

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present: Rainey, chr (arrived about 6:35); Fleming, Simmons, and Suffredin.

Staff Present: King, Mackey (legal), Stonebach, Biggs, and about 8 others.

Media Present: EvanstonNow, Evanston Daily, Evanston Roundtable

Meeting Began: 6:25pm, with Suffredin opting to start as chair

Meeting Ended: 7:40pm

No. Of Citizens in Attendance: About 10

Approved for Action:

* Payroll (\$3,193,912.48); bills (\$3,359,819.15 and \$2,973,670.58 - both dated 2/13/18); and credit card activity (Bank of America for \$159,115.23, BMO testing new cards for \$2,394.26); and Amazon for \$10,571.30. Suffredin recused himself for the Amazon vote.

* Approved fuel purchases of \$450,000 for the first six months of FY18 from Gas Depot Oil, which is the current Northwest Municipal Conference winner. Prices are @2.11/gal for 87 octane and @2.40/for bio-diesel.

* Tires for FY18 for \$75,000 from Wentworth Tire Service.

* One-year renewal of tire repair from Wentworth Tire Service for \$24,672.

* One-year renewal for testing repair and certification of fire apparatus and aerial devices for \$72,000 for required annual inspections and repairs. This is the third and final renewal.

* Construction services for the Howard St. Theater for \$1,385,469 provided from the Howard-Ridge TIF, which will issue debt and pay for the service of the debt and the architectural and construction costs. The City owns the building and the theater will pay for lighting, etc and any costs from change orders. Fleming expressed concern with the construction firm, Structures Construction, as it has had a poor record at the Dempster St. Beach building with MWBE issues. Fleming and Suffredin voted against. (A tie vote goes to Council.)

* Hire Carollo Engineers for \$126,033 for the West Filter Plant Study.

* Issue a one-year renewal with Harris Computer Systems for North Star Utility Billing Software for \$41,289 from March 1, 2018 through Feb. 28, 2019. Sole source bid.

* Contract with ADS Environmental Services for \$38,000 to monitor sewer flow. Stonebach answered a query about a change order by stating that only would occur if it were very dry for three months.

* Contract with MWRD for sludge removal for \$180,086.68 to be made in four payments beginning in 2/18 and ending in 11/18.

* Contract with Oxcart Permits for online application and processing of oversize/overweight truck permits - pending approval of Ord. 9-0-18 (permits for excessive weight and size).

* Revise street sweeping schedule to eliminate special cleaning areas in Zone 4 (cleaned the 4th Tuesday/Wednesday) and reduce the number of residential streets that are cleaned overnight. Also changes throughout the City to occur until 2021. Cost is just for signage @\$3,000. Aldermen suggested to put changes on web and in water bills and perhaps allow for a grace period.

* Change order #3 for the water treatment plant reliability improvements construction. Although the project is completed, the change order has to be adopted for payment for IEP. A decrease of \$4,531.44.

* Change order #5 for Dempster Beach Office for \$4,830. This is an old building and they keep finding “oops” - this one is for building a brick wall to support a beam. The wall was clearly seen in blueprints; they built the wall and also checked for walls elsewhere.

* Change order #2 for Church St. South Pier reconstruction for \$8,000. This occurred because the EPA found more sludge at another site and changed the rules.

* Approved a MOU between the City and Morton Grove/Niles for the pump station on Church St. The City wants bathrooms added since this will be a splash park and Evanston will pay for the bathrooms. Junad had comments.

* Approved the release of certain closed session minutes.

* Resolution to appoint Ashley Wood as interim chief financial officer and interim treasurer.

For Introduction

* Amend the City code to allow for one-way traffic flow during Willard School drop-off and pick-up times on Hurd St.

* Amend City code to include civil restitution by order of the Circuit Court when a defendant is found guilty. (for instance, if something is spray painted, there is a legal penalty, but the perp could also be made to pay for the removal of the spray paint.)

* Target applied for a liquor class D license.

For Introduction and Action

* Added Wood as a signatory for deposits and investments of City funds.

* Amend Code to establish permits and fees for excessive vehicle weight and size per IL Vehicle Code.

* Decrease the # of class D liquor licenses for Yahala Inn as it has closed.

* Increase the # of class D liquor licenses for Good to Go Jamaican Cuisine. (Moved across Howard St. from Chicago to Evanston.)

Did Not Adopt

* Vote 1 - 3 (Suffredin aye) to reject contract with Great Lakes Recycling. The firm would supply plastic bags to residents and would pick up soft recyclables that might be torn or not fit - but the firm still sells them to for-profit stores and overseas. These would be picked up on the scheduled trash day by the company at no charge to the City. The VP and Corp. Council of Goodwill spoke to how this would negatively impact the new store as fewer items would be dropped off. She pointed out that Goodwill is a non-profit with a mission to train people with disabilities and they currently employ 17 (not all disabled) people from Evanston; they have staff ready to help unload one's car, there is no trash outside, through their assistance one individual who is disabled got a better paying job elsewhere, and they put \$1.5 million into the store.