

## **Minutes - September 3, 2002**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the City Council of the  
CITY OF DARIEN  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Darien was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Carmen D. Soldato.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Soldato led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL - The Roll Call of Aldermen by City Clerk Coleman was as follows:**

Present: Richard Biehl Joseph Marchese  
Morgan Cotten James Tikalsky  
Sean P. Durkin Kathleen Moesle-Weaver  
David Hagen

Also in Attendance: Carmen D. Soldato, Mayor  
Joanne F. Coleman, City Clerk  
Arthur P. Donner, City Treasurer  
Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator  
Robert Pavelchik, Chief of Police  
Robert Mengarelli, Asst. Director of Public Works  
Robert Rodgers, Asst. Director of Public Works

### **4. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM - There being seven Aldermen present,**

Mayor Soldato declared a quorum.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 12, 2002**

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Cotten to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 12, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky

Nays: None

Abstain: Weaver

Absent: None

Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0

**MOTION DULY CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 19, 2002**

It was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2002, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Durkin, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Weaver  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Biehl, Tikalsky  
Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 6. RECEIVING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Marchese received a telephone call from Maureen Brand, 1512 Willowcreek Lane, who resides across from Cass Jr. High School. Ms. Brand requested consideration of 'NO PARKING' on both sides of Willowcreek Lane due to activities sponsored by the school. Mayor Soldato requested that the Administrative/ Finance Committee review the item.

Alderman Durkin received correspondence and spoke with Diana Sturlis of Bayberry Lane and Lee Lowery of 7717 Walden Lane in regard to flooding issues in rear yards. He said that he also received numerous phone calls regarding the boarded-up Shell Station at 75th Street & Cass Avenue. Alderman Hagen was contacted by Ida Armstrong, 7737 Linden Avenue, in regard to restoration of DuPage County work at 79th Street & Linden Avenue. He noted that Asst. Director Mengarelli was handling the situation with the County.

Alderman Tikalsky received a telephone call from Ms. Skender, of Farmingdale Drive, because a tree had fallen onto her property from an adjacent property; she had questioned who the responsible property owner was for payment of the tree removal. Alderman Tikalsky was contacted by Mr. Keefe, 618 79th Street, who was concerned about curb repair on 79th Street.

Alderman Biehl received communication from Rose Thomas, 6901 Eleanor Place, who was very upset about dead birds in the area. He said that residents were concerned that the City was not performing additional spraying for mosquitoes. Administrator Vana stated that he checked the proposal for additional spraying, per Alderman Biehl's request, and that each additional spraying would cost \$5,185.00.

Alderman Weaver presented, for the record, an email from Gloria Jiskra, 1100 Bristlecone Court, which was directed to Westmont's Mayor Rahn and Village Board. The email was in opposition to the CVS proposed for the northeast corner of 67th Street & Cass Avenue. Alderman Weaver presented an email to Administrator Vana from a resident who had concerns about Ridge Road. She also received email from Bob Stevens of Leonard Drive, which she shared with Chief Pavelchik in order to address Mr. Stevens' concerns.

## 7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Soldato...

... updated Council regarding the CVS site at 67th Street & Cass Avenue. The Mayor, Alderman Weaver, Administrator Vana and numerous Darien residents attended various Westmont meetings in opposition of the proposed CVS; he said that Westmont was scheduled to vote on the CVS project on September 3rd. He noted that the curb cut needed for the project on 67th Street was under Darien's jurisdiction and that the City would not grant the curb cut due to the proposed increase in traffic.

... noted that the Shell Station at 75th Street & Cass Avenue was boarded up because it was for sale. He said this was a great opportunity for redevelopment of the southeast corner and the City could possibly acquire the land for future redevelopment.

... stated that numerous calls were received from residents regarding the street rehab program, particularly landscape restoration and destruction by subcontractors. He said that Asst. Director Mengarelli would address the issue under the Department Head Report.

