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held on the 15th day of September, A.D. 2009***

REGULAR MEETING of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

INVOCATION

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 THOMAS A. THANAS and CORPORATION COUNSEL JEFFREY S. PLYMAN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois held on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 3:30 p.m., of the Pre-Council Meeting held on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. and of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 6:30 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

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC be appointed Mayor Pro-Tem for the period October 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. Baseball

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE stated the Baseball Committee met and discussed the problems with Silver Cross Field. He said they asked the owners of the JackHammers to come up with a list of things that they think the City is responsible for and we also asked the Corporation Counsel to come up with the same list. He said they also discussed the artificial turf and tomorrow he and Pete Ferro are going to look at the artificial turf at UIC (University of Illinois at Chicago). He said we have another Baseball Committee meeting scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

B. Finance

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC stated the Finance Committee met yesterday and approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 17, 2009.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said Derek Brenczewski was present at the meeting and gave a brief presentation on a large scale Charity Splits raffle. He said the raffle would include a grand prize of a trip to outer space and subsequent income with no cost to the City. He said the Committee agreed that Mr. Brenczewski could move forward with his plans and a recommendation was made to lift the monetary limitation on the existing Raffle Ordinance. He said this would come back to the full Council in ordinance form to be discussed further.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said there was a lengthy discussion that took place regarding the proposed water/sewer rate increase. He said a recommendation by the Finance Committee was not given and this will be voted on tonight.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said a summary of towing violations, handicapped parking tickets and ticket scofflaws was also reviewed. He said a comprehensive study is being completed by the staff and recommendations will be forthcoming. He said the Committee also reviewed a summary of past commissions paid for health and dental insurance. He said there was also a review of the Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance program and this was postponed until the next meeting to get more information from staff.

COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said there was also a review and discussion of the Neighborhood Improvement Program for August and the monthly cash flow report and personnel summary. He said there also was a review and discussion of the August Conference, Travel and Seminar Report and an examination of the Treasurer's Disbursements and Regular Claims for the month of August.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked about the insurance program and what the process is.

The City Manager said about 6 weeks ago we issued a Request For Proposals for brokerage and consulting services for healthcare. He said it is something we had not done in many years and we thought it would be appropriate to do it now. He said we invited 18 local and Chicago area based firms to submit proposals and ten of them did. He said the Human Resources staff went through the proposals and selected four finalists which were interviewed last Tuesday and Wednesday and they made a recommendation to him on Thursday. He said he was not quite ready to bring it forward to the Council with his recommendation

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until he had a chance to review all ten applications. He said we have some time and we'll be bringing that back to the Finance Committee and then to the Council on October 6th.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked what he thinks the major criteria is from our perspective as to what constitutes a valid bidder.

The City Manager said this is a proposal for professional services and these are companies that have been in the business of providing health insurance and advice to big companies and large organizations like the City of Joliet and helping them through the complex issues dealing with healthcare and managing our relationship with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He said experience is important and also price is important too. He said we compared the price proposals that we received through this round of proposals and they're much more favorable than what we were paying previously. He said this is not a low bidder situation where the lowest bidder gets the job, it's a combination of experience not only with Blue Cross/Blue Shield but also working with a public entity and then price which is always a concern.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said they would be more of a manager than a provider.

The City Manager said that's right.

C. Communication, Technology and Information Systems

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we have the new payroll system implementation scheduled for January 1, 2010 and co-implementation of the health care deductions that same day, and he asked if we will be ready for that and also the smaller check employees receive at the end of the year .

The City Manager said our goal is to be ready to implement the new payroll system on January 1st or the first pay period during 2010. He said if we see that we are rushing it and that we will be subject to making mistakes we may postpone it, but at this point we're working with Ceridian who is the consultant that we've retained to help us with this process and to make sure that we have everything ready to go live after January 1st.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he would like to have a meeting in the next 4 to 6 weeks to discuss the City's websites and content.

D. Land Use

COUNCILMAN SHETINA asked Director of Community and Economic Development Jim Haller to report on the Pasquinelli properties on the south side near Noel Road going north and the process that we went through at the Land Use Committee meeting with respect to a use change on the property.

Mr. Haller said the City did a Southside Plan about 3 years ago and in that plan the area down there was earmarked for residential with some commercial on the Route 53 frontage. He said when Pasquinelli first came to us and talked about a change in zoning for that area, we said before they file anything they might want to talk to the neighbors, and he wants to stress that we have never received a filing that requested a zoning change. He said they took our advice and met with a lot of the neighbors and actually to this day they have never filed anything officially with us.

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Mr. Haller said the Land Use Committee reviewed what they were proposing as a request and the request would be to take approximately 200 acres of Pasquinelli land and zone that from residential zoning to I-1 Light Industrial zoning. He said they also want to annex in another 140 acre parcel of land that was owned by Bernard Smith and zone that I-1. He said he thinks the theory is that the industrial would have greater potential for a sale in the immediate future and residential would be a little bit slower. He said they've had a public hearing with the folks down there and didn't get a very good reception, and we brought their proposal to the Committee for review.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said we don't want to put roadblocks up in front of development as this helps our tax base and so staff has always let proposals be heard, and that's why they were there just testing the water. He said he thought it was important because in many cases we say to our constituents or neighbors that this vacant land is ready for development and it's been sitting here and they could have bought it, and we're not going to stand in the way of the use of the land. He said in this case though we have constituents who came to Joliet with a promise and a disclosure that said this is what's to the east, west, north and south and this is what it's going to be and we can't go back on that now. He said some took the risk of where they bought and there is some personal responsibility involved there, but these neighbors believed our disclosure so we have to stand behind it.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said he wants Mr. Haller to re-characterize that Southside Comprehensive Plan, he doesn't think earmarking is really heavy enough. He said the plan ended up being an inch and a half thick and there were many different stakeholders that played a part in it. He said it's a 20 year strategic plan, not just some earmarking and some coloring on some maps, and what they wanted to change was significant. He said our holding to the status quo is the right thing to do.

E. Joliet Area Historical Museum

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said the traffic in our museum has been fantastic with regard to the Houbolt exhibit. He said the request for students and schools to come to the museum has been high and our educator is scheduling a lot of visits from school children. He said he thinks our investment in the Houbolt story was a good one as one of the more famous Joliet stories. He said the other exhibits are doing very well and there's always something good to see there. He said the development committee for the museum is working on hiring a grant writer to go after some significant grants floating out there both large and small.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY invited everyone to attend the museum's Annual Gala Ball on October 3rd. He said they are also holding a raffle to win a Harley Fatboy motorcycle or a cash prize and those interested in buying tickets can contact him or anyone related to the museum.

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.

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COUNCILMAN TURK said COUNCILMAN BROPHY had asked them to talk a little bit about the comparison of City engineer estimates versus bids and the staff using current prices. He said there has been a pretty good decrease in asphalt which accounts for some of it and also it's just the market; the bids are coming in real low because there is not a lot of work out there.

COUNCILMAN TURK said they also discussed the Ordinance Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances in regards to Water and Sewer Rates and Fees. He said two public meetings were held specifically on this topic last Tuesday and Thursday nights and he thanked all of those involved in putting those meetings together. He said the Committee appreciates all the work put into this project, it's a difficult decision but staff gave them all the information they needed to make that decision. He said the Committee did unanimously recommend the staff recommendation to the full Council this evening.

G. Public Safety

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said the Public Safety Committee is going to have a meeting September 28th and on the agenda right now is proceeding with the promotional testing for both the Police and Fire Departments and also the freezing of the entrance list for both. He said they've asked Chief Hayes and Chief Formhals for a list of unfilled positions and an update on the money saved by each department because of early retirements and the lack of overtime on the Fire Department.

There were no other Committee reports.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

The Police Chief introduced newly appointed Deputy Police Chief Mike Trafton and his family.

Deputy Police Chief Trafton thanked the Police Chief, his family and friends and promised everyone that he will work very hard for the citizens of Joliet.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Treasurer's Report – July, 2009

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

B. Position Vacancies
(Council Memo #803-09)

C. Authorization to Proceed with Promotional Testing
(Council Memo #804-09)

The City Clerk noted that these two items were tabled until October 6, 2009 at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

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

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 39.51 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-90-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

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

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 13.9 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-91-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

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

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)
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2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11.88 Acres South of Route 6 and East of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-92-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

D. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 36.58 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-93-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

E. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 14.38 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-94-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

F. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 23.02 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-95-08/Dist. #3)
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G. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 11.43 Acres South of Terry Drive to I-2 Zoning (#A-96-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

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

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 22.31 Acres South of Route 6 to I-2 Zoning (#A-97-08/Dist. #3)
(Council Memo #806-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner, CenterPoint Joliet LLC, that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on December 15, 2009 to allow further negotiations with the Rockdale Fire Protection District on the detachment fee.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said items be tabled to the December 15, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

I. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road (#A-2-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #807-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road (#A-2-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #807-09)

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3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 8.21 Acres at 40 Mills Road to I-1 Zoning (#A-2-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #807-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request by the petitioner that these items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on October 20, 2009 to allow additional time to work out some remaining parameters of the annexation agreement.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE moved that said items be tabled to the October 20, 2009 City Council meeting.

