

Elmhurst City Council
April 21, 2008
7:35 to 8:32 p.m.

None Absent
Public: (ca.) 50
Mary Costello, Observer

During Public Forum, Council heard from J. Quigley, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, who stated that taxes on a half-million dollar home amounts to \$36 per month, the lowest in DuPage County (excluding Oak Brook), and therefore any tax increase should come from homeowners and businesses, not retail tax.

Accounts Payable dated April 21, 2008, totaled \$1,068,480.63. Highlights:

- Allied Waste Services, refuse collection, waste disposal, dumpster rental, \$194,635.
- Applied Filter Technology, Inc., Siloxane removal system, \$ 73,160.
- Brothers Asphalt Paving, street surfacing, concrete street, \$154,686.
- DuPage Water Commission, fixed cost assessment, water consumption, \$154,057.
- FGM Architects Planners Inc., professional services, \$16,000.
- Integrys Energy Services Inc., monthly service, \$22,683.
- Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar, professional services, \$32,538.
- Nicor Gas, monthly gas, \$37,370.
- Poco Paulson, gasoline, \$19,676.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Permission to extend Carnival at Elmfest two hours on Saturday, June 14, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., for special needs children and their families.
- 2008 Tree purchase and planting program. 500 trees will be purchased through the Suburban Tree Consortium, a collection of 36 participating municipalities/agencies. Costs for purchase and planting is \$133,627.
- 2008 Fire hydrant and watermain valve repair project, \$150,200.
- Lower roof replacement, City Hall, \$26,400.
- Increases in water and sewer rates: residential bi-monthly minimum for water, from \$3.06 to \$3.18 per 1000 gallons, sewer, from, \$2.70 to \$2.84. This is first increase since 2004, and follows increase by City of Chicago.
- ZO-08-2008 Approval of request to reduce rear yard requirement, from 25 ft. to 6 ft., to allow attached two-car garage, 464 Highland. (Fisher)
- Approval of final planned development of new hospital land, bounded by Brush Hill, Euclid, Harvard and York.

Pulled from Consent Agenda at request of Ald. Rose was license for push-cart vendor Tasty Tropical Sno. Council amended request to change Styrofoam cup to “environmentally friendly cup.”

R-11-2008 Resolution to limit Annual Budget 2008-09 expenditures to 97% of appropriation. Mayor applauded Aldermen Szczepaniak and Nybo for their efforts.

Information packet included the following:

- Reappointment to Zoning & Planning Commission, Darrell Whistler and Richard

Frolik, five year terms.

- Letter from Daniel Cusack of south Kirk, in Yorkfield area of Elmhurst, expressing concern about unfavorable attitudes regarding residents of new hospital neighborhood and reluctance to acknowledge their concerns, in effect, allowing the hospital “the ability to determine our property values.”
- Spring Chore Days, when volunteers assist the elderly on limited incomes with yard work, will be held on the first three weekends in May. Info. At 630-620-0804.