

**Observer Report**

**Administration & Public Works**

**Date: July 10, 2017**

**Observer:** Sue Calder

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

**Staff Present:** Stoneback, Frarrer, Bobkiewicz, Lyons, Stoneback, Chief Edington, Flax, Nicola White, and others.

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

**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** About 8.

**Meeting Began.** 6:25pm

**Meeting Ended:** 6:55pm

Approved for Action:

- Payroll (\$3,013,726.81) and bills (\$4,296,958.87)
- Contract for water meter replacement program, phase I for \$1,153,500.15. Also, purchase of water meters and accessories for \$61,705.00.
- Change order to the treated water storage replacement project engineering service for \$58,932.00 (bringing the total to \$1,328,730) with no additional time. Staff will apply for a low-interest loan from the IL EPA, after the contract is in place.
- Contract for roof repairs and window replacement at city facilities for \$124,879. The contractor was unable to find any women, minority or Evanston sub-contractors for the work.
- Contract with Nature's Perspective Landscape to maintain and replace landscape at the SW corner of Dempster/Dodge. Rainey stated that neighbors or Valli Produce (as owner) should maintain the planters and landscape. Stoneback stated that this was a leftover provision with the prior owner, the area is not in a business district or TIF. She also thought Howard St was being poorly maintained by Nature's Perspective, but was informed that the City is now doing that work. Braithwaite noted that depending on neighbors is not reliable as an area sometimes has a motivated homeowner who does a terrific job, but when that family moves the cul de sac often goes downhill.
- Sidewalk café of 4 tables each with 2 chairs for San's Chicken and Ribs at 1639 Orrington during its operating hours of 11 am - 11 pm.
- An upgrade to the existing NICE digital voice logger for \$30,000.
- Contract with BMO Harris for purchase of credit cards for employees. If the City spends \$2 million there will be a rebate of approximately \$20,000 annually.

- Purchase a vacant lot at 2005 Grey Ave. for \$42,500 for the 2017-2018 geometry in construction house.
- Also for to accept and place on file, the “other post employment benefits” report which evaluates the total liability of all OPEB, which is approximately \$14.7 million.

For Introduction:

- Amend “permit fees” to include block parties. After discussion, staff will send out weekly lists of parties scheduled in each ward to alderpersons.
- Increase the number of class D liquor licenses for Furious Spoon at 1700 Maple.
- Increase the number of class K liquor licenses for Beer on Central, 1930 Central.

For Introduction and Action:

- Decrease the number of Class D liquor licenses fir The Noodle Shop Co at 930 Church as they are not renewing the license.
- Change the liquor license for North Shore Cider from class P-4 to P-3 to enable the sale of cider by the glass. Food will be similar to that of Sketchbook, which buys things and has them in a refrigerator.