



# City of SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

City Hall Annex · 128 East Railroad Street

## Regular Council Meeting

August 24, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken:

**Present:** Mayor Robinson, City Clerk Ii, Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink, Redden & Surratt

Absent: Alderwoman Chmielewski

**Also Present:** City Attorney Harrill, Department of Public Works Horak; Building Official Steffens, EMA Director Ciciora & Chief Bianchi

**Audience Comments:** Ward 4 resident, Gary Beins, requested he be considered for the Ward 4 alderman open position when Alderwoman Chmielewski resigns. She is relocating to Lake County, Illinois.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Alderman Kelleher and seconded by Alderman Surratt to adopt the Consent Agenda. Aye: Aldermen Dell, Kelleher, Killey, Kreinbrink, Robinson, Redden & Surratt Nay:0 Motion carried 7:0

- a. Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020
- b. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020
- c. Approval of August bills totaling \$ 68,986.22

**Mayor Robinson** presented Alderman Redden with a plaque for his service to the Community. The Mayor noted that Alderman Redden had displayed fiscal responsibility and always represented his constituents in a positive manner. Alderman Redden was initially elected in 2013, and will be relocating to Arizona.

Mayor Robinson reported on the Gletty Road cleanup saying the work is complete, and the City is waiting for a written report. Remaining dirt will be spread and grading readying for plowing in the fall. 376 semi loads of construction material was removed in three days. He added that the City is happy with the results.

Mayor Robinson also advised that Officer Brian Fasnacht has requested 36 unused vacation hours be rolled over. No action was required by the Council.

**Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren Law Group:** No report

**City Clerk Li:** No report

**Director of Public Works / City Engineer:**

Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Annex, 128 E. Railroad Street. A public hearing will be held on ZBA 2020-02 (124 W. Lisbon Street). Applicant William Meyer requests a variance to increase the allowable height of an accessory building from ground to peak of fifteen (15) feet tall to twenty (20) feet tall.

**Police Chief Bianchi:** No report

**EMA Director Ciciora:** No report

**Aldermen Reports:** All aldermen extended good wishes to Alderman Redden adding that it had been a pleasure working with him on the Council.

Alderman Dell advised that electrical aggregation mailings have been received from AEP Energy offering residents the option to opt out of the program. Additionally, he briefed the Council on adding pollution coverage to the City's insurance coverage noting that it is a daunting process but one that should be considered. He also requested that the street department remove the "Welcome to Sandwich" sign on the west side of town that had been destroyed during the recent storm.

Alderman Kreinbrink, adding to Alderman Dell's comments on the electrical aggregation program, cautioned of a scam where residents receive an authentic looking check from ComEd. Once the check is cashed, the resident finds themselves enrolled in a no-name energy program.

Alderman Redden thanked everyone for their well wishes. He spoke about the enjoyment of serving the citizens of Sandwich, and that as an alderman, "it" is not about the Council but about the citizens being represented. He tried to make a difference, and noted that unlike in the private sector when a project is completed, projects in the public sector are never-ending

Alderman Surratt expressed concern on stop signs along Ash Street heading north. He requested that the street department review the area and erect additional signs as needed.

**Announcements:** The Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, following the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

Due to August 31<sup>st</sup> being the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, and Labor Day celebrated on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** None

**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 7:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

/s/ Denise Li – City Clerk