

Observer: Sue Calder**Staff Present:** Bobkiewicz, Storlie, Stonebach, Leonard, Flax.**Media Present:** EvanstonNow, NUDaily.**Meeting Began:** 6:10 pm**Meeting Ended:** 7:45 pm**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** about six (about 15 when awards were presented)

Awards were presented to City employees who had been with the City 25 years or more. Next was the library with an award for five years to the director and two to employees who had been with the library 30 years.

Approved for Action:

- Payrolls: two: first two weeks of April (\$2,771,899.38) and last two weeks of April (\$3,193,928.62); bills (\$4,156,673.45); and credit card item which had been held on 4/23 for \$1,716.90
- Purchase of three vehicles for public works: Ford for \$36,995.00 (Water Fund); Crane Carrier Model LET-44 for \$267,825.00 and a T440 Cab/Chassis for \$366,116.58 (both from the Sewer Fund). Braithwaite questioned the latter two as they were only 6 years old and had little mileage; Stonebach explained that one cleans the drains and may only cover 2 blocks in a day but the engine/suction, etc are running the entire time and that the running time is the equivalent of 200,000 miles; the other cleans the sewer lines and only moves about 1000 feet a day but the engine idles the entire time as well. Question on maintenance: staff does most of the maintenance, but sometimes they have to be sent out; once the ball bearings are shot on the suction part of the chassis, the vehicle is gone. Trade in will be about \$72,000. Suffredin voted nay.
- Purchase of a dump truck/snow removal truck for \$206,258; this will be through the joint purchasing agreement. Originally approved on April 9, 2018, but the cost was increased as the staff did not read the document carefully to see that it was only a partial quote and the chassis was not included in the original bid. To the question of what would happen if this was not purchased, Stonbach replied that there would be slower snow removal and less clean-up for dumping.
- A contract was approved for \$10,000 for Krave Concession to operate the beachfront food and drink stands at Church and Clark and the food carts at the other beaches.
- A contract was approved for \$30,175, with a contingency amount of \$4,000, for summer bus transportation.
- The 1st quarter report for fiscal year 2018 was approved and placed on file. There were slides and, in general, revenue is on target and expenses are down (because much will be spent in the summer). (I looked and the web site has the 4th quarter report from 2017 available, so we should be able to see this report shortly.)
- Waste transfer and tipping fees/station project funding for alley improvements and purchase of environmental evaluation equipment for about \$200,000. Citizen Comment: Junad accused the Manager of moving funds around in the General Fund (fairly nasty); another asked where

the original money went– to the environmental fund? The memo in the Council packet is somewhat confusing about the earlier debate but a decision as to where the money from transfer fees would go was to the General Fund Reserves and Capital Funds was not made; in 2017 the funds were held in the Reserve General Fund, but left out in 2018. Much discussion. Braithwaite said in 2016 a survey was ordered and alleys were to be repaired because of the traffic from the trucks and the environmental study needs to be made: “it’s an environmental equity issue.” Another question was why the funding for the alley repair and environmental monitoring equipment (\$200,000) would come from GO Bonds. Mgr. said that the money is in the Reserve Fund (which has over \$100,000,000) and was not “eaten” by other projects. The final decision was to proceed with removing the funds from the Reserve and include part of the transfer fees to continue to monitor the environmental impact.

- Appoint Desai as the City’s delegate for the intergovernmental personnel benefit cooperative.
- Issue a letter of understanding with the Evanston Foreign Fire Tax Board for a joint purchase of 93 sets of firefighter personal protective equipment. Total cost is \$221,805 to be paid over 5 years; the City’s share would be a total of \$89,438.
- Staff request for a volume cap allocation for private activity bonds from the governor’s office for \$7,821,030. This was not a request for money and any project to use this source would be approved individually.
- Terminate lease of Smylie Brothers for 2222 Oak St. Several speakers: 2 for a proposed recreational use of a climbing wall facility; Junad stated that the City has lost too much money (the building was built for \$4 million but is only assessed at \$800,000), previously used as storage and now is becoming City storage again; Smylie has not paid taxes in 2017 and 2018. Rainey suggested that “their feet be held to the fire” for back rent and taxes. Legal will look into possible reimbursements; Mgr will come back on the 29th with “next steps” and by the 11th of June with a closure agreement.
- Extend for 4 years the license to Comcast to allow for maintenance of building and fence in the public right-of-way at Mulford and James Park. Revenue would be \$95,616.

For Introduction

- Allow the liquor commissioner (i.e., the Mayor) to allow for extending hours of alcohol service (a fee would be included). Rainey stated this should be the responsibility of Council. Legal stated they have researched and other communities have this provision. Rainey has researched and many do not; if the ordinance goes forward there could be exceptions included. Pulled from the consent agenda. Braithwaite recommended the issue go to Rules. (Celtic Knot wanted to serve liquor around 4 am to watch soccer finals beginning on 6/14.)