

PLANO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Plano City Council was called to order on Monday, July 12, 2021 by Mayor Michael Rennels in the Council Room at City Hall. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Steve DeBolt	Present	John Fawver	Present
Ben Eaton	Present	Jamal Williams	Present
Tommy Johns	Present	Barb Nadeau	Present
Scott Mulliner	Present	Mark Swoboda	Present

There was a quorum.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 28, 2021. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman Swoboda, to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of July 12, 2021. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed.

WARRANTS:

A motion was made by Alderman Swoboda, seconded by Alderman Fawver, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated June 29, 2021 in the amount of \$ 110,806.57.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay":

Absent:

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Swoboda, seconded by Alderman Fawver, to accept the report of the finance Committee and that orders are drawn on the Treasury to pay per warrant list dated July 12, 2021 in the amount of \$ 182,028.11.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay":

Absent:

Motion passed.

WAGE REPORT: NONE

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Guests and members of the press were welcomed by Mayor Rennels.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Keith Riddle does not like any of the proposed policy for public comments. He is not in favor of a City Manager, the people elected mike to run the city.

Dina Wisniewski agrees with Keith about the comment policy.

Matt Jackson commented on the City of Plano setting a milestone by having the Juneteenth event. He would like to see a City Manager due to the fact that the Mayor has limited time. Other cities have City Managers.

Joe Salsbery disagrees with the 3 minute time limit for speaking. He would like clarification on the constitutionality clause in the document.

Tim Streeber agrees with Keith and Dina about being able to speak about whatever is on their minds. He thinks a 3 minute limit is very strict, Aurora has a 5 minute limit and you can talk about whatever you want.

Dena Riddle seconded everything previously said. "She will say whatever she wants."

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Michael Rennels*

Mayor Rennels thanked Alderman Williams for the outstanding Juneteenth event. The Mayor thanked everybody that participated and helped with the 1st Family Fun Day Parade.

The Mayor commented on a resident's appreciation of Moy and his work ethics and manners. The Mayor would also like to compliment Barb Duffy on the work she does within our Neptune software by monitoring water flow and catching possible problems; this saves our citizens a lot of money.

CITY ATTORNEY: *William Thomas*

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda

Voting "Nay":

Absent: Fawver, Nadeau

Motion passed.

Resolution #R2021-13 IDOT resolution for street improvements

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$ 715,453.14. This money is part of the Rebuild Illinois Grant.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay":

Absent:

Motion passed.

CITY CLERK: *Kathleen Miller – Nothing to report*

CITY TREASURER: *Zoila Gomez – Nothing to report*

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Chief Whowell – Absent - Presented by Lt. Allison*

Officer Lopez received a commendation letter in regards to saving a life using CPR.

Officer Brant has completed the basic evidence technician course and is a certified evidence technician.

August 3, 2021 from 6 – 11 pm it will be national night out at the Kendall County Sheriff's Department.

This year we are partnering with the Sheriff's Office and will have police officers at the event for their "touch a truck". All are welcome to attend.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER: *D. Boyer, J. Beyer, K. Tisberger*

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman Mulliner, to approve going out for bid for the 2021 sidewalk project.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay":

Absent:

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Eaton, to approve D Constructions low bid for the 2021 non-MFT street repairs in the amount of \$ 480,001.40.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay":

Absent:

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman Nadeau, to approve going out for bid for 3 pick-up trucks. One each for the water, streets and waste water departments.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay":

Absent:

Motion passed.

BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING: Tom Karpus

A motion was made by Alderman Nadeau, seconded by Alderman Eaton, to approve waiving permit fees for the addition at St. Mary's. This would be waiving about \$1100.00 in fees.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay": Swoboda

Absent:

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE/HEALTH & SAFETY: Alderman Mulliner

Alderman Mulliner had a meeting on June 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss an EAP update, employee reward submittal and the organizational chart. The Text MyGov program, additional monitors in Council Chambers, cables and outlets for the laptops and docking stations. According to Reliable there is not a need for docking stations.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ZONING: Alderman DeBolt – Nothing to report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Alderman Fawver

The meeting he had previously called for July 15, 2021 will be rescheduled.

A motion was made by Alderman Fawver, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the re-branding program with OC Creates in an amount not to exceed \$ 16,000.00.

Roll Call:

Voting "Aye": Williams, Johns, Mulliner, Eaton, Swoboda, Nadeau, Fawver

Voting "Nay": DeBolt

Absent:

Motion passed.

FINANCE: Alderman Swoboda

The next regular meeting will be on July 26, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

PARKS: Alderman Johns

The playground equipment for Lathrop Park should ship on August 11, 2021. The golf baskets are here, we still need signage and the verify placement of the baskets. They have not heard from the grant application for the dop park. A meeting was called for July 21, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

PERSONNEL & INSURANCE: Alderman Williams – Nothing to report

SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Nadeau

A motion was made by Alderman Nadeau, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the sponsorship of a banner in the amount of \$ 1,000.00

Roll Call:

Voting “Aye”: Fawver, Mulliner, Williams

Voting “Nay”: DeBolt, Eaton, Johns, Nadeau

Abstain: Swoboda

Absent:

Motion defeated.

Alderman Nadeau thanked Alderman Williams for reporting for her at the last meeting.

STREETS & UTILITIES: Alderman Eaton

Alderman Eaton had a meeting on July 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Most of the items discussed at that meeting were moved forward to tonight’s meeting. A new meeting was called for July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Joe Salsbery commented on waiving of fees for St. Mary’s. He also commented on spending more for the addition of the laptops, (cables, outlets, docking stations). Where will this stop? He does not agree with spending money for the re-branding. He has spent \$250.00 on signs for the Watch Dog group, he would like that money back since it is for the city.

Dina Wisniewski commented on the banner. She thanked Alderman Nadeau for the clarity regarding the banner, she agrees with the motion being denied. She is saddened that the re-branding did not stay within the community to keep it local and personal.

Jenny Jackson thanked Alderman Williams for putting together the Juneteenth event. There was no black, white, Hispanic or any other ethnicity, it was just one big family. She hopes the event will continue. Jenny also stated “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” “Ladies and gentlemen, we are not Congress; This does not apply here.”

Keith Riddle enjoyed the comments. There is an issue here, “The People” have spoken, we represent them and they are here to oversee what we are doing. We are trying to suppress their freedom of speech; their opinions are not being weighed in, we vote against everything they want. He asked the mayor where is the question item on the agendas. “We the people are fed up.” He complained about his water pressure and the chlorine smell from his water.

Joe Salsbery stated that Congress does pass the constitution.

Dena Riddle said that she was sorry she was not able to attend the Juneteenth event, but hopes Alderman Williams will continue. She asked if the purple sign at the Reaper center could be moved, you can not see traffic coming around it. She also asked if something could be done at the intersection of Rt. 34 and Ben St. where people turn into the restaurant. She also asked about a stop sign on Corri Ln.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Mulliner, seconded by Alderman Eaton, to go into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2 C11.

Roll Call:

Voting “Aye”: Johns, Mulliner, DeBolt, Eaton, Swoboda, Fawver, Nadeau

Voting “Nay”: Williams

Absent:

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to return to open session. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard.

Attorney Thomas commented that the council went into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2 C11, pending litigation, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Eaton, seconded by Alderman DeBolt, to adjourn. A unanimous "Aye" voice vote was heard. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Kathleen Miller
City Clerk