

May 16, 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
<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 – May 2, 2023

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending May 12, 2023.

C. Approval of a Special Event Permit request from St. Spyridon to conduct their Annual Greek Festival on July 8th and 9th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- The Mayor urged residents to use caution while driving during the summer months when school is not in session.
- The Mayor requested approval of an Agreement with Ryan, LLC (formerly Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc.) Alderman McGovern moved to approve the agreement seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. City Clerk: No Report

C. Treasurer: Delivered Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2023.

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,524,619

Revenues \$1,828,724

Expenses \$901,157

Other \$426,935

Ending cash balance \$5,879,122

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$25,517,238

Revenues \$3,388,406

Expenses \$1,547,423

Other \$403,704
Ending cash balance \$27,761,925

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2023 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 - Reported that the current ending cash balance for all funds represents the highest amount in the City's history.

B. Public Safety: Chairperson Alderman Basso - Reported that on May 19th the Police Department will support the Special Olympics Cop on a Rooftop at the two Dunkin locations in the City from 5 am to Noon. Also reported that next week is National Police Week which honors those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property: Chairperson Alderman Begley - Extended well wishes to those graduating this year. Reported that there is a mobile book library at the Art Garden.

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

E. Recreation: Chairperson Alderman Key

- Alderman Key moved to approve JSD Professional Services, Inc. payment #2 in the amount of \$10,627.69 for work completed on the Orchard Park project seconded by Alderman Bylut.

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

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

Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Reported that Farmers Market begins tomorrow in the Municipal Parking lot and will continue until October 15th.

G. Roads and Construction: Chairperson Alderman Clifford - Alderman Basso delivered the report that last Wednesday a preconstruction meeting involving the resurfacing of 76th Avenue from 131st to 135th Street which is a federally funded project that will begin on May 30th and will last approximately two months. There are no road closures anticipated. Last Thursday a preconstruction meeting involving the annual roadway resurfacing program. The project will begin June 5th and will last approximately two months. On May 27th at Noon there will be the street dedication honoring former Alderman Delores Kramarski.

H. License, Permits & Franchises: Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski-

- Alderman Lewandowski moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance amending section 95.54 of the Code to allow active duty military personnel and military veterans to be exempt from the vehicle sticker fee seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Lewandowski moved to waive the rules to adopt the Ordinance seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Lewandowski moved to adopt the Ordinance amending section 95.54 of the Code to allow active duty military personnel and military veterans to be exempt from the vehicle sticker fee seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes (7) Basso, Begley, Bylut, Key, McGrogan, McGovern, Lewandowski
Nays (0) None

With seven affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Lewandowski announced that vehicle stickers go on sale tomorrow.

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

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: No Report

B. Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Bylut raised the matter of allowing residents to have limited use of the Rec Center and at the pool free of charge. Alderman Bylut reminded residents that every Friday from 5 to 7 residents have free access to the pool.

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 7:13 PM which passed unanimously.

Thomas Kantas
Palos Heights City Clerk