

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, August 20, 2009
City Hall Council Chambers
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Bennett led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** Upon roll call the following Aldermen responded as present: Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams
- 4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.
- 5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**
Ald. Kleefisch, I MOVE to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated August 6, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:
AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Williams, Knox
ABSTAIN: Moore
NAY: None
MOTION CARRIED.
- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:** None.
- 8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:** No report.
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.
 - C. **MAYOR:**
Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen I just have a few items, the Engineer and Public Works Commissioner has informed me that they are ready to go out with part of the bid for the stimulus money that we received, a half a million dollars, we will go out on a State bid with the September letting.

The other portion of it is approximately \$350,000.00, of that will be for sidewalk replacement throughout our main roads in town. The remainder portion will be done as part of a (inaudible) \$150,000.00 will go towards parkway trees etc.

Also Ald. Williams will be giving an update on the street resurfacing program that will be starting shortly.

9) PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN:

A. BUILDING & LICENSES: No report.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore, our web site now has a link regarding garbage pick up in the city. This link provides residents with Waste Management's phone number, rate info regarding the new garbage and recycling containers, and a map that shows what day garbage is picked up in town.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Ald. Schultz, Mary Jo informed me that we need to modify Resolution #170 per the advice of the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Resource & Recreation Dept.

I would like to make a recommendation to modify Resolution 170, Trick or Treating hours in the City of Palos Hills for 2009/10 Trick or Treating Hours in the City of Palos Hills will be 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., due to October 31st falling on a Saturday in 2009 and on a Sunday in 2010.

Mayor Bennett, we will have a Resolution drawn up and can be voted on at the next City Council Meeting.

Ald. Schultz, I was looking over this application for a building permit for this gentleman who is putting in a patio and I noticed it was hand written pond retaining wall. Is this something he needs to put around the pond?

Mayor Bennett, Gene is not here so I have no idea, unless it is retention for the purpose if the pond is up high it needs a retaining wall, that could possibly be it. To my understanding there is no restriction on circling it. I would think that it is basically on the construction of it that he has to have a secure wall.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. Marrotta, I would like to thank the City Council for passing the optional garbage container, the addition to the contract. I have them and they seem to be working out very well.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated August 20, 2009 in the

amount of \$249,776.71. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

A YE: Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Kleefisch, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE: No report.

G. PARKS:

Ald. Stratton, don't forget the Circus comes to town this Monday and Tuesday for 2 shows daily at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Get advance discount tickets at the Community Center and City Hall.

Also for those who love a good bargain join the Resource & Recreation Dept. on a day trip to the Gem & Jewelry Show at the Donald Stevens Convention Center. Cost of the trip is \$16.00 per person and includes transportation and admission to the show. This show is known for its huge selection and special show prices.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, this past Monday the Plan Commission heard applicant Razik looking for a special use, his application was approved and we are awaiting the minutes.

We have an upcoming application for a place at 10608 S. Roberts Road, a special use for a Tutoring School, which will be heard on August 31st.

Additionally I put the subject of public notice and signs and all that (inaudible). I gave you that one what our current ordinance is regarding of publication and posting, this is relating to putting up a sign for a Z.B.A. Hearing or a Plan Commission hearing and then what the proposed changes are that we have been talking about as far as the City of Palos Hills being responsible for the making of the sign and posting of the sign. So everybody can review that and we can look at that at the next Council Meeting.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, the Commissioner has placed in your mailbox a list of the streets to be completed for the 2009 City of Palos Hills Motor Fuel Tax Street Overlay Program.

The pre-construction meeting was held with Fiala Paving on August 14th and the project start date has been set for August 24th. The contractor has 50 working days to complete the project.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Attorney Pappas, you have received a memorandum from Comm. Nelson dated August 19, 2009 pertaining to building codes. What that involves is cleaning up our old ordinances. The codification company wants us to specifically make reference to those ordinances that are really old and that is what we have done.

You have a copy of the proposed ordinance attached to the memorandum. Take a look at it and the City Council can vote on it in two weeks.

Ald. Brachman, with that in mind I am officially presenting this proposed ordinance pertaining to the building code.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ald. Kleefisch, Mary Jo and her staff are working on putting together the final touches on our Beautification Award and Sept. 17th we will be presenting those awards.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, Mayor Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills