



NOVEMBER 2, 2021
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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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>	Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i>	Jack Clifford & 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>	Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - October 19, 2021
- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending October 29, 2021.

- Approval of a Proclamation for Veterans Day, November 11, 2021.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman McGovern. On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (6) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Key, Lewandowski, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With six (6) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

- Reported that Stagg High School Music Boosters is hosting an Art for the Season arts and crafts festival on November 13th and 14th featuring various vendors at the high school.
- Requested the approval to appoint Robert Starzyk to the Zoning board of Appeals for a 5-year term, expiring on 11-2-2026.

Alderman Clifford moved to defer the vote to the next council meeting seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Requested a motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance updating the City Code, Section 114.34 "Employment of Minors" to match the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Rules & Regulations, permitting servers at age 18.

Alderman Key moved to direct the preparation of the ordinance seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Requested a Motion to adopt an Ordinance increasing the number of Class H Liquor Licenses by one (1) for Pass Health Foods, located at 7228 W. College Drive.

Alderman Key moved to adopt the ordinance seconded by Alderman McGovern. On roll call, the motion to adopt the ordinance was:

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Key Lewandowski, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- B. Clerk: No report
- C. Treasurer:
- D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman McGovern circulated a draft ordinance for comments to the Council regarding video gaming. Alderman Key inquired how the past referendum prohibiting gaming would impact any future consideration of the issue.

Alderman Clifford alerted residents to fraudulent attempts to use personal information to obtain employment benefits.

Alderman Clifford thanked a resident, Charlotte Houston, who knitted blankets for the Veterans Home in Manteno.

The Mayor reported that FEMA recently changed the floodplain demarcation for residents living east of Harlem and 131st Street removing these residents from the floodplain. This change will take effect March 11, 2022 and will allow those residents to avoid having to purchase flood insurance. Approximately 70 homes are affected. The information will be published in the Regional. The result of this decision was the result of a long term effort spearheaded by residents to address this issue along with effort from the City. Alderman Bylut suggested that the letter be distributed to the homeowners association at an upcoming meeting.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

None

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: None
- B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported on a Police newsletter which alerts residents to the influx of deer in the area and to use caution while driving particularly near the forest preserves.
- C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*:

- Alderman Begly moved to request approval to reallocate engineering funds from phase 2 to phase 1 for the second parking lot at Lake Katherine seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Alderman Begley moved to approve payment for one Ford F350 truck in the amount of \$43,504.00 to Roesch Ford seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Key Lewandowski, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With seven (7) affirmative votes the motion carried.

D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No report*

E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key:*

- Reported that the annual Veterans Day Breakfast will take place on November 10th at the Rec Center.
- Reported that during the holiday season the Rec Department will sponsor a number of activities for the residents.

F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford:*

- Reported that 123rd Street construction has experienced a three week delay. Water main construction has been completed. Pressure testing will follow. Asphalt paving will be undertaken next. The project will be completed at the end of November with sod work to take place thereafter.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski: No Report.*

H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut:*

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve the execution of a water main easement in front of the Palos Heights Fire Protection building on 123rd Street and Harlem Avenue seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Key Lewandowski, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group in the amount of \$13,957.36 for construction management and engineering reporting for the 2021 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program seconded by Alderman Key.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Key Lewandowski, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to LAN, Inc. in the amount of \$46,782.00 for engineering services on the Menominee Lift Station and 2MG Water Reservoir Rehabilitation projects seconded by Alderman Clifford.

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

Ayes: (7) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Key Lewandowski, McGovern.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. **Business/Economic Development:** Alderman Key - Congratulated Andy Klinger, the former proprietor of Great American Bagel, who was in business for many years and has recently sold the business. The space will undergo a renovation and will reopen for business under new management. Andy was a good friend to the City and was involved in the business community. Two winter farmers markets will take place on November 13th and December 18th from 8 to Noon at the Rec Center. Holidays in the Heights will return to the City on December 3rd and 4th at the Municipal Parking lot. The Art Commission is sponsoring Light the Heights in Community Park from December 4th to the 24th featuring lights and ornaments. The annual tree decorating contest will take place as well with the application on the city website. Celebrate the Season is on December 4th at the Library. The Trinity Christmas Concert will take place on December 4th. Santa's Holiday express will take place at the Rec Center on December 10th and 12th at the Rec Center. The Palos Heights Women's Club will host a fundraiser on December 12th. On Dec 31st at Noon the Rec Center will host a New Year's Eve

Party. Alderman Begley reported that the Santa Parade will take place on December 4th at Noon using the same route as last year. The Kringle Market will take place hosting 75 vendors in the Municipal parking lot and will have off site parking and transportation. Alderman Key thanked CNB Bank for their sponsorship.

- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Reported that Channel 4 will carry the Veterans Day ceremony live.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford announced that the Lions Club will set up the tree lot on November 20th and invited any volunteers to help set up. The proceeds from the tree sales will be used to assist local charitable organizations.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. OPEN SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK



Thomas Kantas

11.16.21

Date