

February 7, 2023
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council
Palos Heights, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called to order the regular meeting of the City of Palos Heights City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the City Administrative Center, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL

II. INVOCATION

The Mayor led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following were present:

<i>Mayor</i>	Robert Straz	<i>Ward 1</i>	Jeffrey Key & Donald Bylut
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i>	Robert Basso & Jack Clifford
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i>	Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting – January 17, 2023

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending February 3, 2023.

C. Approval of a request from Park Lawn to conduct tag days on designated corners in Palos Heights in accordance with the City's Code on April 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th, 2023.

Alderman Clifford move to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion to approve the consent agenda was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor: No Report

B. City Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: The Treasurer delivered the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2022 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$5,788,661

Revenues \$1,700,451

Expenses \$4,074,050

Other \$50,881

Ending cash balance \$3,364,181

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$22,798,973

Revenues \$7,085,918

Expenses \$6,722,486

Other \$58,782

Ending cash balance \$23,221,188

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

IX. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance: Chairperson Alderman McGrogan - Reminded residents of pending property tax bills due April 3, 2023

B. Public Safety: Chairperson Alderman Basso - Reminded residents to visit the City's monthly newsletter and read the police department portion of the newsletter for helpful information.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property: Chairperson Alderman Begley -

- Alderman Begley moved to approve replacement of smoke detectors for the Channel 4 building with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$6,040.17 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the replacement was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve architectural redesign of City Hall with Wold Architect & Engineers in the amount of \$60,000.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. Alderman Clifford inquired if the project would include the city council chambers with Alderman Begley stating it would not.

On roll call, the motion to approve the redesign fees was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve payment to McCloud Aquatics to treat for Algae/Chara at Lake Katherine with Public Works and Lake Katherine splitting the cost 50/50 in the amount of \$10,663.56 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski

Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve 2023 Maintenance Contract with CNC Lawn Care servicing the Art Park, Raised Planters, and Plant Beds for the months of April through October for \$2,845.00 per month equaling a total amount of \$19,915.00 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the contract was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve 2023 Commercial Lawn Service Agreement with TruGreen in the amount of \$19,492.94 seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the agreement was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

D. Planning and Zoning: Chairperson Alderman McGovern - Reported on ongoing discussions with McNaughton Development regarding a prospective project.

E. Recreation: Chairperson Alderman Key - Reported on the passing of Linda Bauer a longtime resident who worked at the Rec Department. Alderman Key expressed his condolences to Linda's family.

G. Roads and Construction: Chairperson Alderman Clifford -

- Alderman Clifford moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 76 of the City Code, Schedule IV: Stop Intersections, to create a stop intersection at the intersection of 125th and 72nd Ct. for north and southbound traffic seconded by Alderman Begley. Alderman McGovern stated there haven't been the required number of traffic accidents at the intersection to insert a stop sign. The Mayor stated that a traffic engineer examined the intersection and made this recommendation.

On roll call, the motion to approve the ordinance was:

Ayes (7) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (1) McGovern

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

H. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski- No Report

I. Water and Sewer: Chairperson Alderman Bylut - No Report

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to Lindahl Bros. Inc for pavement restoration associated with a watermain break on the Westgate cul-de-sac in the amount of \$15,045.00 seconded by Alderman Begley.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve first payment to National Power Rodding Corp. for the 2022 Sewer Rehabilitation Program that was completed in November 2022 in the amount of \$46,711.17 seconded by Alderman Begley.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to Integral Construction Inc. for the Menominee Lift Station Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$218,911.00 seconded by Alderman Begley.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley moved to approve a scope of work change for the tank vent repair at the Palos Hospital Reservoir with Van's Industrial Inc. in the amount of \$7,251.00 totaling an amount of \$27,183.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the work change was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment for professional services with RJN Group for the 2022 Sewer Rehab Design and Construction rendering through December 2, 2022 and December 30, 2022, the 2022 On-Call Sewer System Services, and for the GIS Services rendering through December 30, 2022 in the amount of \$8,159.38 seconded by Alderman McGrogan.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes (8) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Clifford, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With eight affirmative votes the motion carried.

- The Mayor stated that the District 128 appreciated the City's efforts addressing a recent water main break near Independence. In response to a question by Alderman Clifford, Alderman Bylut stated that projects are reviewed routinely by the City and that the City is forced to respond to changing circumstances such as funding and the availability of material. The Committee will undertake a study on the costs necessary to complete future projects with the Mayor adding that he will address funding for infrastructure with Representative Casten as well as other sources of funding.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported that on the City website Lake Katherine is partnering with the Beautification Committee offering residents, business and schools the opportunity to purchase oak tree saplings. Interested

parties can contact Lake Katherine sophia.shukin@lakekatherine.org by March 31st. Alderman Key congratulated Doughs Guys and the Harvest Room on their 10 year anniversary.

B. Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman McGovern: Reported on a recent visit to the new headquarters of Channel 4. The facility is state of the art and anyone interested in learning more about Channel 4 is encouraged to contact Channel 4. Alderman McGovern commended Channel 4 on their continued good work. Alderman Key stated that Channel 4 does such good work based on the quality of the personnel working there and their work ethic. Alderman Basso stated that he too visited the new studio and wished Channel 4 well. Alderman Clifford reiterated the progress that Channel 4 has made over the years.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman McGrogan inquired regarding PPP loans, with the Mayor stating that municipalities do not receive that funding. Alderman McGovern stated there are other sources of funding that local businesses may eligible for. Alderman McGrogan inquired if the Southwest Conference of Mayors can contact Senator Cunningham regarding utility negotiations and any impact the City of Chicago may have on this process.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor requested a motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM which passed unanimously.

Thomas Kantas
Palos Heights City Clerk

