

Elmhurst City Council
March 3, 2008
7:30 p.m. To 12:34 a.m.

None Absent
Public: 75+
Mary Costello, Observer

Capacity crowd as Council considered Elmhurst Memorial Hospital's new site adjoining Center for Health. Public was largely hospital employees Many spoke to support hospital, others to voice concerns regarding property values and disruption to the neighborhood.

Accounts Payable dated February 29,2008, totaled \$985,391.63. Highlights:

- Allied Waste Services, refuse service, collection, \$181,760.
- American Pole Products Division, street light poles, \$17,070.
- Berkeley Trucking, Inc., snow removal, backfill stone, hauling, \$17,567.
- Elmhurst Claims Acct., self-insured loss fund, \$28,656.
- Healthcare Service Corp., health insurance, \$302,557.
- Integrity Energy Services, Inc., monthly service, \$31,531.
- Metro Paramedic Services, Inc., ambulance service, \$20,461.
- Metropolitan Life Ins., dental insurance, \$18,830.
- North American Salt Co., salt, \$25,719.
- POCO Paulson Oil Co., gasoline, \$32,515.
- Synagro Central, sludge hauling, \$25,370.
- Voris Mechanical, Inc., condensing unit replacement, \$1,181.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Announcement of York & Vallette Farmers' Market, June 4 to October 15, Wednesdays.
- Temporary use event permit, Kelly Miller Traveling Circus, Sandburg Middle School, Friday, September 12.
- Recommendation for Ride DuPage Program to replace Senior/Disabled Transportation Program.
- MCO=04-2008 New truancy ordinance, to reflect state requirements, maximum fine \$100 (previously \$1000).

R-04-2008 New contract with Allied Waste was pulled from Consent Agenda. Ald. Bram argued for a discounted rate for Seniors, who use smaller containers for garbage. Vote was 12 to 2 against change, with only Bram and Gutenkauf voting Aye.

Council debated terms of Fire Station #2 contract, and whether construction should be supervised by the contractor or by a separate construction manager, who would be on site full time. Matter was referred back to Committee until next meeting.

Council discussed at length the safety factors of proposed bank drive-in on Spring, site of Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop. Zoning and Planning Commission had voted Nay. Ald. Rose pointed out that previous businesses on this site had more traffic than bank is expecting, and the petition with 200 signatures contained fewer than 50% from the neighborhood. Proposal was approved with Nay votes from Leader, Moriarty and Nybo. It will be looked at again in six months.

During a discussion over two hours, Council discussed Ordinances governing site plans for the new hospital. Several plots required annexation to Elmhurst, and rezoning. Hospital campus will encompass forty-nine acres and include a helipad. Council approved most of the hospital plan, but the main motion approving the development and requiring 11 votes failed. Voting Nay were Lomnicki, Gutenkauf, Bram, Moriarty Shea and Szczepaniak.