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.

J. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 6.5 Acres at 200 Alessio Drive

1. A RESOLUTION Approving an Annexation Agreement for 6.5 Acres at 200 Alessio Drive as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-7-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #808-09)
(RESOLUTION NO. 6301)
2. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Annexation of 6.5 Acres at 200 Alessio Drive as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-7-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #808-09)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16527)
3. AN ORDINANCE Approving the Classification of 6.5 Acres at 200 Alessio Drive to I-2 Zoning as recommended by the Plan Commission was presented and read. (#A-7-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #808-09)
(ORDINANCE NO. 16528)

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 Resolution and Ordinances be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN SHETINA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

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K. Public Hearing re: Annexation of 4 Acres South of Mills Road and East of Route 53

1. Resolution re: Approving an Annexation Agreement for 4 Acres South of Mills Road and East of Route 53 (#A-8-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #809-09)
2. Ordinance re: Approving the Annexation of 4 Acres South of Mills Road and East of Route 53 (#A-8-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #809-09)
3. Ordinance re: Approving the Classification of 4 Acres South of Mills Road and East of Route 53 to I-1 Zoning (#A-8-09/Dist. #5)
(Council Memo #809-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained a request that said items be tabled to the City Council meeting to be held on October 20, 2009 due to the tabling by the Plan Commission at their meeting on August 20, 2009 and in order to provide time for Plan Commission review and recommendation.

COUNCILMAN TURK moved that said items be tabled to the October 20, 2009 City Council meeting.

Motion seconded by COUNCILWOMAN BARBER.

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.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR CURRENT BILLS

A. Treasurer's Disbursements – August, 2009 - \$30,792,689.66

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

B. Regular Claims – August, 2009 - \$2,647,127.28

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

C. Regular Payroll – August 8 – August 21, 2009 - \$2,911,779.47
(Council Memo #810-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period August 8, 2009 through August 21, 2009 including a 2009 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

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- D. Regular Payroll – August 22 – September 4, 2009 - \$3,016,417.17
(Council Memo #811-09)

Biweekly Payroll Summary Reports of the total cost of regular salaries for the period August 22, 2009 through September 4, 2009 including a 2009 Overtime Budget Status Report and a Biweekly Summary of Overtime and Temporary Assignments were accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that said Regular Payroll be allowed.

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

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. (COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN abstained from voting on any items dealing with Silver Cross Hospital)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance re: Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow a Tattoo Studio Located at 915 W. Jefferson Street (#2009-34/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #812-09)

The City Clerk noted that this petition was denied at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

2. AN ORDINANCE Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow the Co-Location of Wireless Communication Antennae Located at 2150 Theodore Street subject to the following conditions was presented and read: 1) The petitioner shall post a bond in the amount of \$5,000 prior to the issuance of the building permit for the proposed installation. The bond will be utilized for dismantling the antenna and associated equipment in the event of future abandonment; and 2) The petitioner shall submit a wind load structural analysis study for the tower in question. (#2009-38/Dist. #2)
(Council Memo #813-09)

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that said Ordinance be adopted as recommended.

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.

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3. Ordinance re: Approving a Special Use Permit to Allow the Operation of a Home Day Care Facility Located at 6606 Whalen Lane (#2009-42/Dist. #1)
(Council Memo #814-09)

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

4. AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances in Regards to Water and Sewer Rates and Fees was presented and read. (Rate Increases and Elimination of Rebates)
(Council Memo #815-09)

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN BROPHY said there has been a lot said and he thinks we did the right thing in holding a couple of special meetings and giving the public a chance to contribute to the conversation as well as via the internet and reading things in the paper. He said he thinks it was healthy that we did involve as many people as possible so we could listen to what their concerns were and he thinks we did make some adjustments as a result of the conversations we've had over the last few weeks. He thanked everyone who initiated and participated in those public meetings. He said he thinks it was helpful for him to understand what was important to constituents and he is going to vote in favor of the changes as recommended by staff as it is time that we caught up with the enterprise fund as the water and sewer fund is and helping it stand on its own two feet and making sure we have revenue to pay for the expenses that it incurs. He said it's a good rule, we have to pay for what we get, no more, no less, and he then voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked Director of Management and Budget Ken Mihelich to explain the senior rate and what it would have been and how much the savings are.

Mr. Mihelich said there are really three breaks for the seniors. He said the first one has to do with the water volume rate; while the rate is going up there still is a 31% discount compared to the non-senior rate. He said the second one has to do with the sewer volume rate and compared to the non-senior rate, it is approximately 6% less. He said for the third one, the 35% increase would have increased the bill of the average senior citizen who uses about 500 cu. ft. of water by \$5.36, and we looked at how we could give a little bit more equity to those seniors who might be struggling the most. He said the way to do that was to apply a flat discount of \$5.36, so seniors who use very little water would still get their \$5.36 and the seniors who use a lot more water and maybe have a bigger home and could afford it would still get the \$5.36 discount. He said the senior on the bottom would end up saving a bigger proportion of their bill.

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COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE asked what is the average increase for the least user senior.

Mr. Mihelich said it's about \$12.02 which is the cost of the rebates that were being subsidized by gaming, but with the discount, the 35% increase on the average bill will be wiped out.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said we've kicked this around for months and he knows there were a lot of questions asked and he feels staff answered them well and did a good job, although the answers didn't please some of the members of this Council. He said the fact of the matter is if we don't pass this we're going to have a \$13 million shortage next year in the sewer and water budget. He said that means if a water line breaks or a well goes out we are not going to have the money to fix it. He said with all of the questions he has heard, no one has come up with any alternatives to raising this money, and if they had we would have looked at them. He said he knows this isn't a popular thing to do but we must fund the sewer and water fund in order to keep it viable and he voted aye.

Prior to her vote, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said this is one of those tough decisions that every elected official dreads but that's what we're here for, to do the right thing. She said we've turned this thing upside down and inside out and she wanted to thank staff for all of the hard work they've done. She said she even suggested implementing this over so much time, but we would still be short. She asked Mr. Mihelich to come up one more time and explain what they talked about earlier.

Mr. Mihelich said we had a conversation earlier and COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN had asked what happens if we don't do this increase. He said if we don't, essentially what will happen is that in the immediate term we won't be able to fix things, then we'll probably have to look at reductions in staff which will further reduce service, and eventually we won't be able to pay our bills including those that we owe for the people who bought the bonds years ago. He said if that happened we would go into default and then they would probably sue us and a court would come in and tell us how to run our operations and probably do it much more expensively at higher rates than what we're looking at now.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said so in the end it would cost the citizens more.

Mr. Mihelich said he believes it would.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said after all of this contemplation and with all the meetings and trying to get everyone's questions answered, it's been on the internet, it's been very open and public, this is one of those tough decisions and she knows she's going to get a lot of flack for it but that's OK because that's why she's here, and she voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN SHETINA said the ultimate responsibility of a City Council and Mayor is to pay it's bills, to see that staff is paid and to see that we don't have to lay people off for no reason. He said he thinks this should conjure up a complete 100% vote. He said we've had every way of having this proposed to us, it's been open to the citizenry, we went to the streets and took the hit, the City Manager and his staff took some blows in some of the meetings because of the request for a rate increase and other issues came up that were probably extraneous to this particular item but it gave people a chance to vent

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and gave us a chance to listen to what they had to say. He said he has not heard from anybody on this Council that can tell him why we can't support this particular ordinance. He said is it fun, no and do we like doing it, no. He said we are all raising our own bills too. He said he thinks it will save some people from losing their jobs and he thinks that's an important part of it. He said ultimately it is our responsibility to do the right thing and he voted aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN TURK said as it's been said, we've turned this thing inside out and looked at it every which way. He said he thinks we had adequate figures and adequate input from the staff. He said these decisions aren't easy and there's no good time to raise water and sewer rates, in good times or in bad times. He said he thinks we've been very fortunate in the last 10 or 15 years to be able to provide rebates and water rate reductions and still be able to take the radium out of the water to the tune of \$55 million. He said those days are over right now and those revenues aren't there to supplement this fund. He said he doesn't think we can let the water system fail or to put our future rate increases in the hands of a third party by not complying with EPA mandates, so at this time he is going to have to vote aye.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN UREMOVIC said he read a very good editorial in the Herald News on July 26, 2009 and at the end of it they made a comment that they caution the City Council not to set their dire predictions in stone, especially as far out as 2012. He said he believes that a rate increase should be a lot slower and not done all at once because it becomes painful and at the same time it might not be the right rate, especially if future numbers start to change. He said secondly we just had some discussions yesterday about possible reduction in expenses through attrition and also through some other incentives for early retirement that would also impact the operating structure of the sewer and water budget. He said he would entertain looking at a rate increase but over the next 3 years, not a lump sum like this, and at this time he respectfully votes no.

