

Elmhurst City Council
January 22, 2008
8:07 to 11:20 p.m.

All present
Public: 110+
Mary Costello, Observer

Council Chamber was bulging with a standing-room-only crowd, most there regarding new hospital traffic concerns. An estimated two-thirds were hospital employees and the remainder, residents from the hospital neighborhood. Hospital CEO Leo Fronza spoke of desire to work with City to solve problems. About a dozen residents spoke, several of who had plans to suggest to the Council. Petitions were presented with ca. 160 signatures.

Accounts Payable dated January 22, 2008, totaled \$865,461.26. Highlights included:

- Bull Valley Ford Mercury, replacement vehicle for PW-136, \$49,243.
- Com Ed, monthly electric, \$16,943.
- DuPage Water Commission, cost assessment and consumption, \$151,055.
- Elmhurst claims account, self-insured loss fund, \$17,481.
- Gem Construction, Concrete pavement, \$122,518.
- Elmhurst St. Patrick Day committee, community grant program, \$14,000.
- Healthcare Service Corp., health insurance, \$303,366.
- Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar, professional services, \$27,623.
- North American Salt Co., \$58, snow/ice removal, salt, \$58,412.

Consent Agenda included

- rejection of bids for two dump trucks. Public Works Committee found bid prices totaling \$95,705 too high for this year's budget, due to increased emission standards and higher steel costs. Vehicles will be budgeted next fiscal year.

The following items were pulled from Consent Agenda and voted:

- Solid waste contract renewal: Ald. Bram found fault with parts of contract. Council voted thirteen to 1 to accept proposal.
- Approval of entirely new fire station 2. Council voted unanimously for new structure.

Council discussed at length the proposed hospital street modifications. There was some hesitancy to accept the plan at this stage, as much is not yet known, and the design work is not complete. Gutenkauf voted nay.

Shirley Meyers, Chair of Senior Citizen Commission, spoke to inform Council of Seniors activities and increasing numbers. "Beware! The silver tsunami is coming."

Council expressed mixed feelings as it accepted intergovernmental agreement with Park District to continue rental of York Commons site for fire station 2. Payment to Parks has jumped, from \$1.00 to \$405,108. Ald. Szczepaniak voted nay, wondered aloud if Park District is paying City for its use of City garage.