City Council Roll Call:  
Alderman Fiske  
Alderman Wilson  
Alderman Tendam  
Alderman Rainey  
Alderman Wynne  
Alderman Holmes  
Alderman Grover  
Absense:  
Alderman Burrus  
Alderman Braithwaite  

Presiding:  
Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 9:15 AM by the Mayor after a quorum was obtained by a Roll Call.

Public Hearing: FY2015 Proposed Budget for the City of Evanston

Public Comment:
- Mike Vasilko – Voiced his opinion on the budget for the upcoming year.
- Junad Ritzki – Voiced his opinions on the budget and how he feels about the Council and City Manager. He also went on to say a few things about the water operations of the City. How he disagrees with the increase in the water taxing. He also voiced his opinions on the Sheridan Rd. Project.

The proposed budget for 2015 is available on:
www.cityofevanston.org/government/budget

Public Hearing: Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2014 Property Tax Levy for the City of Evanston

Public Comment:
- Deborah Abbott Kisor – Voiced her support for the Library Board Trustees for the 11% tax increase for the Evanston Public Library.
- Junad Ritzki – Complained that things were not getting done in a timely matter. He continued to criticize the City Council about their decision making. (Mayor Tisdahl and Mr. Bobkiewicz explained to the Public that there have been several budget meetings, as well as, Mr. Lyons having several review sessions in regards to the budget.)
- Michael Vasilko – Expressed his thought about the tax increase, but he believes that the residents’ money is the residents’ money and not the
Library. He would like to reject the tax increase.

- Mary Rosinski – Supports the Library Board and the tax increase.
- Betty Ester - Questioned (SP1). (Mr. Bobkiewicz answered the questions that were answerable) She withdrew the remaining questions she had, due to the upcoming agenda items to be discussed. She would like to know the difference of a part-time and full-time and how many of each employed with the City of Evanston. (in regards to the BUDGET for 2015)

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, answered a few questions that were presented to the Council in regards to the Budget for 2015.

Special Orders of Business: Introduction of 2014 Tax Levies and Budget Workshop

Marty Lyons, Treasurer & Assistant City Manager, gave a presentation about the proposed Budget for 2015.

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

**(SP1)** Ordinance 133-O-14: City of Evanston 2014 Tax Levy

Staff requests introduction of Tax Levy Ordinance 133-O-14, which levies the annual property tax for General Fund Operations, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Police and Fire Pension Funds, and General Assistance Fund.

**For Introduction - APPROVED**

**(SP2)** Ordinance 134-O-14: 2014 Special Service Area #4 Tax Levy

Staff requests introduction of Tax Levy Ordinance 134-O-14, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #4.

**For Introduction - APPROVED**

**(SP3)** Ordinance 135-O-14: Evanston Public Library 2014 Tax Levy

Staff requests introduction of Tax Levy Ordinance 135-O-14 which levies the annual property tax for the Evanston Public Library.

**For Introduction - APPROVED**

**(SP4)** FY2015 Budget Workshop

No formal action will be taken regarding the FY2015 Budget. Budget documents are available here: [http://www.cityofevanston.org/city-budget/](http://www.cityofevanston.org/city-budget/)

**For Discussion**

Mayor Announcements:

- Expressed her condolences to the Honorable Rodney Greene for the passing of his father.
- Proposed a light walk with ETHS students, to see where lights need to be added to make it a safer to walk home when it gets dark.

City Manager:

- Announced that there were 250 volunteers out walking in the streets of Evanston for the United Way: Day of Caring.
- Community Outreach Event: Suzzette Robinson, Director of Public Works, spoke about the Halloween & Harvest Fest happening Saturday, October 25 – 27, 2014 from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm on Sherman Avenue between Davis & Church. She advised that there will be lots of fun activities during the three days.

City Clerk:
No Communications to report.

Sat Nagar, Asst. Director of Infrastructure, gave a presentation on all city projects that will be completed this fiscal year.

Marty Lyons, Treasurer & Assistant City Manager, continued his Budget for 2015 presentation for the Budget Workshop.

  o Alderman Holmes questioned the fee schedule inquiring if the City of Evanston will raise fees in regards to the Health Department.

  o Evonda Thomas-Smith, Director of Health Department, stated the Health Department has not raised fees since 2011.

  o Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, stated that raising fees is a possibility.

  o Alderman Grover, questioned the use of Vital Records and how often is the department utilized.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items):

  • Junad Ritzki, inquired about the water bill increase and how he is not in support of the increase. He also, inquired about the $2 million budgeted for Robert Crown, and additional $2 million for the Northwestern Water Tank.

  • Betty Ester, has a request for City Council, Mayor, and City Manager in regards to the #93 CTA bus stop on Church Street was in an alley. She is asking the City Council to have the City Manager write a letter to CTA to move the bus stop back to Church and Dodge. Also, the #208 Pace bus.

    o Alderman Holmes, advised that they are currently working on the issue at hand in regards to the bus stop.

  • David Gerand, spoke in regards to the Library Board. Suggested that the Board be elected.

Call of the Wards:
Ward 1:  Alderman Fiske – had no report.
Ward 3: Alderman Wynne – had no report.
Ward 4: Alderman Wilson - had no report.
Ward 5: Alderman Holmes – had no report.
Ward 6: Alderman Tendam – had no report.
Ward 7: Alderman Grover – reported the loss of a community member, Mr. Wilbert Sidel. He passed at the age of 104.
Ward 8: Alderman Rainey – Proposed that there should be a referendum added to a future election to have elections for the Library Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am, with a voice vote.

Submitted by,

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