

**Elmhurst City Council**  
**February 1, 2010**  
**7:45 to 9:15 P.M.**

**Absent: Kennedy**  
**Public: (ca.) 10**  
**Mary Costello, Observer**

Following an invocation by Fr. Tony Taschetta of Mary Queen of Heaven Church, Council heard from several speakers, including League President Laura Kratz, regarding prayer before City Council meetings. Three Aldermen – Rose, Bram and Mulliner – remained off the dais until the prayer ended. During Public Forum only one speaker supported the idea, five were opposed. More below.

Mayor DiCianni read proclamation celebrating Boy Scout Anniversary Week, February 7 to 13.

**Accounts Payable**, dated January 31, 2010, totaled \$1,710,165.18. Highlights included:

- Arco/Murray, First St. parking deck, design, \$74,118.
- Cargill, Inc., salt, \$99,561.
- Com Ed, monthly electric, \$22,529.
- Du Comm, quarterly shares, \$206,635.
- Illini Precast, precaster, \$783,593.
- Storino, Ramello, Durkin, professional services, \$46,487.
- Tivoli Enterprises, streetscape renovation, \$102,351.

**Consent Agenda** included the following:

- Agreement between City and Elmhurst Running Club regarding use of public property during four mile running event.
- Construction Engineering Services for improvements to St. Charles Rd., Poplar to York, \$46,376.
- Agreement with Illinois Dept. of Transportation to install LED traffic signals and uninterrupted power to intersections on Rt. 83 at St. Charles Rd., North Ave. and east ramp at Grand Ave. during power outages, negating need for police presence. State will fully fund the project.
- R-06-2010 a resolution allowing elected officials to participate in Il. Municipal Retirement Fund.
- R-07-2010 Three-year extension of contract with Metro Paramedic Services. Ald. Gutenkauf mentioned substantial savings were negotiated, and thanked Ald. Pezza for her efforts.

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda:

Report on the inclusion of Public Prayer was referred to Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee. Mayor DiCianni expressed desire to build consensus. Purchase of Toyota Sienna, on hold due to recall of vehicles for correction of gas pedal problems.

In response to Ald. Pezza's question, City Mgr. Borchert said new garage should be functional in August. New pay station/kiosk will be done in spring, after ground thaws.

Council discussed property tax rebate program. Applications will require proof of income of all household members. Upper limit of income is \$55 thousand dollars.

Information packet included the following:

- Announcement of discontinuation of Pace bus service, Route 643/645 NW Elmhurst – Elmhurst Industrial.
- Request from Cathy Jordan, Administrator, Senior Services Commission, to continue financial support of DuPage Senior Citizens.
- Election of Mayor DiCianni to represent District 1 on the DuPage County Storm water Commission, a post previously held by Mayor Marcucci.

Dennis Streicher gave an update on the status of water in DuPage, stressing he need to keep pollution of waterways at a minimum.