(ORDINANCE NO. 16530)

5. 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:
109 E. Marion Street, 625 Norton Avenue and 9 Spruce Slip.
(Council Memo #816-09)

COUNCILMAN BROPHY moved that said Ordinance be adopted.

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. 16531)

6. Ordinance re: Authorizing the Extension of the Police Patrol Officers Eligibility List
(Council Memo #817-09)

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7. Ordinance re: Authorizing the Extension of the Firefighters Eligibility List
(Council Memo #818-09)

The City Clerk noted that these two items were tabled at the Pre-Council meeting yesterday.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Purchase of 412 S. DesPlaines Street for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program was presented and read.
(Council Memo #822-09)

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN moved that said Resolution be adopted.

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.

(RESOLUTION NO. 6302)

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

A. Award of Contracts

1. Award of Contract for the Well 12D (Joliet Mall) Rehabilitation Project - 2009
(Council Memo #825-09)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Water Well Solutions Service Group in the amount of \$104,443.75.

2. Award of Contract for the Rock 2 Rehabilitation Project - 2009
(Council Memo #826-09)

A report on two bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Layne Christensen Co. in the amount of \$113,100.00.

3. Award of Contract for the Repair to the No. 2 Pump at the St. Jude Lift Station
(Council Memo #827-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve an increase to Purchase Order No. 102563 in the amount of \$7,295.00; and 2) Approve Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$8,285.00 on behalf of Gasvoda & Associates.

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4. Award of Contract for the Joyce Road Conduit Installation for Streetlight Improvements – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #828-09)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Construction by Camco in the amount of \$5,050.60.

5. Award of Contract for the Berlin Avenue (Lawrence – Clement) Roadway Improvement Project – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #829-09)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Co. in the amount of \$69,165.27.

6. Request Authorization to Approve the 2009-2010 Rock Salt Purchase Contract
(Council Memo #830-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council take the following actions: 1) Approve entering into the Joint Purchasing Agreement with the State of Illinois and Morton Salt to purchase bulk rock salt at a unit price of \$57.96 per ton; and 2) Approve an additional amount of funding in the amount of \$617,471.35 for bulk rock salt purchases for the winter season of 2009-2010.

COUNCILMAN TURK stated that Roadways Engineer Mike Eulitz informed the Public Service Committee this morning that the price will be the same as last year, there is no price increase. He said we have a different supplier this year, Morton Salt, who we have worked with before and they are very responsive; when you order salt you get it. He said last year we had a problem with our supplier delivering the salt.

7. Award of Contract for the Repair to the No. 4 Grit Chamber at the Westside Treatment Plant
(Council Memo #831-09)

A report on two proposals received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to C&T Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$16,672.80.

8. Request Approval for Purchase of Ice Melt for City Facilities
(Council Memo #832-09)

A report on three bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Tri-County Stockdale in the amount of \$6,800.00.

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9. Award of Contract for the Bowstring Truss Repair at the Motor Maintenance Division Located at 402 N. Chicago Street
(Council Memo #833-09)

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 Pasch Construction in the amount of \$8,485.00.

10. Request Authorization for the Renewal of Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Program
(Council Memo #834-09 was never prepared)

11. Award of Contract for the Demolition of City and Non-City Owned Properties
(Council Memo #835-09)

A report on seven bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Grosshening, Inc. in the amount of \$45,900.00. (807 N. Bluff Street, 710 Vista Lane, 14 N. Center Street, 524 S. Chicago Street, 451 S. Ottawa Street, 1006 Fairview Avenue).

12. Award of Contract for the Removal of the Underground Storage Tank at 12-14 New Street
(Council Memo #836-09)

A report on eight bids received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award the contract to Metro Tank & Pump Co. in the amount of \$3,690.00 plus necessary unit costs up to \$5,000.00 as needed.