... extended an invitation to all residents on behalf of the Tri-State Fire Protection District and the City of Darien to attend a ceremony at 8:45 A.M. on September 11, 2002, at Tri-State's headquarters located at 419 Plainfield Road to honor all people involved with the events of the September 11, 2001 disaster.

... thanked the members of the Citizen of the Year Committee for attending the Council meeting; he said he was seeking Council approval for appointment of the Committee under New Business.

## 8. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Coleman...

... noted that the Plan Commission scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th, was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

... stated that letters of invitation to participate in the Vehicle Sticker Lottery were mailed to organizations, response was due by Friday, September 27th and the lottery would be held at the October 7th City Council Meeting.

... announced that DarienFest was scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 6, 7 and 8. She invited all to attend the community event.

... asked Council, as a matter of courtesy, to contact the Clerk's Office or Administrator Vana if they were unable to attend a Council or Committee meeting.

... informed Council that she asked Attorney Murphey to simplify the Raffle License ordinance to better accommodate local organizations.

Alderman Weaver inquired whom to contact if something arose after normal business hours; Mayor Soldato responded to contact the non-emergency number of the Police Department. Administrator Vana said that Council could contact him via cellular phone.

## 9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Vana...

... commented that Chief Pavelchik left the Council meeting to attend a Board of Fire and Police Commission meeting scheduled in the Police Facility.

... noted that the Dale Basin Project began on Thursday, August 29th, and the anticipated completion date was October 31, 2002.

... stated that he would be working with the City's computer consultant to solve an email virus problem.

## 10. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Asst. Director of Public Works Robert Mengarelli...

... noted that Public Works had a busy summer; that they hired fourteen (14) part-time seasonal employees and only one remained.

... stated that the Bruce Lake watermain extension was approximately fifty percent (50%) completed and that several residents expressed interest in connecting to the watermain.

... reminded Council that approximately one year ago, Alderman Weaver brought forth a drainage issue on 69th Street where seepage from private properties remained on the public sidewalk. He said that the problem had been resolved by installing inlets and that the sidewalk was dry.

... concentrated on 75th Street mowing; to date, the right-of-way had been mowed fourteen (14) times and would continue to be maintained.

... commented that the street rehab program was underway; that 71st Street received its final lift. He said that residents were confused about the street rehab program and the sidewalk/curb program; many residents assumed that since the street was being done that curbs would be done automatically, which was not correct. He noted that 2500 linear feet of curb was replaced, which included the worst curbs.

... said that occasionally Public Works was contacted to save an animal. He recalled that they rescued a duck, had it in the office for about a week, took it to Willowbrook Wildlife Rescue and received a letter that the duck had been released into the wild. They recently received a telephone call from a resident on Green Valley Drive, who informed them that an owl was stuck in a soccer net. He said that due to the owl's enormous claws, that DuPage Animal Control was contacted and that they had the proper equipment to release the owl. He circulated pictures of the event.

Alderman Biehl inquired about the status of the culvert on Route 83 & Elm Street, near the Patio Restaurant. Asst. Director Mengarelli met IDOT at the site to indicate location of the pipe separation and direction of the pipe. IDOT was searching for plans and would work on the repair; he said that he would follow-up.

Alderman Biehl asked about the status of the restoration where a sign was removed in front of the Patio Restaurant and restoration at Elm Street & Sunrise Avenue. Asst. Director Mengarelli said the restoration work would be scheduled within the next two weeks.

Clerk Coleman inquired about spraying Community Park for DarienFest; Asst. Director Mengarelli responded that spraying would take place on Thursday evening, September 5th. He said that the Board of Health contacted him, they informed him that grant money was available for additional spraying. The Board did not recommend additional spraying; they did recommend continuation of larviciding.

Mayor Soldato thanked Asst. Director Mengarelli on behalf of Council and residents for the excellent job of cutting and maintaining 75th Street and the main thoroughfares within the City.

