,854.00.

6. Award of Contract for the Engineering and Surveying/Drafting Services for the Black Road/County Line Water Main Project - 2008  
(Council Memo #336-08)

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 Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates in the amount of \$15,600.00.

7. Award of Contract for the Farrell-Rosalind Water Main Project - 2008  
(Council Memo #337-08)

A report on twelve bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to C. Thompson and Sons in the amount of \$969,085.00 subject to the acquisition of the necessary easements.

8. Authorization to Approve Payment of the Tri-County Auto Theft Unit Vehicle Leases for 2008 - 2011  
(Council Memo #338-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$3,750.00 to H & J Leasing every 6 months for the 3 year lease agreement.

9. Authorization to Purchase Accessories for Police Sedans  
(Council Memo #339-08)

A report on three quotations received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of police vehicle accessories from Ray O'Herron Co. in the amount of \$70,179.48; from Lund Industries Inc. in the amount of \$5,103.90; and from Wholesale Direct in the amount of \$6,542.15.

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10. Authorization to Reimburse the Joliet City Center Partnership LLC for a Cooperative Comcast Cable Television Commercial Purchase  
(Council Memo #340-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the reimbursement of \$15,000.00 to the Joliet City Center Partnership LLC.

11. Award of Contract for the Construction of 5 Single Family Homes at Second and Mississippi Avenue  
(Council Memo #341-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Paul Gabriel Construction in the amount of \$833,465.85.

12. Authorization to Purchase 26 Firefighter Class A Uniforms  
(Council Memo #342-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Joliet Clothing Mart in the amount of \$6,637.80.

13. Authorization to Purchase Extrication Tool for New Fire Engine No. 4  
(Council Memo #343-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Equipment Management Company in the amount of \$22,453.00.

14. Designation of MES/Global as the Sole Source Provider for Firefighter Turnout Gear Replacement/New Firefighters  
(Council Memo #344-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize MES/Global Fire Equipment to be the sole source of firefighter turnout gear for the Joliet Fire Department.

15. Authorization to Upgrade Police Department Security Cameras and Digital Recording Device  
(Council Memo #345-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Thompson Electronics Company in the amount of \$21,015.00.

16. Authorization to Approve Professional Services Agreement for the Water and Sewer Service Center Building Needs Analysis Report  
(Council Memo #346-08)

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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 Buchar, Mitchell, Bajt Architects, Inc. in the amount of \$29,750.00.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment Request No. 6 and Final for the Bluff/Clinton/Jackson/Marion/Webster Roadway Resurfacing Project  
(Council Memo #351-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$2,852.25 and Pay Estimate No. 6 and Final in the amount of \$38,418.80 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

2. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Pay Estimate Numbers 6B and 7A for the 2007 City of Joliet Aggregate Contract  
(Council Memo #352-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$20,600.08 and Pay Estimate No. 7A in the amount of \$21,989.79 on behalf of Lafarge North America and Pay Estimate No. 6B in the amount of \$2,739.96 on behalf of Vulcan Materials.

3. Approve Change Order No. 2 for the Arbeiter Road Public Works Facility and the Gael Drive Fire Maintenance Facility  
(Council Memo #353-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2, a deduction in the amount of \$6,920.00 on behalf of Tri-State Enterprises.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Request No. 1 and Final for the 1113 Greeley Drive Restoration Project – 2007 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #354-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,948.00 and Pay Request No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$9,874.00 on behalf of Austin Tyler Construction.

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5. Approve Payment Request No. 1 and Final for the Dr. Rao Bike Path Clearing Project - 2008  
(Council Memo #355-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Pay Request No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$8,500.00 on behalf of Construction by Camco.

6. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Request No. 3 and Final for the 3822 Brenton Drive/2232 Stonehaven Drive Rear Yard Drainage Improvements Project – 2007 Neighborhood Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #356-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2, a deduction in the amount of \$2,163.00 and Pay Request No. 3 and Final in the amount of \$2,028.30 on behalf of Len Cox & Sons.

7. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Estimate No. 4 for the 2007 Footing Tile Separation Project  
(Council Memo #357-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,307.50 and Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$169,231.50 on behalf of Austin Tyler Construction.

8. Approve Change Order No. 6 for System-Wide SCADA System Construction Project  
(Council Memo #358-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$42,921.35 on behalf of Wunderlich-Malec Services, Inc.

9. Approve Change Order No. 8 for the Co-Filtration HMO Water Treatment Equipment – Procurement Project  
(Council Memo #359-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$6,915.00 on behalf of Layne-Western.

10. Approve Payment of Snow Removal (Storm on February 26, 2008)  
(Council Memo #360-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve payments to the following contractors: 1) Gregg W. Dobczyk Excavators (\$3,720.00); 2) Construction by Camco, Inc. (\$3,895.00); 3) P.T. Ferro Construction Co. (\$12,056.50); 4) G3 Construction Corp. (\$6,780.00); 5) Allied Landscaping (\$4,255.00); and 6) John Russ and Co. (\$8,858.00).

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11. Approve Payment for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs (803 Lilac Lane)  
(Council Memo #361-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the increase to Purchase Order #94023 by \$10,643.92; and 2) Approve Payment to J. Russ & Co. in the amount of \$11,633.92.

12. Authorization for Payment of Snow Removal for Parking Decks and Lots – January and February, 2008  
(Council Memo #362-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the increase to Purchase Order #92943 and Purchase Order #93535 in the amount of \$17,252.51; and 2) Approve Payment to Will County Materials Inc. in the amount of \$25,252.50.

13. Approve Change Order No. 3 and Payment Estimate No. 6 for the Bridge Street (Hickory – Nicholson) Roadway Improvements Project – 2007 Capital Improvement Program  
(Council Memo #363-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$852.37 and Pay Estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$12,663.12 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

14. Approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Estimate No. 4 for the Millboro Place Storm Sewer Project – 2006 CSO Elimination Program  
(Council Memo #364-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$14,460.41 and Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$26,288.61 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Company.

15. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the February 2008 City Hall, Far West Municipal Center and Police Department Snow Plowing and Salting  
(Council Memo #365-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the increase to Purchase Order #93539 in the amount of \$14,775.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$19,675.00 on behalf of Trizzino Construction.

16. Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Contract for Phase II of the City Wide Public Safety/Public Service Master Communication System  
(Council Memo #366-08)

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A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$9,124.74 and the addition of \$3,525.00 to the 5 year Maintenance Contract with Sentinel Technologies.

17. Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Contract to Update Wiring at City Facilities  
(Council Memo #367-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,678.00 on behalf of Larsen Electric.

18. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the City of Joliet GIS Enterprise Services Contract  
(Council Memo #368-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 3 in the amount of \$35,000.00 on behalf of PlanGraphics.

19. Approve Change Order No. 7 for the Municipal Center Phase 2 Remodeling Project  
(Council Memo #369-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 7, a deduction in the amount of \$48,195.60 on behalf of R.L. Sohol.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

**LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

- A. Issuance of a Class "B" Liquor License at 1356 Houbolt Road  
(Council Memo #374-08)
- B. Issuance of a Class "C" Liquor License at 7142 Caton Farm Road  
(Council Memo #375-08)

These items were approved at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

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MAYOR:

A. Presentation by United Way of Will County

Mr. Mike Hennessy of the United Way of Will County thanked the City Council and staff on behalf of the United Way for graciously raising \$160,292.00 during the recent campaign. He said that represents a little over 4% of their total \$3,920,000 campaign. He said they are going to miss City Manager John Mezera who was their campaign chair in 2000-2001. He said their goal that year was \$3,400,000 and with John's leadership and setting the example they raised \$3,645,000.00, almost \$250,000 above their goal and that is because of John and what he brings to their United Way. He said John also co-chaired their public service division and their leadership giving program. He said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank the City, its employees and personally John Mezera for his years of support and the guidance he provided them. He said John has been a mentor to him and will always be grateful for the strength and wisdom he has provided him to do the job that he has and everything he's done to enhance the quality of life in this great city. He said on behalf of United Way he wishes John and his family nothing but the best as he retires.

