

***Proceedings of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois
held on the 4th day of March, A.D. 2008***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

An Invocation was delivered by Pastor Michael Day, First Church of the Nazarene, 1009 S. Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois.

Pastor Day 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 SHETINA moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and of the Special Meeting held on February 22, 2008 at 4:50 p.m. stand approved as recorded.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. City-County Advisory Committee

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they met on February 25th and are trying to gain some common ground with respect to what they want to do with their building program. He said they have not reached any conclusions yet but they are talking and he thinks they are developing some mutual trust that was lacking. He said they are having a little bit of a problem trying to determine who can give the word as to what we do in conjunction with the Judge's concerns about the overcrowding of the courts and the number of people standing in line outside of the Courthouse, which numbers anywhere from 40 to 60 people, and also the shortage of room inside the Courthouse. He said others are concerned about general parking in the downtown. He said we have our concerns and part of that concern is to keep the County happy and keep them here and keep the City functioning properly. He said they have not reached any conclusions, but both

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staffs are working well together and we expect them to probably carry the ball. He said he will chair the next meeting and in the meantime he will meet with the City Manager and our Planning staff to see if we have any kind of input we can give them in order to help move the process along. He said it's not going to be quick, but we have an idea of where we want to go with the downtown. He said we are trying to create a study and the City will probably participate in paying for it.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE commended the Planning Director and his staff for coming to the meetings prepared and ready to go. He said we're just having a little problem getting together with the County on which way we want to go.

B. City Manager Selection Committee

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they interviewed four candidates that were very, very good and have made an offer to a candidate. He said they thought they had something worked out but are still in the process of negotiations with the candidate. He said they have a tentative meeting scheduled for Friday depending on what occurs in the meantime.

C. Communication, Technology and Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said they are assembling an agenda and have set a tentative date for March 14th. He said they will be talking about the communication of various projects as well as cell tower requirements, web site content review and the next City newsletter. He said he wants to talk about changing the way we communicate certain projects like the Ridgewood project, and doing more than we usually do. He said instead of waiting to see how it's chewed up in the rumor mill, we are going to proactively take some action to tell the public what we want them to know about these projects.

D. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Finance Committee has a meeting scheduled for March 17, 2008 following the Pre-Council meeting.

E. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they had a meeting scheduled for Friday at 3 p.m. with the only agenda item being the proposed development by O&S Holdings of the property at I-80 and I-55.

The City Manager said that meeting is going to be cancelled because the attorneys are still working on the development agreement. He said there is the possibility of a meeting next week and they'd like to do it as soon as they can.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA thanked COUNCILMAN BROPHY and COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN for going to Huntsville, Alabama and looking at the O&S project in person along with staff.

F. Public Service

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

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reviewed the drive thru applications for Dunkin Donuts on 4th Avenue and for Walgreens at Jefferson and Reed Streets. He said they also recommended that the Modification of the Neighborhood Improvement Program Policy No. 2 be tabled until they get some financial information from the Director of Management and Budget.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said they had some questions for the Director of Management and Budget and he wasn't at the meeting, so hopefully they will be able to take care of it at the next Public Service Committee meeting.

G. Water Park

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Water Park Committee has a meeting scheduled for March 26, 2008 at 3 p.m.

There were no other Committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Position Vacancies
(Council Memo #237-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that he be authorized to fill one Police Sergeant position, one Wastewater Plant Operator II position and any subsequent vacancies directly related to these positions.

B. Establishing the Public Hearing Date for the 2008 Appropriation Ordinances
(Council Memo #239-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Place the 2008 Appropriation Ordinances on file for public inspection as of March 6, 2008; 2) Direct the Administration to have the notice of the public hearing published as required by law; and 3) Set March 18, 2008 as the date of the public hearing as a part of the March 18 regular meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she wanted to make sure for the record that the amounts on page two of the Council Memo can be increased, and this is just to appropriate the funds that we have already suggested, but if we decide later on to adjust the budget we can increase those funds.

The City Manager said yes we can by using funds from some other fund than is provided with real estate tax funds. He said it should also be brought up that the amounts that are on page two are increases from the current budget, so in the pension line item there is an increase of about \$3.3 million above this year's, but you do have flexibility should you want to go above that.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said on the first page of the Council Memo it states "Individual levy amounts may be less than the individual amounts...but may not be more than those amounts". He said so you would increase it with other funds and not the levy amounts.