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

### A. WARRANT NUMBER 02-03-09

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Tikalsky to approve payment of Warrant Number 02-03-09 in the amount of \$62,526.18 from the General Fund; \$19,401.16 from the Water Fund; \$1,737.23 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund; \$2,280.60 from the Special Service Tax Fund; \$4,795.28 from the Darien Area Dispatch Fund; \$209,801.71 from the General Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/22/02; \$19,729.97 from the Water Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/22/02; \$24,855.77 from the D.A.D.C. Fund Payroll for the period ending 08/22/02; for a total to be approved of \$345,127.90.

Clerk Coleman inquired about a check payable to Gallagher & Henry in excess of \$20,000; she said that Attorney Murphey would investigate the matter.

Alderman Biehl inquired about a payable to Home Run Inn; Administrator Vana responded that payment was for a staff luncheon on behalf of Intern Scott Coren.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky Weaver

Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative/Finance Committee - No report.  
Planning/Development Committee - No report.  
Public Works Water/Streets Committee - No report.

## 13. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - AGENDA RELATED

There were no Agenda related questions or comments.

## 14. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

## 15. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Alderman Durkin and seconded by Alderman Biehl to approve by Omnibus Vote the following items on the Consent Agenda:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A WAIVER OF THE RAFFLE LICENSE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE BINGO FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27 AND OCTOBER 4 & 11, 2002

B. ORDINANCE NO. O-29-02 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 113 ELM STREET (PIN 09-26-115-003)

C. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FROM L.A. DEMOLITION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,575.00 TO DEMOLISH THE HOUSE AT 113 ELM STREET

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Durkin, Cotten, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Weaver  
Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

## 16. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE - KATHY ABBATE, DEBBY HENIFF, ELAINE HICKOK, KATHY LYONS, FRAN MAZZOLINI, JEAN MORLEY AND NADINE MRAZEK

It was moved by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Durkin to approve the appointments of Kathy Abbate, Debby Heniff, Elaine Hickok, Kathy Lyons, Fran Mazzolini, Jean Morley and Nadine Mrazek to the Citizen of the Year Committee, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Biehl, Cotten, Durkin, Hagen, Marchese, Tikalsky, Weaver  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Results: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 0  
MOTION DULY CARRIED

City Clerk Coleman administered the Oath of Office to the Committee members; they received congratulations from the Council and a round of applause.

Alderman Weaver, the Committee liaison, stated important dates to remember:

- \* the Citizen of the Year Dinner/Dance was scheduled for March 8, 2003 at Alpine Banquet facility;
- \* a Cake/Coffee Reception honoring the Citizen was scheduled for February 3, 2003 at City Hall;
- \* the Presentation to the City Council from the Committee would be on January 20, 2003; and
- \* the deadline for nominations for Citizen of the Year was January 7, 2003.

#### 17. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GENERAL

Alderman Biehl inquired who submitted the Petitions for staggering the aldermen terms; Clerk Coleman responded that the Petitions were placed in the Clerk's mail bin. He asked about the even/odd decision for two/four year terms; Clerk Coleman responded that Illinois State Statute was utilized. Alderman Hagen stated that a DarienFest Committee meeting was scheduled for September 3rd and that the Chamber of Commerce did a fantastic job of sharing responsibilities and information with outside groups. He distributed brochures that listed the festivities scheduled for DarienFest on September 6, 7 and 8.

Don Hickok of Wirth Drive inquired about the large culvert at Gigi Lane near Fairview School; Alderman Durkin stated that he passed the concern on to Darien School District 61.

Ron Kiefer commented that an email was in circulation that requested everyone to have vehicle headlights turned on to show solidarity on

September 11th in remembrance of the disaster.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Marchese and seconded by Alderman Durkin to adjourn.

VIA VOICE VOTE - MOTION DULY CARRIED

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.  
Mayor

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City ClerkJFC/jr

All supporting documentation and report originals of these minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk under File Number 09-03-02.

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