



MARCH 21, 2023
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. the Mayor called the City Council to order.

2. INVOCATION

The Mayor led the invocation

3. ROLL CALL

Indicated the following were present:

Mayor Robert Straz
Clerk Thomas Kantas
Treasurer James Daemicke
Attorney Tom Brown

Alderman Robert Basso
Alderman Heather Begley
Alderman Jack Clifford
Alderman Donald Bylut
Alderman Michael McGrogan
Alderman Brent Lewandowski
Alderman Jeffrey Key

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting – March 7, 2023.
- b. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending March 17, 2023.

Alderman McGrogan moved to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor:

- The Mayor announced that the next scheduled City Council meeting set for April 4, 2023 has been cancelled due to the municipal election and that early voting is underway.
- The Mayor requested approval of request for a Special Event Permit from Palos Baseball Organization (PBO) and Palos Power Girls Softball (POWER) to conduct their annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on a designated route from Palmer Park to Memorial Park. Alderman Key moved to approve the request seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The Mayor requested approval of request from Palos Baseball Organization (PBO) and Palos Power Girls Softball (POWER) to waive all fees for their opening day parade on Saturday, April 29, 2023, in the amount of \$376.00. Alderman Key moved to approve the request seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

City Clerk: No Report

Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2023.

General Fund	
Beginning Cash	\$4,015,761
Revenues	\$867,324
Expenses	\$929,134
Other	\$4,779
Ending Cash	\$3,949,171
Total All Funds	
Beginning Cash	\$24,760,421
Revenues	\$1,568,661
Expenses	\$1,490,156
Other	\$495,505
Ending Cash	\$24,343,420

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2023 seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

City Attorney: No Report

8. COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Harlan Weivoda 7640 West 135th Street opposes the water rate increase. Alderman Bylut indicated that the matter will be addressed during his report.

10. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Finance: Chairperson Alderman McGrogan - No Report

b. Public Safety: Chairperson Alderman Basso - On behalf of the Police Department Alderman Basso reported on the recent event supporting the Special Olympics.

c. Municipal Grounds and Property: Chairperson Alderman Begley - No Report

d. Planning and Zoning: Chairperson Alderman McGovern - No Report

e. Recreation: Chairperson Alderman Key -

- Alderman Key moved Motion to hire Stan's Roofing and Siding for materials and installation of steel roofing of the pool deck pavilion in the amount of \$11,820.00 seconded by Alderman Begley.

On roll call the motion to approve the work was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- Alderman Key moved to hire Sertoma Centre Inc. in the amount of \$900.00 monthly for general cleaning of four washrooms in Community Park from April 1 – October 31, 2023 seconded by Alderman Bylut

On roll call the motion to approve the work was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- Alderman Key announced the Egg Roll will be at Myers Park on April 1st and the Chocolate Chase 5K will take place on April 8th.

f. Roads and Construction: Chairperson Alderman Clifford -

- Alderman Clifford moved to install an honorary street sign submitted by the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 154, for Joe Taylor at the 12200 block of 74th Ave seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman Clifford moved to approve Airy's Inc. to install 25' of 24" RCP and one 48" catch basin between 122nd & 75th Ave in the amount of \$19,660.28 seconded by Alderman Begley.

On roll call the motion to approve the repairs was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- Alderman Clifford moved to award the 76th Ave Resurfacing Project, 131st to 135th Street, to D. Construction in the amount of \$302,482.77 seconded by Alderman Basso.

On roll call the motion to approve the project was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- Alderman Clifford moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code Section 94.06 Filling, Obstructing Public Drainage Ditch and 94.99 Penalty seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Clifford moved to approve payment to Morris Engineering for engineering services for various projects in the amount of \$22,440.12 seconded by Alderman Begley.

On roll call the motion to approve the repairs was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- The water station on Menominee is underway along with bridge work.
 - g. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski - No Report
 - h. Water and Sewer: Chairperson Alderman Bylut -
- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to Integral Construction for the Menominee Lift Station Project in the amount of \$62,740.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call the motion to approve the repairs was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	Yes

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- Alderman Bylut moved to increase the following utility rates: single family and commercial water rate increase 4%, single family flat sewer charge rate increase 50%, commercial / industrial minimum sewer charge increase 50% seconded by Alderman Key.

Alderman Bylut stated that the increase is less than 7 dollar per month. Alderman Key stated that this increase applies only to the sewer portion of the bill with is 25 percent of the overall bill. Alderman McGrogan stated that there is a need for the increase but will oppose the measure because he represents two subdivisions that do not receive services from the sanitary district. The Mayor stated that moving forward the City will have the need for additional services planned for the future and that this increase is necessary to fund these projects. Alderman Bylut stated as well that there are larger projects that require attention. Alderman McGrogan stated that there have been significant allocations for future projects. Alderman Begley stated that the measure is a prudent use of resources to address future needs. The Mayor stated that this measure will enhance the City's ability to secure funding in the future if necessary. Alderman Lewandowski stated that this is a responsible way to budget for future projects.

On roll call the motion to approve the repairs was:

Alderman Basso	Yes
Alderman Begley	Yes
Alderman Bylut	Yes
Alderman Clifford	Yes
Alderman Key	Yes
Alderman Lewandowski	Yes
Alderman McGrogan	No

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion was approved.

- Alderman Bylut stated that the next committee meeting will be cancelled.

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key - No Report

Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman McGovern - No Report

12. OLD BUSINESS

None

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

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m. a motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kantas, City Clerk