

**Elmhurst City Council**  
**February 5, 2007**  
**7:32-11:05 p.m.**

**None Absent. Hipskind arr. 8:05. Gow left 10:35**  
**Public: (ca.) 32**  
**M. Costello, Observer**

During **Public Forum**, Council heard from the following:

- A citizen regarding rain problems from faulty driveway.
- A citizen compared City laws to those of Nazi Germany.
- Two residents of Riverside Drive spoke in opposition to Sloan equipment rental request to expand parking and storage of heavy equipment.

**Accounts Payable** dated 1-31-07 totaled \$1,495,005.28. Highlights included:

- Allied Waste Services, waste disposal, refuse and rubbish collection, \$177,513.
- AT&T, monthly phone, \$8975;
- Com Ed, monthly electric, \$17,831.
- C&R Roofing Contractors, roof replacement, \$84,278.
- DuComm, quarterly shares, \$143,255.
- Gas City Ltd., gasoline, \$19,895.
- Elmhurst claims account, self-insured loss fund, \$11,180.
- Fifth Third Bank, line of credit interest, \$39,345.
- Health Care Service Corp., health insurance, \$301,254.
- Insituform Technologies USA, Inc., sewer CIPP rehabilitation, \$215,431.
- James J. Benes & Associates, Inc., engineering services, \$22,101.
- Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar & Asher, professional services, \$14,500.
- Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., dental insurance, \$19,921.

**Consent Agenda** included the following:

- Referral from Ald. Rose regarding dangerous auto and pedestrian conditions in alley behind Michigan, from Third St. to North Ave.
- Underpass banner requests:
  - Elmhurst Lions Club, Candy Day, October 10, 2007.
  - Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot, Thanksgiving Day, 2007.
  - Elmhurst Bicycle Club, Metro Metrics XXVII. July 29, 2007.
- Midwest Office Interiors, carpet replacement at City Hall, \$26,930.
- Three-year custodial services contract extension, Best Quality Cleaning, Inc., \$6848 per month.

ZO-01-2007 Front yard variation of 10.61 ft., to build covered front porch, 135 Walnut.  
R-04-2007 Water rate reduction, from \$1.45 to \$1.15 per 1000 gallons per DuPage Water Commission's significant reduction. City will realize a \$500,000 annual savings, which will be passed to residents over time.

Committee Reports included the following:

- After discussion, Council voted unanimously to approve preliminary engineering plan for York high school pedestrian underpass, Phase I, \$175,170.

- Council was divided over economic incentive for builder of five townhomes, at 119 and 123 Virginia St. Original request of \$75,000 was reduced to \$45,000, said to be “recovered” in three years of property taxes. Proposal was approved, with Tranter, Bram, Moriarty, Szczepaniak and Lomnicki voting Nay.
- 06 P-12 Sloan conditional use request. Robert Sloan, owner of CE Rentals, 1021 S. Rt. 83, requested permit for additional parking and equipment storage, in neighborhood zoned R1 residential. Residents have complained about noise and fumes from heavy duty rental equipment. Council voted down the proposal, with only Rose, Gow, Vanek, Leader, Hipkind and Jordan voting Aye.

Council discussed Hahn St. North CBD plans. Developers were invited to submit proposals, but only two responded, both from companies with prior dealings with the City. Ald. Tranter suggested that City deliberately discouraged others by setting dates that coincided with Xmas season, and that City officials have ties with companies having preferred status. Mayor Marcucci explained he has been invited to sit on boards, but declines if company is in Elmhurst. Council voted 12 to 2 (with Rose and Hillsman voting against this proposal) to allow additional ninety days for Hahn St. proposals.

Barclay Court dispute was settled, with decision to charge two homeowners \$10,000 each for extra twenty feet of land for each lot, land formerly part of Kiwanis Park. Ald. Szczepaniak expressed strong disapproval, as residents had arbitrarily decided to extend their lots into the park and said Courts should decide. Council approved settlement 10 to 3, with Bram, Moriarty and Szczepaniak voting Nay.