13. Request Authorization to Approve Payment for the Carson Avenue Emergency Water Main Replacement
(Council Memo #837-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve the payment of \$46,127.38 to P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

14. Request Authorization to Approve Web Filtering Application Upgrade
(Council Memo #838-09)

A report on three quotes received for the above contract was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that the Mayor and Council award a contract in the amount of \$5,576.00 to RKON Technologies for 800 Websense Web Security Suite migration/upgrade licenses with an expiration date of June 2012.

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

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Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE.

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. Amendments, Change Orders and Payments:

1. Approve Change Order No. 11 for the Eastside Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvements Construction Project
(Council Memo #842-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 11 in the amount of \$32,685.00 on behalf of Williams Brothers Construction.

2. Approve Payment No. 3 for the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant Screen Replacement Construction Project
(Council Memo #843-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$123,946.75 on behalf of Bowen Engineering.

3. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the 2009 Utilities Restoration Phase I
(Council Memo #845-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$24,263.85 and Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$119,818.87 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

4. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Estimate No. 2 for the Carson (Route 30 – Glenwood/Division) Roadway Improvement Project – 2009 Neighborhood Improvement Program
(Council Memo #846-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,370.00 and Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$28,900.85 on behalf of P.T. Ferro Construction Co.

5. Approve Amendment No. 2 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the Professional Engineering Services Contract for the 2009 Bridge Inspection Program
(Council Memo #847-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 2 in the amount of \$3,233.30 and Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$10,133.30 on behalf of Willett Hofmann & Associates Inc.

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6. Approve Change Order No. 21 for the Municipal Center Phase 2 Remodeling Project
(Council Memo #848-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 21, a deduction in the amount of \$73,788.00 on behalf of R.L. Sohol.

7. Approve Amendment No. 1 and Payment Request No. 2 for the Hickory Creek Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Professional Services Contract
(Council Memo #849-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$1,996.12 on behalf of Jacob & Hefner Associates, Inc.

8. Approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 and Final for the Repair of Fire Department Quint 8
(Council Memo #850-09)

A communication from the City Manager contained his recommendation that the Mayor and Council approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,246.01 and Payment No. 1 and Final in the amount of \$18,062.01 on behalf of Fire Service, Inc.

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

NAYS: NONE.

LICENSES AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- A. Request for Permission to Hold a Carnival at Assembly of God Bethany at 1000 Hacker Avenue on September 24 – 27, 2009
(Council Memo #853-09)

An application on behalf of Susan Headley of Big H Amusement to hold a Carnival at Assembly of God Bethany at 1000 Hacker Avenue from September 24 - 27, 2009 was accompanied by a recommendation from the City Manager that permission be granted subject to compliance with the regulations of Chapter 5, Article V of the Code of Ordinances which regulates carnivals.

COUNCILMAN TURK asked if the proceeds from the carnival are going to benefit Assembly of God Bethany or are they just using the facilities.

The City Manager said he doesn't know but it is something we can check on.

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COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked if they will be paying for the Police Department to be there to patrol.

The City Manager said yes, the operator of the carnival will be required to hire off-duty police officers at a special assignment rate to cover this event.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA moved that the recommendation 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 DORRIS, GIARRANTE, COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN, COUNCILMAN SHETINA and MAYOR SCHULTZ.

NAYS: COUNCILMAN BROPHY.

Prior to his vote, COUNCILMAN TURK said he is going to vote aye under the assumption that the proceeds are going to go to the church and if that's not the case, the City Clerk is directed to change his vote to nay. (It was subsequently determined that the proceeds will be going to the church).

MAYOR

A. Proclamation re: Proclaiming September 23, 2009 as National Job Corps Day

COUNCILMAN DORRIS read a Proclamation issued by Mayor Schultz proclaiming September 23, 2009 as "National Job Corps Day" in honor of the 45th Anniversary of Job Corps and congratulating the Joliet Job Corps on their 30th Anniversary.

