

Elmhurst City Council
November 16, 2009
7:30 to 10:50 P. M.

None Absent
Public: (ca.) 80 Standing rm only
Mary Costello, Observer.

Mayor DiCianni introduced Timothy Christian State Champion Soccer team.

There were two speakers during **Public Hearing** for Spring Road Special Service Area #14, both pleased with improvements to the Spring Road business district.

The second **Public Hearing** brought many speakers to the microphones, to argue overwhelmingly against the proposed increase in property taxes. More below.

Accounts Payable dated November 16, 2009, totaled \$1,026,359.45. Highlights included:

- Allied Waste Services, refuse collection, \$222,821.
- Alpha Paint Works, streetlight pole painting, \$33,450.
- Down Under Construction, rear yard drain project, water service upgrades, \$26,039.
- DuPage Water Commission, fixed cost, water consumption, \$197,497.
- Elmhurst Claims Account, insured loss fund, \$32,046.
- G & M Cement Construction, Inc., concrete pavement, bike pads, \$35,798.
- Mid American Energy Co., monthly electric, \$48,555.
- Utility Dynamics Corp., lighting improvements, \$29,597.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Reappointment to the Senior Citizens Commission, Anton Debevetz.
- Request that Elmhurst rejoin the Northern Illinois Municipal Gas Franchise Consortium.
- Engineering services for the Levee Improvement project, necessary for FEMA approval.
- New sewerage rate per thousand gallons, \$2.643.
- 0-47-2009 Ordinance approving sale of 149 N. Addison (Athar Restaurant) to Elmhurst, per Addison Corridor Redevelopment Project.
- 0-48-2009 Ordinance annexing Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse to Bensenville.
- MCO-22-2009 New classification CBBW, license to sell beer and wine, in packages only.

R-50-2009 Council discussed at length proposed real estate tax increase, estimated at \$255 per household per year. Several motions were proposed and voted down. Council finally voted to assess \$14,901,717, which will average approximately \$255 per household per year. Final vote: 9 Ayes, 5 Nays, with Gutenkauf, Pezza, Shea, Bram and Nybo voting Nay. Ald. Rose mentioned the need for a rebate provision for low-income residents.