

Elmhurst City Council
March 19, 2007
7:42 to 8:20 p.m.

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

Accounts Payable dated March 19, 2007 totaled \$1,172,269.76. Highlights:

- Allied Waste Services, February service, \$171,568.
- AT&T, monthly phone, \$12,499.
- Block 300 Partners, LLC, release of retainage, \$97,684.
- Cargill, Inc., road salt, \$34,653.
- Com Ed, monthly electric, \$15,284.
- DuPage Water Commission, fixed cost and water consumption, \$172,777.
- Steve Helm & Associates, professional services, \$19,891.
- Insituform Technologies, USA. Inc., sewer CIPP rehabilitation \$165,350.
- Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar & Acker, professional services, \$32,569.
- Neal, Kenneth R. RHS refund, \$25,466.
- Sungard Hte, Inc., professional services, software, maintenance & training, \$19,045.
- Texor Petroleum Co., city fleet fuel, \$16,595.
- Victorin Business Machines, laptops, \$29,408.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Permit request for garden center, Blue Freedom Farm Markets, Rt. 83 and North Ave., April 30 to July 15.
- Underpass banner request:
 - Elmhurst Choral Union, Christmas concert, 2007.
- Cancellation of contract to install carpet squares in City Hall, in favor broadloom carpet for open areas.
- Installation of four-way stop signs, York and Adelaide.
- 07 P-02 Park Place continuing care retirement community, south Bryan St. project will include 185 independent living units, 44 assisted living units, 16 memory support living units and 32 skilled nursing beds.

The following items were removed from Consent Agenda and voted:

- water and sewer rate review: City will realize a \$2 million rebate from DuPage Water Commission, which will allow City to cancel proposed rate increases and ensure minimum cash balances for coming years. Council vetoed unanimously to accept Committee recommendations.
- Council discussed proposal to add four federal holidays. When these fall on meeting days, Council will meet on Tuesday, as it already does for holidays. Ald. Bram argued that City employees should be off as well. Ald. Szczepaniak opposed change, as Council members knew the schedule when they ran. Council approved the change, with Ald. Bram, Szczepaniak and Mulliner voting Nay.

Mayor Marcucci applauded the efforts of over 150 volunteers, plus City staff, who made the St. Patrick's Day parade a great success.

Council adjourned at 8:20 and proceeded directly into a budget hearing.

Brian Bergheger of the Historical Museum, and Frank Vanek and Marilyn Boria made presentations from the Library. Among items of interest were the following:

- Glos Mansion will eventually return to being a house, with an 1890 setting.
- The one-room schoolhouse will have an 1850 setting.
- The Bensenville Park District operates the Fischer farmstead, just south of the school.
- The Library sees ten thousand visitors on a weekly basis, which is five times the national average. Ten percent of visitors are from other towns; book loss is less than one percent, and the Library is open all but nine days of the year.

Finally, Council turned to topic of Legal budget. There were diverse opinions about yearly costs, in Elmhurst and in other towns. Ald. Moriarty argued for a study and review of legal costs, to which several aldermen agreed. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to complete the Budget review.

Council adjourned Budget session at 10:42 p.m.