

Elmhurst City Council
September 15, 2008
7:30 to 9:23 p.m.

Absent: Lomnicki
Public: 8
Mary Costello, Observer

Council witnessed swearing-in of new fire fighter, Andrew Giarratano.

Accounts Payable dated September 15, 2008 totaled \$2,370,122.43. Highlights included:

- Allied Waste Services, refuse collection, \$212,607.
- Clarke Environmental Mosquito Mgt., mosquito abatement, \$49,219.
- Down Under Construction, 2008 rear yard drainage program, \$15,838.
- DuPage Water Commission, water consumption, \$185,199.
- Healthcare Services Corp., health insurance, \$233,105.
- Il. Environmental Protection, EPA loan principal and interest, \$78,310.
- Mid-America Energy Co., monthly electric, \$68,947.
- OEC Business Interiors, office chairs, design services,\$23,130.
- Texor Petroleum Co., diesel fuel, \$28, 181.
- Winkler's Tree Service, DED tree removal, \$30,008.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- R-17-2008 Resolution approving economic incentive agreement with Wilkins Buick (Mazda/Hyundai) Inc. to rebate up to \$2,000,000 in sales tax revenue.

Council voted approval of James Mc Hugh Construction Co. as builder of new Fire Station 2. It remains uncertain whether old station will be torn down or used for some purpose.

Mayor Marcucci reported on rainstorm of last weekend. The City is very pleased that the flood prevention efforts worked so well. Council members appreciated City staff response to calls for help. Elmhurst was able to help other communities that were hit hard. In comparison with flood of 1987, when 4400-plus homes had significant damage, Elmhurst has reported none. Towns along the creek – Villa Park, Oak Brook, Oak Brook Terrace and Hinsdale – also benefited from Elmhurst's efforts.

In a cooperative effort, Elmhurst, Villa Park and Oak Brook hired Manhart Consulting to get a second opinion regarding County flood mapping. City says County maps are “too high,” that water does not reach the levels indicated on County maps, and Manhart confirms this view. In recent rain, water level stopped climbing at two feet below the berms.

Ald.Rose called for City to run a recorded message during emergencies. Mayor Marcucci is advocating for a 311 phone line. Public is advised that (630) 530-3050 , the Public Works Dept. number, is answered at the Police Dept. on weekends.

Council passed MCO-23-2008, increasing home rule sales tax, from .25 to .75, bringing sales tax to .8 %, still very competitive. This will cover present budget deficit of \$3.2 million, and will protect our Moody's rating.