The City Manager said you'd have to do it with other funds, not real estate tax levy funds.

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- C. Approval of Agreement with the Joliet JackHammers for the Use of Silver Cross Field for the 2008 IHSA Boys Class A and AA Baseball State Finals
(Council Memo #240-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the agreement with the JackHammers for a total cost of \$13,200.00.

- D. 2008 Neighborhood Improvement Program Modification No. 3 - Modification to the 2008 District 4 Neighborhood Improvement Program and Appropriation of the 2007 Mayor/At-Large Councilmen Non-NIP Fund
(Council Memo #241-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the following:

DISTRICT 4 MODIFICATION

- Addition of Portion of Funding for the 700 Wilcox Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Roadway Reconstruction Project (\$126,118.00)

2007 MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN AT-LARGE NON-NIP FUND PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS

- Mayfield (Larkin-Midland) ComEd Streetlighting Project (\$54,000.00)
- 1214 Ryehill Court Rear Yard Drainage (\$13,000.00)
- 700 Wilcox Storm Sewer/Curb and Gutter/Roadway Reconstruction Project Contribution (\$72,670.00)
- Projects Contingency (\$10,000.00)

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

- E. Modification of the Neighborhood Improvement Program Policy No. 2 – Elimination of the Use of NIP Monies for Personnel Salaries for Not-For-Profit/Social Agencies
(Council Memo #242-08)

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

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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.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

- A. Regular Payroll – January 12 – January 25, 2008 - \$3,401,817.88
(Council Memo #246-08)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period January 12, 2008 through January 25, 2008 and additions to regular salaries for the period January 4, 2008 through January 17, 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.

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

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.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. AN ORDINANCE Proposing the Establishment of the 2008 Special Service Area No. 1 – Harwood/Scribner/Sterling Sanitary Sewer Improvements was presented and read.
(Council Memo #248-08)

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER 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. 16045)

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2. 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: 1219 Arthur Avenue, 605 S. DesPlaines Street, 313 S. Joliet Street, 442 Meeker Avenue and 102 Richards Street
(Council Memo #249-08)

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Mr. Robert Webb suggested that Neighborhood Services offer information to property owners on how to get low interest loans to improve their properties so they can keep them rather than being coerced into giving their properties up so the City can purchase them.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked him if he wanted us to reward the people that let their properties get run down by giving them money to get them back up to code.

The City Manager said the City has no interest in obtaining ownership to any of these properties and has been in contact with these property owners numerous times. He said we would only be here declaring these as public nuisances if we had exhausted every other resource that we have to get these people to correct the problems that exist with these homes.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated four out of five of these owners are absentee landlords. He said we do have some programs to help people who live in the houses when they have a situation like this and we have property maintenance programs and help them with low interest loans and people do take advantage of them.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16046)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the City of Joliet Budget and the Joliet Public Library Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008
(Council Memo #250-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

AYES: COUNCILMAN TURK, COUNCILWOMAN BARBER, COUNCILMEN BROPHY, DORRIS, GIARRANTE.

NAYS: COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC and COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

(The vote was suspended during the roll call)

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated he wanted to give the reasons for why he is voting the way he is. He said if you look at the 2008 budget, the City Manager says it's in balance. He said what he means is not structurally in balance and that's extremely important when we're looking at this.

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He said if you look at the budget, all you have to do is look on page 8 and you see the financial analysis shown that shows a very positive, substantial balanced budget through 2011. He said to achieve this will require certain actions and assumptions that follow such as increasing the garbage fees and increasing the development impact fee out to 2010 while noting there is a significant slow down in housing. He said over the last almost four years revenues have been slightly increasing but expenditures are rising rapidly so there is a big gap between our operating expenses and our operating revenue. He said what that means is that gap has to be filled and right now it is about 70% filled with riverboat gaming money and surplus revenue that we have.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said if you look at these last two provisions or caveats on page 8, they say we should provide annual revenue increases over the next three years in the range of 6.5% and 7%. He said revenues are going to be flat if we're lucky. He said expenses are still moving at a rate of about 7.3% and this says limit annual expense increases or rate of acceleration to 7.5%. He said you'll see these caveats in every one of the last three budgets. He said also when you look at when the numbers from 2007 were rolled over for personnel, pension and hospitalization, they were shortened or they were under-expensed, so that leaves this unreserved balance and it's not going to be as much as it should be. He said it will probably be less and it might be negative by next year. He said he asked the City Manager at the budget meeting last week if we need a property tax increase and we all sat here and everybody heard the answer which was no; over the next three years we don't need property tax increases. He said if that's the case he still doesn't understand why on November 6th the City Manager asked us to consider raising property taxes from \$111.00 EAV per \$10,000 to \$116.00. He said clearly you're asking for a property tax increase to match this balanced budget. He said with that said we don't have a balanced budget structurally and we are moving to a point where we're going to have to bring revenues down closer to expenses or bring revenues up to expenses or both. He said at this time he respectfully votes no.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he voted aye and he thanked the Library Board for the voluntary work they do as well as the capable leadership of their director Jim Johnston.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he talked with the City Manager about the Task Force and before he leaves, he would like to make sure they have some recommendations for funding for the Task Force. He said in November when we accepted the study we also said we would come up with some funding and he asked if we can have those recommendations for the next meeting so we can see where we are and start moving on.

The City Manager said we can but keep in mind that we have recommendations of \$250,000 for the Task Force with \$50,000 going towards their operations and \$200,000 going towards the recommendations that they made which would be the corridor studies. He said beyond that there was conversation that Neighborhood Improvement Program funds would be used in the amount of \$150,000 out of District 5 and \$150,000 out of District 4, and he doesn't know if you still have the flexibility within your NIP funds to do that or not, but he doesn't know that the Council has discussed adding any additional revenue for the Quality of Life Task Force. He said that's something that should be discussed at one of the Council committee meetings as to whether you want to allocate more than \$250,000 to the Quality of Life Task Force in this particular year.

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COUNCILMAN DORRIS asked if he and COUNCILWOMAN BARBER could meet with the City Manager so they can look at this and then take it to the Finance Committee. He then voted aye on the budget.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said with all due respect to COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC, this was all reviewed at the budget meeting, he raised all of these questions at the budget meeting and he thinks that the Director of Management and Budget and the City Manager answered them, so he votes aye.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she is really torn on this and she respects COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC'S opinion and they did discuss this and she also has numerous concerns. She said she is not for raising any property taxes and we also have some other issues going on. She said she feels that we could probably tighten this budget a little further and she knows staff worked very hard and diligently on this and she commends them all because it hasn't been easy this time. She said therefore she is going to have to vote no as well.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA complemented the staff on the budget process; it was a good process. He said he would like to move to table the budget and ask COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC to provide us with the proposed cuts in the budget that he thinks would be fair and to address COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN'S concerns and anybody that has concerns about cuts. He said he would like them to bring the recommended cuts forward and then let us peruse those and let's talk again about the issues that you raised, because he thought they were answered, but he respects what you're saying. He said there is no question that running a city is very difficult, providing revenues is very difficult, things don't always go the way you like them. He said he has read the budget, not all of it but most of it, and he thinks the staff has done their job and shown that within the next four years we would be OK. He said they projected the reduction in funding, the reduction in riverboat gaming dollars and projected the reduction in sales taxes, but the economy still rolls along. He said unemployment rates are still good in Joliet, still nice and low and people are still working and making money. He said those that are hurting are hurting badly and those who are working are working probably at some level of just making ends meet, and some are doing very well. He said he would like to see these budget cuts, bring them forward.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved to table approval of the City of Joliet Budget and the Joliet Public Library Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 until the March 18, 2008 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

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.

4. AN ORDINANCE Establishing Ambulance Mileage Fees was presented and read.
(Council Memo #251-08)

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Mr. Robert Webb stated he thinks a \$6.42 per mile fee seems to be excessive because that's more than a taxi charges a person for a ride. He said he thinks it should be eliminated because through the people's tax dollars they have already paid for the vehicle and the salaries for these people that are operating the vehicle.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA stated that the memo says "At no time will this cost be passed on to the patient" and he asked Mr. Webb if he read that.

