

Meeting of the City of Highwood City Council

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 2, 2008

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Donofrio; Aldermen: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy, Hospodarsky

Absent: S. Druktenis, City Clerk

Also Present: G Jackson, City Administrator; R Stefani, City Treasurer; J Harding, Water Plant Director and Building Representative; T Lovejoy, Fire Chief; L Rossi, Police Chief; A Marrin, Assistant to City Administrator; C Baruffi, Deputy City Clerk; W Balling, former Interim City Administrator; and City Attorneys D Blondin and J Stein

Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Linari to approve the Committee of the Whole and, with corrections, the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2008. Alderman Hospodarsky noted that on page 1, #5, a. Bill Lolli, Town of Ft Sheridan and Manager of the Association and on page 4, b. Ordinance; Change September 3 to September 2, 2008. Alderman Linari should be the Alderman who clarified Bill Ballings recommendation for the City Manager form of government, not Alderman Hospodarsky. Alderman Linari wanted the correction of the spelling of the word parity in Section C of the Committee of the Whole Minutes. Upon a roll call the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Chanmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Hospodarsky, Murphy aye to Regular Meeting Minutes, but Abstained to Committee of the Whole Minutes

Abstained: Fiore, Murphy

Motion Carried.

Public Forum

- Paula Bernstein, Highwood, has been on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 8 years. She voiced two concerns. The first, regarding 524 Sheridan Road. The building is a change of use, from retail to retail with the consumption of alcohol. She felt it should be sent to the Zoning Board before the liquor license was developed by the Council. She was also concerned about the limited parking, on street parking congestion, size limitations of the building, source of income, and safety. Mrs. Bernstein expressed a concern that an ordinance was being established for this establishment and this establishment only and that the fee determination had already been

set. Secondly, Paula Bernstein stated the need to educate the town regarding the transfer stamps.

Mayor Donofrio stated the Council would get back to her on both counts.

- Suzanne Cahnmann, Highwood, expressed a concern regarding parking in the business district during the day. She stated she would like 3 hour signage in the library lot. Discussion ensued regarding the 1 hour parking in front of Miramar and ½ hour parking limit in front of the Cooling Station.

Mayor Donofrio stated the Cooling Station and G&G Spanish American Grocery Store have 30 minute and 1 hour parking respectfully. The Highwood Public Library has a 2 hour parking limit.

Reports

Mayor's

There was no Mayor's report

Aldermen

1. Alderman Hospodarsky reported 18 individuals to receive the Illinois Home Front Hero Awards to be held September 7, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago. Oak Terrace School is one of the honorees.
2. Alderman Murphy reported there will be an Appearance Review Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 3, 2008.
3. Alderman Cahnmann reported there will be a Judiciary meeting Thursday, September 4, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
4. Alderman Pecaro reported there will be a Finance meeting Monday, September 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

City Administrator's

1. Meeting with Kathy Rig and State Representative Karen May regarding the Ft Sheridan Golf Course.
2. Fiscal Year Budget and Capital Improvement Plan time frames:
 - November – begin with Department head meetings
 - December/January – oversight committee meetings
 - February – present the finance in the Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - March – Post the budget
 - April – Adoption of the Budget
3. Discussion of Lake County Forest Preserve referendum

Special Business

Old Business

1. Attorney Blondin listed the consent agenda as single items:
 - the proposed City Manager ordinance,
 - amending ordinance no. 2006-O-28 freedom of information act request fees pursuant to home rule,

- to appeal the condemnation ordinance for 50 Pleasant. This Ordinance would be revoked to clean up the title for the 50 Pleasant Avenue property.
- the Class A liquor license which is understood will be tabled tonight.

Discussion ensued regarding the City Manager Ordinance as with regard to authority, responsibility, and accountability.

Bill Balling, the former interim City Administrator, was asked to clarify the benefits of a City Manager form of government by ordinance. Mr. Balling answered questions from the Aldermen.

08-O-24

Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Fiore to approve an Ordinance providing for a City Manager for the City of Highwood, Lake County, Illinois. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy, Hospodarsky

Nays: None

Motion carried

Alderman Linari commend the Mayor, thanked Bill Balling, and congratulated Greg Jackson.

08-O-25

Moved by Alderman Linari, seconded by Pecaro to approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2006-O-28 and re-authorizing certain fees pursuant to home rule authority. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Hospodarsky

Abstained: Murphy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

08-O-26

Moved by Alderman Bruni, seconded by Pieri to approve an ordinance repealing ordinance 88-O-5 recorded as document no. 2686922. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Hospodarsky, Murphy

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Alderman Hospodarsky, seconded by Cahnmann to table an ordinance amending the City of Highwood liquor control ordinance establishing the class 8 license, license fees and number of licenses to be tabled to the September 16, 2008 meeting. Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Hospodarsky, Murphy.

Nays: None
Motion Carried

New Business

Alderman Linari will coordinate with Mr. Jackson, Alderman Pecaro, and Treasurer Stefani and the Chamber of Commerce to help fund Harvest Days.

Alderman Murphy questioned the availability of salt. Sources and prices were discussed.

Alderman Linari announced the Festival of Wines to be held at the Highwood Bocce Ball Courts on September 13, 2008 from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Adjourn

Moved by alderman Fiore, seconded by Bruni to adjourn the meeting and return to the Committee of the Whole. Upon roll call, vote was:

Ayes: Pieri, Linari, Cahnmann, Bruni, Pecaro, Fiore, Murphy, Hospodarsky

Nays: none

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M. to resume the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Candy Baruffi
Deputy City Clerk