

**Observer:** Betty Hayford

**Aldermen present:** Eight: Fleming absent. Wynne was acting Chair.

**Media present:** Four: EvanstonNow, Evanston Roundtable, NU Daily, other.

**Meeting began:** 7:40 pm

**Meeting ended:** 9:05 pm

### **Announcements**

Alderman Wynne announced that Mayor Hagerty is out of town and she is Mayor Pro-Tem for the meeting. The City Manager asked Lawrence Hemingway to provide update on plans for Mayor's Summer Jobs Fair on March 3. 800 youth are expected to participate. Mayor Hagerty will give his State of the City Address on March 9. City Clerk Reid announced that early voting will run from March 5 to March 19. He is organizing a campaign to encourage voting through texting registered voters from his office.

### **Public comment.**

18 comments. 7 spoke against proposed pumping station at 2525 Church Street, including poor communications with residents; 1 spoke in favor of pumping station but said communication was poor; 3 spoke in general for need for better communication with residents and respect; 2 called for more affordable housing; 1 supported Fleetwood-Jourdain renovations; Principle of Willard School supported traffic changes; 1 expressed general concerns; 1 opposed ETHS alternative school plans; 1 supported women's sports and Robert Crown plans.

### **Consent agenda**

Alderman Rainey introduced the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works**. Minutes of January 22, January 29, February 12 and February 19; Payroll; Bills; Approval of Purchase of Vehicles for Police, Fire and Administrative Services; Approval of contract renewal for the purchase of emergency lighting, sirens and products and services; Acceptance and Placing on File of revised policy of Criminal History Applicant Eligibility in accordance with best practices; Acceptance and Placing on File revised policy on Utility Bill Reimbursement based on Illinois Administrative Code; Authorization of one year contract extension for debris hauling for 2018; Approval of one-year contract extension for the purchase of Granular Materials; Approval of contract for Service Center Parking Deck Restoration; Approval of contract for the Lovelace Park Pond Rehabilitation; Approval of Lovelace Tennis Court Rehabilitation; Approval of Sole Source Contract to provide Interior Design Services for the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center; Approval of Contract for Construction Management Services for the Robert Crown Community Center; Authorization for City to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program for the construction of the Clearwell 9 Replacement Project (Introduction); Approval of Amending City Code to Update Operational Functions with the Finance Division (Introduction); Amending City Code to decrease the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses from 51 to 50 because Kabul House, 2424 Dempster Street, is not renewing its license (Introduction, Suspension of Rules, Action); Approval of Amending City Code to create a new Class X Liquor Licenses to allow arts and crafts studios to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption (Introduction); Approval to Amending

City Code to include civil restitution by Court Order; Approval of Amending City Code to increase the number of Class F Liquor Licenses from 9 to 10 to permit issuance of Class F license to Target Store at 1616 Sherman Avenue.

Alderman Wynne introduced items from **Planning and Development**. Approval of Vacation Rental License for 710 Madison Street.

The consent agenda passed 8-0.

Alderman Rainey presented additional items from **Administration and Public Works**. She explained that a proposed Pilot Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program is being held in committee, and a proposal for a new Class F-2 Liquor License has been postponed. She moved approval of traffic amendments during Willard School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Hours. The proposal passed 8-0.

From **Planning and Development** Alderman Wynne presented approval of a Vacation Rental License for property at 1827 Dobson Street. Alderman Fiske said she opposed it because it is not owner occupied. Alderman Rainey said she had concerns about poor communication with neighbors. Fiske and Rainey both said more information is needed, but Alderman Revelle said Council had agreed to accept proposals. The motion carries, 7-1. Wynne presented approval of a Special Use Permit for a Special Educational Institution, a high school for students with behavioral and emotional needs operated by ETHS in the I2 General Industrial Zoning District. Alderman Rainey spoke at length against the approval because of a past law suit against the city for denying a permit. Alderman Braithwaite spoke at length in support for an educational program that would benefit Evanston students. He objected when Alderman Rainey interrupted him. Alderman Wilson supported this as a good educational opportunity for our students. Rainey continued to express opposition. The motion passed 7-1 with Rainey voting no.

Alderman Wilson proposed adjourning into Executive Session. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.