Mr. Webb said his point is it doesn't make any sense at all to charge the people to ride in the vehicle when they have already paid for this vehicle.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said we don't charge the patient, it goes to the insurance company.

Mr. Webb said neither should have to pay for it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

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.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16047)

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution re: Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Blu Bar LLC for the Operation of a Sports Themed Bar and Grill Located at Union Station
(Council Memo #254-08)

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

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated he would like to give our prospective tenant for the train station a little publicity before they open in July and he asked the City Manager for an explanation.

The City Manager said Union Station will have a new tenant called Bar Blu. He said it is a group of owners that currently have a facility in Lisle called Coral Blu, which is a very upscale restaurant. He said they are going to have a full menu at the new facility. He said it's going to be a little bit sports bar based but it's going to be a high end sports bar. He said they have a very, very good business plan and are going to make significant investments in the property and change the atmosphere of the facility. He said it is a real good prospect for us.

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2. A RESOLUTION Amending the Siding Unveiling Grant Program for Residential and Mixed Use Residential Historic Landmarks and Historic District Properties was presented and read.
(Council Memo #255-08)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6027)

3. Resolution re: Authorizing the Execution of the HOME Agreement between the City of Joliet and Cornerstone Services, Inc.
(Council Memo #256-08)

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

4. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Acquisition of 125 Mississippi Avenue was presented and read.
(Council Memo #257-08)

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6028)

5. A RESOLUTION Approving an Agreement for Mosquito Control Services to be Provided by Joliet Township was presented and read.
(Council Memo #258-08)

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said Resolution be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6029)

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6. Resolution re: Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with PACE for the Temporary Use of a Senior Paratransit Van
(Council Memo #259-08)

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

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for the 2008 Parkway Corridors Project – West Jefferson Street and Collins Street Improvements
(Council Memo #263-08)

A report on seven bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Reject the previous bids from January 12, 2007; and 2) Award the contract to Allied Landscaping in the amount of \$98,385.00.

2. Authorization to Purchase 10 Panasonic Toughbook Computers and 1 External CDRW/DVD Combo Drive for the Fire Department
(Council Memo #264-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to CDS Office Technologies in the amount of \$34,740.00.

3. Authorization to Repair Ladder Truck 10
(Council Memo #265-08)

A report on one quote received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to E-One Corporation in the amount of \$145,188.00.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked the Fire Chief to explain the repairs to this truck. She said she was under the impression that this was out of commission and couldn't be repaired and that we were authorizing the purchase of a brand new ladder truck. She said if we repair this one she wants to know how long it's going to take, how long it's going to take to get the new one and are we going to keep both in commission and have to hire more people if we keep this on board or is this going to be in reserve.

The Fire Chief stated this was an in-service ladder truck that was involved in an automobile accident, not the one that was discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. He said this ladder truck was at Station No. 10. He said they moved Quint 8 out to Station No. 10 so right now we are running with three trucks in the City with no reserves. He said they ordered a new ladder truck at the last meeting and that will be Station No. 10's ladder truck when it gets here which will give them one reserve. He said the 1980 truck they talked about at Public Safety is going into surplus.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so this is not an extra one; this is just one that was in an accident after you retired the other one.

The Fire Chief said exactly. He said we are looking at three to six months for repair of this ladder truck and the new ladder truck will take about three to six months for delivery also.

4. Authorization to Purchase Digital Cameras for Crime Scene Technicians
(Council Memo #266-08)

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 for the purchase of 8 Nikon D300 cameras to LaGrange Camera in the amount of \$13,599.60.

5. Authorization to Purchase Bulletproof Body Armor for Police Officers
(Council Memo #267-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council authorize the sole source status of the Joliet Clothing Mart and Ray O'Herron Company for the purchase of body armor for police officers.

6. Authorization to Purchase White Light Systems and Tritium Front Post Sights for Patrol Rifles
(Council Memo #268-08)

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 Shore Galleries in the amount of \$5,599.95.

7. Approval of Professional Service Agreements for the 2007 Update of the City of Joliet's Fixed Assets and Infrastructure Reports
(Council Memo #269-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Director of Management and Budget be authorized to enter into agreements with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC in the amounts of \$4,500.00 for the fixed asset update and \$4,800.00 for the infrastructure update.

8. Authorization to Purchase 2008 Advertising and Promotion with the Meredith Corporation (Midwest Living Magazine)
(Council Memo #270-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Meredith Corporation in the amount of \$14,679.00.

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9. Authorization for Purchase of 2008 Advertising with Madden Preprint Publishing LLC for Spring and Summer Illinois Getaway Guide
(Council Memo #271-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Madden Preprint Publishing LLC in the amount of \$7,100.59.

10. Approve Purchase of Materials and Installation of PRV Assembly for Water Treatment Plants
(Council Memo #272-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the purchase of materials for the PRV Assembly from HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. In the amount of \$23,682.50; and 2) Approve the installation of the PRV assembly by Pride Plumbing in the amount of \$14,400.00.

11. Award of Contract for the Printing of the 2008 Annual Water Quality Report
(Council Memo #273-08)

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 E & D Web in the amount of \$8,360.00.

12. Award of Contract for the Installation of a Low Voltage Transformer and Motor Control Center at Well 9D
(Council Memo #274-08)

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 Elliott Electric in the amount of \$11,995.00.

13. Award of Contract for the Replacement of the Back Flow Preventor for the Blower Building at the Eastside Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #275-08)

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 Mechanical in the amount of \$7,800.00.

14. Award of Contract for the Midland Avenue (West Park Front – Kinsey Avenue) Pavement Reconstruction Project
(Council Memo #276-08)

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 P.T. Ferro Construction Co. in the amount of \$128,442.11.

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15. Authorization to Purchase Public Utilities Crane Truck
(Council Memo #278-08)

A report on four bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Reject the bid of Packey Webb Ford as being non-compliant; and 2) Approve the purchase of a Utility Crane Truck from Rod Baker Ford in the amount of \$71,814.33.

16. Authorization to Purchase Automatic Meter Reading Equipment
(Council Memo #279-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council award the contract to H & D Waterworks in the amount of \$240,690.00.

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

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.

B. Change Orders and Payments:

1. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Installation of an Electronic Message Center at Fire Station No. 10
(Council Memo #284-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,200.00 on behalf of Express Signs of Shorewood.

2. Authorization for Paramedic School Payments for the 2008 – 2009 Paramedic Class
(Council Memo #285-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve three installment payments totaling \$13,416.00 to Silver Cross Will Grundy System for 8 Firefighters to attend EMT Paramedic classes.

3. Approve Amendment No. 1 and Payment for a Professional Service Agreement for Twin Oaks Watermain Survey
(Council Memo #286-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$995.00 and Payment in the amount of \$9,245.00 on behalf of Geotech, Inc.

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4. Approve Amendment No. 2 and Payment Estimate No. 4 for the Engineering and Surveying/Drafting Services for the Farrell – Rosalind Water Main Project - 2007
(Council Memo #287-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$4,500.00 and Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$19,122.00 on behalf of Ruettiger, Tonelli & Associates.

5. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment Estimate No. 3 and Final for the 1219 Mayfield/1300 Douglas and 1313 Richmond Rear Yard Drains – 2007 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #288-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$893.22 and Pay Estimate No. 3 and Final in the amount of \$5,751.70 on behalf of Duke, Inc.

6. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payout No. 8 and Final for the 2007 Lawn Mowing Services
(Council Memo #289-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,420.00 and Pay Estimate No. 8 and Final in the amount of \$5,420.00 on behalf of Grasshopper Lawn and Landscape.

7. Approve Change Order No. 6 for the Municipal Center Phase 2 Remodeling Project
(Council Memo #290-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$56,980.00 on behalf of R.L. Sohol General Contractors.

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

NAYS: NONE.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

- A. Issuance of a Class "1" Liquor License at 50 E. Jefferson Street
(Council Memo #294-08)

This item was approved at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

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- B. Application for a Drive Thru Permit for a Dunkin Donuts Restaurant at Illinois Route 53 and 4th Avenue
(Council Memo #295-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the application for a Drive Thru Permit for a Dunkin Donuts Located at Illinois Route 53 and 4th Avenue.

- C. Application for a Drive Thru Permit for a Walgreens at 1163 W. Jefferson Street
(Council Memo #296-08)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the application for a Drive Thru Permit for a Walgreens at 1163 W. Jefferson Street.

