



City of **SANDWICH, ILLINOIS**

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

Regular Council Meeting
August 12th, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

MINUTES

In the absence of Mayor Robinson, City Clerk li called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken:

Present: City Clerk li, Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink, Redden

Absent: Mayor Robinson; Aldermen Chmielewski & Surratt

Also present: Attorney Harrill, Department of Public Works / City Engineer Horak.
Chief Bianchi, City Treasurer Webber & EMA Director Ciciora

Motion to Appoint Mayor Pro Tem: In the absence of Mayor Robinson, City Clerk li requested a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting.

Alderman Killey moved to appoint Alderman Pete Dell as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was seconded by Alderman Kelleher. Aye: Aldermen Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink & Redden Nay:0 Alderman Dell abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Alderman Kelleher, and seconded by Alderman Killey, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2019 and the Committee-of-the-Whole Council Meeting of August 5, 2019. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried 5:0

Approval of August Semi-Monthly Bills: WSPY reporter, Jim Wyman, questioned why city employees, Brian Voelkel and Matt Schwickerath, were each receiving a \$3,000.00 compensation payment. Response was the compensation was for extra duties and responsibilities since the first of the year resulting from the dismissal of the Sewer / Street Supervisor. Engineer Horak added that City has entered into a 1-year contract with J.C. Roach for Class 1 Supervisory Operations at the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Killey, and seconded by Alderman Kelleher, approving payment of the August semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$103,154.12. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink & Redden Nay: 0 Motion carried 5:0

Mayor Pro Tem:

Ordinance 2019-07 entitled "Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load". Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into a new residential electrical aggregation program commencing October, 2019. Progressive Energy representative, Arnie Schramel, explained that the rates had dropped since last week for a lower rate of \$0.06398 / kWh through AEP Energy. The City will be entering into a conglomerate contract with approximately 13 other communities to insure the lowest rate for residents. Request made for a motion to waive first reading, followed by a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-07.

Alderman Kelleher, seconded by Alderwoman Killey, moved to waive first reading for Ordinance 2019-07. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried

Motion made by Alderman Redden to pass Ordinance 2019-07 as presented. Alderman Kelleher seconded. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink & Redden Nay:0 Motion carried

Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren, LLC: No report

City Clerk Li provided an update on the annual audit reporting that the fieldwork has begun. Auditors Newkirk & Associates will be returning around August 22nd to interview payroll clerk, Michele Hoisington, who was on vacation. Newkirk stressed that the City's audit cannot be completed prior to the Police Pension Fund audit. Clerk Li has reached out to Police Pension Secretary, Sally Kolb, to discuss a timeline.

City Treasurer Webber: No report

Director of Public Works / City Engineer Horak

Plan Commission regular meeting for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM will be held in the City Hall Annex Building. On the agenda is PC2019-02 (142 Indian Springs Drive) seeking recommendation of approval of a special use permit for a Body Art Establishment in a B-3 Zoning District.

Railroad Crossing Closures: Crossing locations will be closed from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. for remarking of pavement as listed herein. Locations and days could be switched due to potential weather conflicts.

- a. Monday, August 12: Main Street and Lafayette Street
- b. Tuesday, August 13: Eddy Street and Latham Street
- c. Wednesday, August 14: Green Street and Fairwind Boulevard
- d. Thursday, August 15: Duvick Avenue (and complete Fairwind Boulevard if necessary)
- e. Friday, August 16: Complete anything that is outstanding

2019 MFT (19-00000-01-GM): Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this week at the following locations.

- b. Center Street: Mechanic Street to Washington Street: Street pavement reconstruction, sidewalk reconstruction, curb ramps and detectable warnings. Contractor to possibly mobilize Saturday, August 10th for site investigation.
- c. 6th Street/Latham Street: Curb ramps and detectable warnings.
- d. Wells Street: Hall Street to Church Street: Sidewalk repairs, reconstruction, and curb ramps with detectable warnings.
- e. Main Street – 3rd Street to Lisbon Street: Sidewalk repairs, reconstruction, curb ramps with detectable warnings, and curb replacement.

Chief Bianchi reported that the new laptops and new records management program are both operational. He also announced that there is a crossing guard opening.

EMA Ciciora: No report

Alderman Chmielewski: Absent

Alderman Dell reported that the City's insurance renewals for property, casualty and risk management will become due in the upcoming months. He will be reaching out to department heads for assistance.

Alderman Kelleher: No report

Alderman Killey advised that the next finance committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019.

Alderman Kreinbrink, reported that he had been in contact with USIC (United States Infrastructure Corporation) on MetroNet concerns raised last week. He was advised that between June and August, the complaints have been low when compared to the overall volume of JULIE requests on the fiber installation.

He also reported, on behalf of Alderman Chmielewski, that the upcoming IML (Illinois Municipal League) convention will be held September 19-21, 2019. If interested in organizing a group to attend, please contact her.

Alderman Redden: No report

Alderman Robinson: Absent

Alderman Surratt: Absent

New Business: None

Audience Comments: Resident, Bob Perkins, presented photos of the police station restrooms illustrating the poor condition of the facilities and calling them "nasty". He said the police department started creating lies about him when he threatened to expose the condition of the bathrooms after being denied use of the facility.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, **motion made by Alderman Redden and seconded by Alderman Kelleher to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 7:23 PM. Motion carried unanimously by viva voce vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk