



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting

September 7th, 2021 @ 7:15 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Latham called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Latham, City Clerk Ii; Aldermen Fritsch, Holcomb, Killey, Kreinbrink, Littlebrant, Robinson & Whitecotton

Quorum established.

Also Present: Attorney Lundgren, Chief Bianchi, EMA Director Ciciora, City Treasurer Dell & Building Official Steffens

Absent: Alderwoman Johnson

Mayor Latham:

1. Constitution Proclamation: Mayor Latham read a Proclamation commemorating the 234 anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. Mayor Latham proclaimed the week of September 17 – 23 as Constitution Week and urged citizens to reflect on the honor of being an American.
2. Progressive Energy Presentation: Arnie Schramel, Managing Partner of Progressive Energy, gave a solar presentation concentrating on the City's sewer and water treatment plant. He stressed the savings by utilizing properly sized solar fields. He also noted that unlike in the past years, the Army Corp is now receptive to solar arrays located in flood plains. A portion of the City's property is located in a flood plain. Mr. Schramel further explained that the next step would be to conduct a competitive RFP (request for proposal) and a signed agreement with a solar company. Construction could begin in the summer / fall of 2022.
3. Fair Week Parking Bans: Pratt Road will be the most used entrance into the fairgrounds. Signage has been posted along Route 34 and Latham Street directing traffic to Pratt Road and the use of social media is encouraging the Pratt Road entrance. Lisbon Street remains an exit.
4. Ordinance 2021-13 Outdoor Dining: **Motion made by Alderman Whitecotton and seconded by Alderman Robinson to remove from the table Outdoor Dining Ordinance 2021-13. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Discussion continued on changes to said Ordinance including, but not limited to design elements (such as barriers) and application / permit fees. A revised draft will be presented at next week's meeting.

Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren Law Group: Attorney Lundgren reported that the terms of the settlement agreement with Old 2nd Bank have been satisfied, and the lawsuit will be dismissed. The closing on the real estate has not been scheduled as yet.

The City has been notified that it acted in violation of OMA (Open Meetings Act) stemming from the August 23rd Regular Council Meeting. Determination was made that the motion listed on the agenda regarding a settlement agreement was vague in description. Attorney Harrill has responded to the charges and is waiting for a follow-up response. DeKalb County State's Attorney, Rick Amato, made a recommendation that the Council participate in an upcoming OMA webinar offered by the Attorney General. Attorney Lundgren felt the request was a recommendation and not mandatory.

City Clerk li: No report

City Treasurer Dell reported that the City needs to complete renewal information for the IMIC (Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative) insurance pool.

City Department Reports:

EMA Director Ciciora: No report

Chief Bianchi: No report

Engineering: No report

Aldermen Reports: Alderman Kreinbrink said he will be contacting Budget Committee members for dates to start budgetary discussions.

Announcements: The Finance Committee Meeting will meet immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on September 7th, 2021.

Audience Comments: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Holcomb to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole council meeting at 7:48 PM. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.**

/s/ Denise li – City Clerk