

**Elmhurst City Council**  
**November 19, 2007**  
**7:45 to 9:56 p.m.**

**None Absent**  
**Public: 14**  
**Mary Costello, Observer**

Meeting began with a moment of silence for U.S. Army Sgt. Joe Vanek, son of Frank and Jan Vanek, who died in Iraq on November 11.

Council heard from Berteau Ave. resident Mike Rosen, who complained of eastbound North Ave. traffic from I 294 turning around in two adjacent driveways; he recently observed 80 cars in a two-hour period.

**Accounts Payable** dated November 19, 2007, totaled \$952,555.02. Highlights:

- Allied Waste Services, refuse collection, \$205,397.
- Best Quality Cleaning, Inc., monthly cleaning services, \$7,207.
- Corrective Asphalt Materials, reclamite program, \$54,875.
- DuPage Water Commission, fixed cost, water consumption, \$163,428.
- Gerardi Sewer and Water Co., water main improvement, \$51,920.
- Winkler's Tree Service, Inc., Dutch elm disease tree and stump removal, \$19,945.

**Consent Agenda** included the following:

- Appointments to the newly-formed Elmhurst Heritage Foundation: Scott Smith, Margaret Pruter, Vince Spaeth, Leslie Leader, Frank Catalano Jr., Tom Klein, Don Michaelis. All served previously on the recently dissolved Elmhurst Historical Commission.
- Permit for live Nativity scene at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, Dec. 3rd to 6th, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m.
- Acceptance of low bid, Elmhurst Police Station condenser, \$62,950.
- New Verizon antenna at west elevated water tank, St. Charles and Rt. 83. Lease rate will increase from \$1200 to \$2800 per month.
- MCO-19-2007 Ordinance defining "Chronic nuisance properties," and providing procedures to correct the nuisance, i.e., unfit or unsafe structure, disorderly conduct, felonious behavior, etc.

R-20-2007 was pulled from Consent Agenda and voted, per request from Ald. Lomnicki, who accused the Park District of holding the City hostage. Agreement calls for the lease of a new fire station for \$405,108, an amount considered unreasonable by many. All Council members voted approval but Ald. Lomnicki.

Council voted to increase property tax levy by 4.5%, which will yield \$5,876,025. The tax rate continues to decline, is now \$.267/\$100 assessed value, while increase in assessed valuation is 8.5%. Voting Nay were Ald. Moriarty and Nybo.

Due to lateness of the hour, discussion of Hahn Street development was tabled until next meeting.