Ms. Jan Larsen of the Joliet Job Corps and several students were present to accept the Proclamation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN BROPHY commented on Council Memo #837-09 dealing with the Carson Avenue Emergency Water Main Replacement that was a NIP job in which we replaced the entire water main and was a fairly sizeable emergency replacement of the entire main at a cost of \$46,000.00. He said when we get into these older streets they are sometimes in very, very old parts of the City. He said we talked about leakage and that we lose a significant amount of our water supply to leaks in the old pipes and he would like staff in the next few weeks to comment on planning to replace the water main if we're going to do a NIP job to remove the entire street.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Corporation Counsel about the status of Cargill regarding their lack of supplying rock salt last year.

The Corporation Counsel said we sent Cargill, which was last year's vendor, a demand that we be compensated for the amount of money which he believes was over \$50,000 that we paid over and above our state contract amount because we had to go out and buy salt on the open market. He said they made a very low counter-offer which we rejected so at this point we are headed to the

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Will County Circuit Court.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY said in this next season we have our main supplier at the price we've agreed to. He asked if we have a backup again and is that same backup available and will their supply be available.

The City Manager said he thinks we will be at an advantage this year because we are stockpiling and we have additional storage capacity this year. He said Mike Eulitz and Jim Trizna have been working on other sources as a backup in case we get into the same situation as last year. He said we'll keep the Public Service Committee apprised as we get into the winter and if it looks like we're running short we'll deal with it immediately.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the City Manager to have staff look at the sign at the new self-storage behind Bank Financial on Larkin Avenue. He said they put a temporary sign out on the island which appeared to him would obstruct traffic in and out.

COUNCILMAN BROPHY asked the Corporation Counsel if there is any news on the Evergreen Terrace situation.

The Corporation Counsel said there is nothing new to report. He said they have a filing deadline of mid-October.

COUNCILMAN DORRIS said he had some issues he was going to address tonight but he had a lengthy meeting with the Mayor and he thinks they have it squared away and he thanked the Mayor for his time.

COUNCILMAN GIARRANTE said he welcomed his Firefighter brothers who were at the meeting and said they ought to come more often. He asked them how many of them are under the gun and several of the Firefighters raised their hands.

COUNCILMAN TURK said Saturday morning he and COUNCILMAN SHETINA attended the Southwest Coalition of Recovery at Bicentennial Park which our own Stepping Stones is quite involved with. He said it's an organization that deals with individual's recovery from addictions. He said it was well attended and was a nice affair. He said former Management and Budget Director Bob Fraser was there and since he's retired he has joined the Board of Stepping Stones and is helping a lot of people in their counseling and he deserves a lot of credit for that.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he also got a chance to go to Gospel Fest over the weekend and they had a very successful event that was well attended. He said Tony Ray ran the event.

COUNCILMAN SHETINA said he went to the Miracle League Saturday morning and watched the kids and it's the one time they get to live a little bit of a normal life. He said most of the kids are so challenged and they get such a kick out of hitting the ball and running the bases. He said he's glad that we are able to be a part of that and he's glad that Pete Ferro has spent the money he spent on it with his wife who runs it and works hard at it. He said COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN goes every weekend and volunteers. He said if they have a chance, people should try to get out there on a Saturday morning because it is something that we're doing that is a part of us and very important to a lot of people. He said they

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come from all over, not just Joliet. He said while he was there a couple of high school teams were playing a ballgame also.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN asked where are we with the Canadian National train whistles; she keeps getting complaints about it. She asked about a meeting that was supposed to be set up.

The City Manager said Jim Haller met with Canadian National representatives along with Jeff Plyman and himself for a short time. He said they are getting some data and they were surprised to hear that the trains were running at 4 a.m. He said we did verify that and the ultimate solution is going for quiet zone applications and they will be assisting us in funding the quiet zone application process and giving us technical expertise so we can get the job done. He said unfortunately it's a process that takes time but we have started the process through our staff and are working with their consultant. He said he wishes he could get it turned around a lot quicker but once they're in place we won't hear the whistles any more.

COUNCILWOMAN QUILLMAN said she doesn't think it can be said enough that staff has worked very, very hard these last few months particularly with these water and sewer rates. She said she knows more about water and sewer than she ever thought she would ever know in a lifetime. She said it goes without saying that these gentlemen have worked very hard under the auspices of our City Manager and she just wanted to thank all of them. She said she knows tempers got heated at times but we can just forget about that and move forward because in the end the job gets done and bills have to be paid and she just wanted to say thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN DORRIS moved that the Council adjourn at 7:25 p.m..

Motion seconded by COUNCILMAN TURK.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE.

ARTHUR SCHULTZ
Mayor

JANET K. TRAVEN
City Clerk

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