

Elmhurst City Council
October 2, 2006
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Absent: Jordan
Public: (ca.) 30
M. Costello, Observer

Meeting began with swearing-in ceremony of Peer Jurors, high school students who will hold court for juvenile offenders. Over two dozen young people participated.

During **Public Forum**, Council heard again from Gilbert Fisher, 586 Van Auken, who complained about builder next door who is infringing on his property. He was told this is a "Good Neighbor" policy, allowed because new construction now covers almost entire width of lot.

Accounts Payable dated September 30, 2006, totaled \$1,075,008. Highlights included:

- AT&T, monthly phone \$8090.
- CSR Roofing Contractors, roofing services and repair, \$61,859.
- Elmhurst City Centre, Real Estate tax distribution for Special Services Areas #6 and #7, and TIF contribution, \$201,840.
- Health Care Service Corp., health insurance, \$297,233.
- Lampignano & Sons, 2006 contract paving program, \$244,149.
- Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., dental insurance, \$18,040.30.
- Nicor Gas, monthly gas, \$2817.
- Winkler's Tree Service, Inc., Dutch elm disease removal, \$17,509.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Underpass banner requests:
 - Elmhurst Garden Club, "Garden Walk And Faire, Sunday, July 8, 2007, Wilder Park."
 - United Community Concerns Assn., "Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive, 530-6000 " to be displayed November 5 thru 19, 2007.
- 2006 Streetscape Project: new curb and gutter, and brick paver sidewalks, tree wells, ornamental street lights, on Cottage Hill, Park, Prospect. Kovilic Construction, \$411,752.
- Printing of "Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective," a book of Elmhurst history, by Dr. Virginia Stewart, \$62,400.
- Parking agreement with Elmhurst College, to provide parking for tennis court users. City will add 25 spaces on Park, West of Myrtle.
- MCO-17-2006 Establishes No Parking Zone on north side of Walter, and 6-hour zone on south side.
- ZO-16-2006 Allows construction of 4700 sq. ft. one-story commercial building at 223 N. York St., (at Third).
- R-28-2006 Revises agreement between City and School Dist. 205 to update costs of resource police officers in high school and junior highs. City will be reimbursed 50 % of 75 % of police officers' salaries.

Council removed from Consent Agenda and voted unanimously to approve consultant contract with MK Communications, to provide services to implement strategic plan for Heritage Center in Elmhurst, making it “the premiere history museum in the area.”

Council considered three Committee reports regarding easement vacation at 636 W. Crockett, formerly Junior Terrace right-of-way. In dispute was amount to be charged for 33 feet of land owned by homeowners but held for utilities or City use. Public Works and Buildings Committee was divided. Majority Report of Chairman Szczepaniak and Ald. Moriarty called for charging owners \$89,100. Ald. Regan wanted no charge to owners, who had paid taxes on the property since 1972. Ald. Lomnicki offered a compromise of \$31,957. Council voted 8 to 5 against Lomnicki’s report, with only Szczepaniak, Moriarty, Bram and Tranter agreeing with her. Council majority clearly favored Ald. Regan’s position of no charge, as subsequent vote bore out, with vote of 8 to 5 to supplant Majority Report.