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

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN DORRIS.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN DORRIS asked the City Manager if there was any time frame on the opening of the Dunkin Donuts on 4th Avenue.

The City Manager said he would guess six months because it is a new building.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they did a nice job with that center, it's been sitting and now all of a sudden he thinks it's completely full.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said with spring coming Frank Kostecki of 4603 Clare Road in Country Glen is going to have his continuing problems with flooding.

The City Manager said Mr. Kostecki's problem last time was a motor that failed in the Black Road lift station and that's what caused the problem, however he does not have an overhead sewer and he's one of the few in that entire subdivision that does not. He said the Council talked about that in executive session and authorized us to get some quotes to install an overhead sewer in that particular house. He said because of his low level he is subject to getting flooded. He said the Director of Public Utilities has the quotes and they are being sent to the Legal Department, and probably at the next executive session the Council will discuss the approval of a claim for that.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he was glad to get the bid of \$65,000 to repair DesPlaines Street from Wallace Street to the viaduct. He asked when we can get this done.

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The City Manager said that's an estimate for resurfacing. He said he's not sure that we should just do a resurfacing, so he talked to the Director of Public Works today about getting another estimate for completely reconstructing it. He said there is a relatively large storm sewer that was never installed on DesPlaines Street and it needs some major storm sewer work underneath it to drain the viaduct. He said he has asked Public Works Director Jim Trizna to talk with Public Utilities Director Jim Eggen about the possibility of combining some funds that we may have in the CSO program because this sewer would allow us to disconnect some storm sewers from the sanitary so there would be some benefit to the utility system. He said they're going to take a look at the overall cost and see what surplus funds we might be able to find that we could use to fund this on a permanent basis without doing just a resurfacing. He said we'll try to get the storm sewer in this year and then maybe the following year do curb and gutter. He said it could be \$400,000 to do something like that but he thinks it's something we could work on and bring you a recommendation on within a few weeks and maybe take it to the Public Service Committee so they could review it and then bring it back to the Council.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he needs to talk to somebody about the Route 59 widening as it affects Caton Crossing because he has some people in the homeowners association that want to know where the project is at.

The City Manager said he should talk with the Director of Public Works.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he wants to talk with him because he knows part of it belongs to the State.

The City Manager said it is the State. He said parts of it are included in their multi-year program so they've indicated to us that when they're done with the widening of I-55 in about two years that they would then proceed with the Route 59 construction.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN congratulated the Joliet Visitors Bureau for winning the Governor's Award for Best Marketing Campaign for the Route 66 kickoff and several other awards. She said it's a great brochure about historic Route 66 and it can be picked up at our Visitors Bureau.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN also sent her prayers to the Bang Long family and the Ken O'Brien family.

COUNCILWOMAN BARBER thanked the Director of Public Utilities and his staff for the Ridgewood project that they are about to start. She said it will be a major facelift for the area and she appreciates it very much.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY stated Ken O'Brien was somebody he could call a friend, he was unassuming and professional and just an all around nice guy. He said Ken will be missed.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY also said Kitty Softcheck passed away this week and he sent condolences to her family.

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COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he wanted to discuss with the Legislative Committee about increasing certain items that staff is allowed to purchase without looking at the \$5,000 maximum. He said that was in place when he came on in 1995 and it was probably around even longer than that. He said there are certain items he thinks that merit a change, not across the board though, and he would like the City Manager's suggestions on which ones could be changed.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said the Joliet Area Historical Museum is in the final stages of the Executive Director search. He said they have had a couple of really qualified people apply. He said he thinks they should have the announcement of a new director in a couple of weeks.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he still sees political signs up and the primary has been over for a while now. He said they are for judges and they should know the law and he asked if they could get out and pick them up.

MAYOR SCHULTZ asked if we need a meeting on Friday to discuss the City Manager search.

The Corporation Counsel said there was discussion earlier on a special meeting for Friday and he said he thinks that meeting will need to be called.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said he would call the meeting for 4 p.m. on Friday.

MAYOR SCHULTZ said on March 18th we want a budget that we can say there is no tax increase and no user fees increase.

The City Manager said you had that budget tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that the Council adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN.

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.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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