

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present:** Braithwaite, Chr; Fleming, Rainey, Rue Simmons, and Suffredin.

**Staff Present:** Storle, Ford, Lyons, Stonebach, Lyons, Briggs, Flax and about 8 others.

**Media Present:** EvanstonNow, Evanston Roundtable.

**Meeting Began:** 6:15pm

**Meeting Ended:** 7:10pm

**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** Two (one of whom had a “watchdog” form from the Affordable Housing Coalition). Revelle was also in attendance.

Approved for Action:

\* Payroll (\$3,135,617.5) and bills (\$5,613,710.3 and credit card activity of \$242,760.91). Fleming raised the question of why we are splitting with NU the cost of 17 dumpsters at off campus sites - used particularly in June. Lyons stated that if the landlords called for special pick-ups, the city does not recover the full cost of the effort. Rainey strongly suggested that the City renegotiate this so that NU pays the full cost. Rainey questioned \$73,000 being spent in HOME funds. Flax explained that these are vouchers used for the TBRA program (homeless families with kids in the school districts). The addresses were sent to her earlier but she would like to know the number of bedrooms and range on rents. Flax explained that the families usually lease apartments close to their kids’ current school.

\* Purchase of 7,500 tons of rock salt for \$355,125. Staff stated that there is 3,500 tons in storage for a December storm.

\* Purchase of 20 Tallmadge street light poles and parts for \$98,254.

\* Contract for one year for hydraulic modeling for \$50,000. (Google states this is a mathematical model for monitoring water and waste in sewers.)

\* Place on file the Capital Improvements Plan. Fleming again asked how projects get in the “pipe line.” Lyons stated that it depends on available funding and will provide quarterly reports showing where projects are.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a contract for \$249,297 to renovate the Dempster St. Beach Office. Funding is available because of a delay on the Church St. Harbor south pier reconstruction.

\* Have the Mgr. Execute a contract for the Gibbs Morrison site improvements for \$371,345.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a contract for engineering services related to the Service Center emergency repair project for \$44,300. Again the funding comes from the delay of the Church St. Harbor reconstruction.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a contract for \$365,330 for a large diameter sewer rehabilitation on Mulford St. with a loan from the IL Environmental Protection Agency @1.76% interest over 20 years. In answer to Rainey, Lyons stated that this will not necessarily improve drainage but will ensure that it lasts for 100 years.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a contract for emergency sewer repair at 2750 Lincolnwood Dr. for \$28,500.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a contract for widening Callan from Howard to Brummel for \$144,892.50. Rainey stated this would allow parking on both sides of the street, which has mostly multifamily units and would provide the addition of 25- 27 spaces, This would move the work into this year from the 2018 budget. Suffredin thought it should remain in the 2018 budget and criticized Rainey for always pushing for her constituents - which, of course, got a strong reaction. Suffredin and Fleming voted nay.

\* Buy two Ford Escape vehicles for \$43,846 to replace one each in the Admin. Services Parking Div. and in the public works and also an excavator for \$101,620.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a contract for upgrades to the parking contract that would allow citations to be issued. There would be a \$60,000 reduction in costs, which would not exceed \$260,000.

\* Have the Mgr. execute two contracts for four-month leases at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center to two individuals for vacant studios.

For Introduction and Action:

\* Have the Mgr. execute a lease of city owned property (the former outpost) to Coralie. Of this \$50,000 would be paid for from the economic development business attraction/retention account and another \$25,000 for an interest-bearing loan for equipment from same account. The restaurant would be open from 7 am - 7pm when there is not much traffic on Howard St. Part of the long-term goal of improving the economics of Howard St.

\* Have the Mgr. execute a real estate contract for the sale of 100 Chicago Ave. (for the new housing, plant store and growing area). Suffredin originally voted nay, but changed that because to suspend the rules there needs to be unanimous approval.

\* Establish a four way stop at Marcy and Colfax.

\* Combined two ordinances to drop the Class 1 liquor license and change it to a Class D license.

For Introduction:

\* Issue GO Bonds for: 1) \$9,665,000, 2) \$14,500,000, and 3) \$5,000,000. These will be at a competitive sale on Sept. 28,2017.