The City Manager thanked Mr. Hennessy and said it has been a pleasure working with him and the entire board and committees.

B. Presentation by Muscular Dystrophy to the Joliet Fire Department

This item was presented earlier in the meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

A. Mayor Schultz - Appointments

MAYOR SCHULTZ placed in nomination the appointment of Jean Smiles to the Joliet Public Library Board.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the appointment of Jean Smiles to the Joliet Public Library Board be confirmed.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC congratulated the City Manager and wished him a fantastic retirement. He said this has been a great run, a great experience and a lot of fun. He said there was one thing he has always been a little bit mad about these last 20 years and that was that John always beats him at golf and he said looks forward to getting another chance as John retires. He then welcomed the new City Manager, Tom Thanas.

COUNCILMAN TURK thanked the City Manager for all of his hard work and dedication that he has given to the City of Joliet. He said he came in the spring of 1987 and John has been the only City Manager that he has served with and it

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has been a pleasure to serve on the City Council with him as City Manager. He said he appreciates the help that he has given him personally as a Councilperson. He said he only called John at his home two times and that was because he couldn't get a hold of him at work. He said John was always at work, he'd call city hall to leave a message for John at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. and most of the time he'd answer the phone, he'd call on a Saturday to leave a message for John and most of the time he'd answer the phone. He said he had that kind of dedication to us and the City. He said he has the great ability and strength to have a disagreement with a Councilperson, a Mayor and a citizen and leave it at that and not make it personal. He said he has watched John the last twenty years treat all the citizens of the City, all the Councilpersons and the Mayor's of this City with great respect. He said John has assembled a dynamic staff that he's sure he is proud of and he has lead by example, he thinks John has created a great example for every employee here. He said he has had the ability to make the dreams and projects of the Mayor and Council come to reality. He wished John many happy, healthy years of retirement and nothing but the best in his future.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said COUNCILMAN TURK speaks for all of them. He said John knows his feelings for him. He said he got here before him and he will be here after he's gone which he thought would never happen. He said he has worked with a lot of city manager's and some were good and some were left wanting but the year's that John has been here as an engineer and then as he became City Manager have been inspiring. He said he doesn't think they have ever seen anyone with that kind of work ethic. He said he has left them with a good staff and hopes he is not leaving town. He said he can't say enough about John, he has been the greatest.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said last Saturday night he went to "Dancing with the Stars" and we had our own local star dance, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN who did a good job. He said it was good program and a lot of people enjoyed it.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN thanked the City Manager for his years of service and wished him good health and hopes that he enjoys his retirement. She said now he will have plenty of time to use those leadership abilities to help these charities even more, maybe on a full-time basis. She then wished him good luck.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER said she has only been here for a very short time on the Council but she has known the City Manager for a very long time and it has been a pleasure to work with him and to know him. She thanked him and hopes his health gets better and better every day and that he grows to be a very old man.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said before he says a final word he wants to put the City Manager to work one more time. He said Plainfield Road seems to have a number of "checker boarding" type repairs going on up and down the 800, 900, 1000 and 1100 blocks and he wondered if there was any kind of contractor defect or something given the number of things going on there. He asked if he has reviewed that with Public Works.

The City Manager said he doesn't really know and asked the Director of Public Utilities to explain the situation.

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The Director of Public Utilities stated we have had a severe winter with a lot of water main breaks and we do have a contractor on board for making those repairs. He said as soon as it warms up and the weather is a little more suitable we will be concrete repairing those locations.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said there is no default or defect in the construction of the road.

The Director of Public Utilities said no, it's nothing from the condition of the road. He said it's just the ground moving and freezing during the winter and all of the water main breaks.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the City Manager if he sees any benefit with regard to our gasoline purchases to locking in a price going forward. He said we know what we're going to use and how much we're going to use. He said with everybody prognosticating \$4.00/gallon gas he asked if there is any sense to or possibility of negotiating a long term price on that before we see the increase.

