Roll Call: Alderman Braithwaite  Alderman Tendam
          Alderman Wynne  Alderman Rainey
          Alderman Wilson  Alderman Burrus
          Alderman Holmes

Absent: Alderman Grover

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:05 pm after the Roll Call determined a quorum was represented. Alderman Fiske arrived after Roll Call.

Mayor Public Announcements
The Mayor announced the Northwestern Women’s basketball team won their game and have moved on to participate in the tournament this Friday (according from the report from City Manager Bobkiewicz).

City Manager Public Announcements
Assistant City Manager Lyons introduced Mr. Kevin Lucas to talk about “Neptune IQ: Online Water Customer Web Portal”. Mr. Lucas stated this will be a website the residents can track water usage. The older meters will be exchanged out for the newer models. Only persons with their account info will be able to make changes.

NICOR Construction Update was presented by NICOR reps Artie Shimen and Dan Kellogg. They own and maintain 34,000 miles of natural gas pipelines. She introduced a new concept “Investing in Illinois”. This is a nine year program to access and improve the system.

Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) Update was presented by David VanVooren.

Communications: City Clerk
City Clerk Greene mentioned the early voting begins Monday, March 23, 2015 and continues through April 4, 2015. He also mentioned changes to obtaining your Transfer
Tax Stamps.

**Citizen Comment:**
These persons spoke on item SP2:

**Nate Kipnis** is a member of Citizens Greener Evanston who urged the Council to make the Benchmark proposal a reality. He also stated he love Evanston.

**Eleanor Revele** President Citizens Greener Evanston supports the Benchmarking Ordinance. This will assist Evanston to reduce the usage and energy costs.

**This resident spoke on a variety of items:**

**Junad Rizki** commented on the Mayor’s possible act of raising taxes while placing blame on the Governor, but he claims it is the Council’s mismanagement of the City’s funds. He talked about the water sales and contracts, yard waste mishandling as well as issues around Harley/Clarke and other various topics.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

**(SP1) Solid Waste Options**
Staff will present options for improving the solvency of the Solid Waste Fund. The options will include exploring a joint operations venture with another party and a review of alternatives from the existing waste hauler.

**For Discussion**
Director Suzette Robinson gave a presentation on the plans of the overview services for upcoming operations. All contracts expire this October but the Commercial Franchises have a five year renewal. She stated this was just a brain searching presentation and not one looking for approval.

**(SP2) Building Energy Benchmarking Report**
Members of the Utilities Commission wish to advise the City Council about the Committee’s benchmarking initiative and requests City Council support and direction on the continued development of benchmarking.

**For Discussion**
Richard Langley the Utility chair presented the committee’s report on their findings and the importance of approving the Benchmarking Report. This report was to track the energy consumed in existing buildings and comparing it to other buildings of similar size.

**(SP3) Wholesale Water Sales and Utilities Department Capital Project Update**
Staff will present information on wholesale water sales and current and future Utilities Department Capital Projects.

**For Discussion**
Mr. Stoneback, Director Utilities gave an update on the various projects the water dept. is performing along with the water sales and maintenance of the infrastructure. He also acknowledged the assistance with his staff.

**(SP4) Resolution 32-R-15 Urging the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly to Protect Local Government Revenue Fund**
Mayor Tisdahl and staff recommend adoption of Resolution 32-R-15 Urging the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly to Protect Local Government Revenue Fund.

**For Action**
Alderman Rainey motioned to approve the resolution for the governor and it was...
seconded by Ald. Wynne. Ald. Wilson then amended the motion and it was accepted with a Voice Vote the motion was approved with the amendment from Ald. Wilson.

(SP5) FY2014 Year End Financial Report
Staff recommends City Council accept the unaudited year-end Financial Report for FY 2014 and place on file.
For Action
Alderman Rainey motioned to have this item held over until the next Council Meeting and it was seconded by Ald. Burrus. A Voice Vote approved the motion and it was held over.

Call of the Wards

No one had any reports from their wards.

A motion to convene to Executive Session to discuss minutes was presented by Ald. Wilson and it was second. A Voice Vote approved the motion and the meeting ended at 10:03 pm.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene, MMC
City Clerk