

Elmhurst City Council
March 5, 2007
7:30 to 9:50 p.m.

None Absent
Public: ca. 20
M. Costello, Observer

During **Public Forum**, three speakers voiced various requests that City enforce its Ordinances. A fourth speaker objected to projected high school underpass/tunnel as being too dangerous, favors an overpass design with transparent sides.

Accounts Payable dated February 28 totaled \$5,515,806.70. Highlights:

- Wire transfers, debt service payments, \$4,773,836.
- Com Ed, monthly service, \$21,798.
- Elmhurst City Centre, reimbursement, holiday decorations, \$18,738.
- Health Care Service Corp., health insurance, \$298,578.
- Il. Environmental Protection, EPA loan interest and principal, \$19,295.
- Metro Paramedic Services, ambulance service, \$19,674.
- Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., dental insurance, \$19,875.
- Poco Paulson Oil Co., gasoline, \$29,549.
- Synagro Central, Sludge haul and land application, \$26,400.
- Walter Daniels, Churchville schoolhouse, \$38,302.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Request for Farmers' Market, Wednesdays, June 6 through October 3, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., east of York at Vallette.
- Underpass banner requests:
 - Annie Ryan Run/Walk May 20, 2007, 9 a.m. start;
 - Elmhurst College Summer Extravaganza 2008.
- Approval of bid for sanitary sewer cleaning and televising, Municipal Sewer Services, \$116,600.
- Replacement of City Hall rooftop heating and air conditioning unit #2, \$23,016
- Contract for turf and landscape maintenance, 3 years, includes weekly and bi-weekly mowing at 102 sites, string trimming, herbicide application at five sites, landscape bed maintenance, weeding, edging and herbicide application at 29 sites, \$131,576.
- 07 P-01 Approval of bulletin board sign with amber copylit letters, Timothy Christian school.
- Creation of special services area at Belden Ave., from West to Garden,
- ZO-04-2007 Ordinance to grant conditional use permit to Lexington Square, for construction of an assisted living facility.

Council discussed at length Ald. Tranter's request for term limits. Majority were strongly opposed: Limits would favor inexperience (Leader); There is no demand from community (Rose); Good people should continue in office (Hillsman); We already have term limits— election every 4 years (Hipskind). Council voted (10 Ayes, 4 Nays) to take no action regarding term limits, with Tranter, Gow, Moriarty and Lomnicki voting Nay.

Council voted unanimously for rate increase to (BFI) Allied Waste. Standard 33-gallon garbage rate will increase from \$11.66 to \$12.13. 96-gallon toter will go from \$16.33 to \$16.98; yard waste stickers will increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00, refuse stickers from \$1.65 to \$1.75.

Ald. Moriarty argued for City to hire in-house legal staff as a money-saving measure. Council discussed legal providers in other towns, voted not to change system, 13 to 1 (Moriarty).

Council discussed stop sign request for Saylor and McKinley intersection, voted for yield signs on Saylor.