The City Manager said we currently are based on an index and so we pay a certain margin over that index which is pretty good for us. He said whether we could lock in with somebody or not we could take a look at it and he asked the Director of Management and Budget to explain.

The Director of Management and Budget said we have an annual renewal clause. He said part of the problem is that if everybody thinks it's going to cost that much for a gallon of gasoline then the future prices are going to reflect that as well.

The City Manager said you prevent yourself from being gouged by anybody by entering into an agreement where you have a certain margin, it may be .4 cents over the index. He said that's what we've always done to protect ourselves but we will look into that option.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he wanted to thank the snow plowers and crews. He said they were tested this year and they did an excellent job. He said these folks gave up family time and personal time and when they were called out they answered the call. He said what the public needs to understand is that we don't have extra crews, when they plow for 8 hours and the snow keeps coming they have to go take a nap and get back in the truck and plow some more. He said on behalf of the Mayor and Council he wanted to thank the crews that took care of us all winter.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said in a line borrowed from Kathryn Hepburn to John Wayne in the movie True Grit, and changed a little bit, he said since John is about to leave "you are a credit to the term City Manager and public servant and he is proud to call you his friend".

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said there are two significant events in 2008...the Cubs win the World Series and John Mezera retires. He said the City of Joliet has come a long way under your tenure especially with the staff he has put together. He said we have a tremendous City Manager coming in. He said he wanted to thank him for all of his hard work and hopes John and his wife and son have a wonderful retirement. He said a lot of people don't know when he was threatened years ago by the gangs and they were going to blow his house up

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and John actually came out there and he thinks that's why his wife let him stay a little while longer because she believed in what the City was doing. He then congratulated John and said he knows he will do real well.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he wasn't on the Council when John became City Manager although he was President of the Firefighters Union and he can remember days we'd come in with what we thought was a reasonable proposition and we we're offered  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% for a raise. He said but through John's leadership and the different people that have served on this Council he thinks we have come a long way. He said he appreciates his time and good luck.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said in 16 years we did a lot. He said we built ballparks, drag strips, improved the neighborhoods and a lot of things. He said one thing he could not do in 16 years was to make John a Cub fan but he did try and he's going to keep on trying. He wished John the best to him, his wife and his son Nick and asked him to come visit and say hello.

The City Manager said thank you and he sure will do that. He said he wanted to thank the City Council for the opportunity to work with them, the opportunity to learn and to grow and to serve. He said it's really been a wonderful relationship and he said he thinks they've had a great time in serving the public and doing it in a fair way and in a way that really included the people. He said you listen, you give direction to the staff and we try to follow and serve and he thinks it has been a good rewarding combination for all of us.

He said to the residents of the City thanks for all of your ideas and the many meetings that we've had. He said you've always been forthcoming with your comments and we appreciate all of that and we appreciate the patience that you've had when we implemented programs that were needed in the neighborhoods. He said he thinks we have a good relationship between the City and the residents of the City of Joliet that has improved markedly over the years because of the way the Mayor and the City Council and the staff have worked with you and the respect with which we've treated each other. He said he thinks Joliet is much, much better for that relationship.

He said to the staff for all the hard work, the support and the professional manner in which they've handled themselves he could not be prouder and he could not feel better for the City than he does now. He said to the new City Manager Tom Thanas we've worked together for many, many years in the past and you know exactly what you're getting into here and Tom said there are no surprises. John wished him the best and thanked him for all of his past service and said he knows he will have nothing but wonderful success. He said some of you have eluded to the fact that we will be staying in Joliet and we are proud to stay in Joliet and we'll be actively involved in a lot of different things with a lot of different agencies and he knows that they will keep him very, very busy. He said one last time thanks to everybody for everything that you've done, thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that the Council adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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ARTHUR SCHULTZ  
Mayor

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KIM PETREK  
Deputy City Clerk

Recorded on Tape