



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, October 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.

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

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order after a Roll Call confirmation of a quorum.

Mayor Public Announcements
The Mayor had no public announcements.

City Manager Public Announcements
The City Manager had no announcements.

Communications: City Clerk
The City Clerk had no communications.

Citizen Comment:

Junad Rizki, stated the mess that the water department finds itself in, and instead of attempting to dissolve the Township Wally should direct his attention to repairing the water system and not the Township.

Allison Stark, chair of the Mental Health Board wanted clarification for the allocation to the Mental Board in the annual budget of the City which shows a lower amount proposed. She asked the City to reconsider the proposed budget to look at the discrepancies and to correct them.

Non-Agenda items:

Junad Rizki, 2784 Sheridan stated the numbers in the budget are not together, and the appointment should be an appointment from the community. He also stated the Council is not overseeing the City or Town and is making a mess of things.

Mary Baker, stated she is disheartened with the way the electors are left out of the decisions concerning the Township.

Betty Ester, 2031 Church Street questioned the appointment of Mr. Bobkiewicz as the Township Supervisor. Alderman Holmes spoke out and asked Mrs. Ester to state the motion in its entirety since she made the motion, which Mrs. Ester did. Mrs. Ester then quoted the ILCS law concerning the Public Aid Code article 6. She finalized by stating the blacks have no respect or justice from the Council.

Precilla Giles, 1829 Ashland Ave. stated she is disappointed with the way the City is set up, where the Council members also serve as Trustees of the Township. In her opinion poses a conflict of interest.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

(SP1) Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Presentation

No formal City Council action will be taken regarding the FY2014 Budget. Budget documents are available here:

<http://www.cityofevanston.org/city-budget/>

For Discussion

Mayor Tisdahl called upon the City Manager to present the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget for discussion as will be presented by Mr. Bobkiewicz.

City Manager Bobkiewicz stated the budget will be presented in three parts, starting with Mr. Marty Lyons and his staff presenting the City budget, General Fund and the Operating Funds; Ms. Karen Danczak-Lyons, Director of the Library will present the status of the library tonight. He then stated he would come back at a later date to present the third part which will be the Town of Evanston's Fiscal 2014 Budget. He also stated with this budget there will be no significant changes or layoffs in this budget.

Mr. Lyons then allowed Mr. Gergits, Finance Manager came forward to present his input to the city's budget. Alderman Rainey requested an additional column showing the most recent year to date revenue. Mr. Gergits then showed a power-point presentation of the budget for the City. Mr. Gergits and then Mr. Dieter included their portion of the power-point presentation of the proposed 2014 Budget and this complete presentation can be viewed on the City's website.

Council concerns:

1. Police and Fire Pension Fund
2. Eliminating debt not being a priority
3. Increased taxes in various entities
4. Increased fees (water, yard waste stickers, containers, parking/towing, library)
5. Moving Van permit fee (have any funds been collected)
6. Ticket fines increase
7. Wood recycling revenue/cost effectiveness

Karen Danczak-Lyons, Director of Evanston Public Library gave her power-point

presentation of the services they provide for the community. She shared the ideas of taking their services outside of the library walls, as they go into the community with reading sessions. They give teens opportunities to volunteer and they gain experience in assisting them in applying for employment.

Concerns of the Council:

1. Clarification of the Levy funds
2. The extra property tax on the community
3. The comparisons with other communities to Evanston
4. How do we measure the Library's resource to the low-income families?
5. What are the total budget numbers and how do they compare with other communities?
6. Looking at partnerships with Northwestern

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated they will entertain additional questions and will be prepared to have those answers at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Tisdahl stated after reading the Township Officials of Illinois Handbook, she failed to swear in the City Manager as the Township Supervisor as the Acting Township Supervisor. She then proceeded to give the oath of office to the City Manager

Call of the Wards:

Ward #4, Alderman Wilson had no report.

Ward #5, Alderman Holmes had no report.

Ward #6, Alderman Tendam announced a 6th ward meeting this Thursday at 7 P.M. at Three Crowns Center.

Ward #7 Alderman Grover had no report

Ward #8, Alderman Rainey had no report.

Ward #9, Alderman Burrus had no report.

Ward #1, Alderman Fiske announced the death of Bob Atkins.

Ward #2, Alderman Braithwaite had no report.

Ward #3, Alderman Wynne had no report.

A motion for adjournment was made and seconded and was affirmed by a unanimous voice vote, and the meeting ended at 10:10 P.M.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene, MMC
City Clerk of Evanston