CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 31, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Alderman Rainey  Alderman Wynne
Alderman Burrus  Alderman Holmes
Alderman Fiske  Alderman Tendam
Alderman Braithwaite  Alderman Grover

Absent: Alderman Wilson

Presiding: Mayor Tisdahl

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. after the Roll Call demonstrated a quorum had been met. Alderman Rainey questioned why Alderman Braithwaite was not first on the Roll Call since Alderman Fiske was the one previous. Clerk Greene explained because she missed the last meeting being cancelled, he placed her on and then would proceed with the regular addition moving forward.

**Mayor Public Announcements**
The Mayor had no public announcements.

**City Manager Public Announcements**
City Manager called upon Fire Chief Klaiber and City Clerk Greene to initiate the Induction of Fire & Life Safety Services Division Chief Brian Scott. Fire Chief Klaiber gave a brief background of the inductee, and then City Clerk Green gave the Oath of Office and congratulated him on his promotion.

Mr. Terry McGee was asked to come forward to present the City with an award from the 2014 Utility Water Saver Award from the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association. Evanston was chosen as the recipient of the first ever award because of all aspects being fulfilled in the committee’s criteria. He presented a beautiful blue crystal award to the Mayor along with a certificate to the Mayor as well.

Erica Storlie announced the National Volunteer Week running from April 7-13. She also mentioned a program to reward the volunteers from 6-7:30 P.M. on April 24, 2014. On Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 1-4:30 P.M. there will be a Volunteer banquet “Give Back to Evanston” for young school age children who are given opportunities to volunteer for
various events in the city. This banquet will be to celebrate the willingness of those volunteers, and the community is invited to come out and share in the festivities for District 65 students.

**Communications: City Clerk**
The City Clerk had no communications.

**Citizen Comment:**
Junad Rizki, talked about secretive water sales talks by staff. He stated the operations of the water department is a fiscal mess. He questioned the reason for not supplying all the reports concerning the water facilities and why is the city going after the most expensive projects. He also stated this water tank project is unnecessary and the taxpayers will be saddled with a 20% water bill increase for years to come.

**Non-Agenda comments:**
Junad Rizki, continued his discussion of the reservoir issue, he mentioned the Walker Report and the CTL Report and asked had these plans been discussed with the council. He also stated the council is misusing taxpayer’s monies.
Sarah Simson, spoke on citizen input and her interactions with the township and the letter that was mailed to Mr. Greene requesting a special township meeting to pick a township supervisor.
Betty Ester, 2031 Church wanted to make sure that the institutional history of the township would be preserved. She stated the March 25th meeting was properly conducted township special meeting.
Pricilla Giles, 1829 stated the election is over and there were not enough no’s to keep the township, and she asked to see If the same demographics will remain with the building on Main & Chicago Ave.
Madelein DuCree, resident of the 5th ward spoke on the dress code at Haven School, Evanston Childcare Center which is now run by Erie, and the legality of the questions that were asked of the children while their parents were sitting there. Questions like, are you safe in your house, how many live in your house, are there any guns in your house, or bullets in your house. She also stated there were some unanswered questions from the March 25th meeting that need to be resolved. She also questioned the amounts of money and placements of the cameras, and looking into having the City Council having only two terms of office eight years consecutively.

City Manager Bobkiewicz asked the City’s Attorney, Mr. Grant Farrar to speak to the validity of the meeting of March 25th and to have the Clerk Greene share as well. Mr. Farrar stated the process taking in nominating of the acting supervisor was done properly by the Township Trustees as duly recorded by the clerk and according to 60 ILCS 1/60-5. He also stated there is no vacancy of the Township Supervisor, because Mr. Bobkiewicz is the supervisor and will remain until the City Council/Town Board acts on the results of the dissolution referendum. Clerk Greene added to what was said and explained at the time the meeting was called to order there were only 11 electors present. Ms. Ester then came up and stated that Clerk Greene called her a liar and that is not the way it happened there were 15 electors at the time of the meeting.
SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

(SP1) Update on Wholesale Water Sales  
Staff will give a presentation regarding progress on wholesale water sales.  
For Discussion  
Mr. Stoneback gave an update on the project of the water sales to other municipalities.

(SP2) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Infrastructure Improvements for 2014 to 2017  
Staff will give a presentation regarding the 2014 CIP project list, schedule and proposed infrastructure improvement plans for 2015 to 2017.  
For Discussion  
Ms. Suzette Robinson gave a power-point presentation concerning the 2014 CIP Projects the City is involved in as well as the proposed infrastructure improvements.

(SP3) Change Order No. 3, Special Street Patching Program  
Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 3 to the contract for the 2013 Capital Improvements Fund Street Resurfacing Project Phase III (Bid 13-49) to A. Lamp Concrete Contractors Inc. (1900 Wright Blvd., Schaumburg, IL) in a not to exceed amount of $225,000. This change order will provide for the supplemental patching of bad sections of street as a result of the winter season.  
For Action  
This item was discussed and with a Roll Call vote the result was 8-0 for approval (Alderman Wilson was absent).

(SP4) Approval of Emergency Purchase for Snow Removal and 2013/2014 Snow Report  
Staff recommends approval of an emergency purchase for the rental of semi-trucks and drivers to support snow removal operations from February 6, 2014 through February 13, 2014 to G & M Trucking, Inc. (811 Kathy Lane, Des Plaines, IL) for $41,625. Staff will also give an update on snow removal operations for the 2013/2014 season.  
For Action and Discussion  
Alderman Rainey motioned for the item for approval and it was seconded by Alderman Holmes. The Mayor called for a Voice Vote and it was unanimous, so the motion was approved.

(SP5) Commercial Solid Waste Franchise Update  
Staff will give an update on the status of the City’s commercial solid waste franchise.  
For Discussion  
Ms. Suzette Robinson presented a power-point slide show updating the Solid Waste Franchise.
Before the Call of the Wards, Mayor Tisdahl stated she would call upon the City Clerk to give his remarks. Clerk Greene stated he wanted to play a portion of the March 25th special township meeting. During the playing of the tape it was heard the Clerk counting and stating only 11 electors were present and the meeting needed to be closed because there were not 15 electors present at the beginning of the meeting.

**Call of the Wards**

Ward 8, Alderman Rainey had no report.
Ward 9, Alderman Burrus had no report.
Ward 1, Alderman Fiske had no report.
Ward 2, Alderman Braithwaite had no report.
Ward 3, Alderman Wynne stated the RoundTable stories are April Fool’s.
Ward 5, Alderman Holmes requested the Mayor and City Manager to address the issues of the cameras.
Ward 6, Alderman Tendam said he was asked to give Shawn a verbal dismissal from Mary Gavin, eliminating his employment with the RoundTable one minute after midnight. (April Fools).
Ward 7, Alderman Grover had no report.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to answer the question concerning the grant that was seeking funding the cameras that were

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded and with a unanimous Voice Vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene, MMC
City Clerk