

NOVEMBER 20, 2018
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called to order the regular meeting of the City of Palos Heights City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the City Administrative Center, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following were present:

Mayor	Robert Straz	Ward 1	Donald Bylut & Jeffrey Key
City Clerk	Thomas Kantas	Ward 2	Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
City Treasurer	James Daemicke	Ward 3	Dolores Kramarski & Alan Fulkerson
City Attorney	Tom Brown	Ward 4	Jerry McGovern & Michael McGrogan

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in of Police Sergeant Brent Dreger.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting, November 6, 2018.

B. Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending November 16, 2018.

Alderman Kramarski moved to approve the above items on the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
 McGovern, McGrogan.

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VI. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor: Announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Lake Katherine taking place on Friday and urged residents to take part in the many holiday events taking place in the City.

B. Clerk: No Report.

C. Treasurer: Delivered report from October 31, 2018 as follows:

General Fund:

Beginning cash balance \$4,189,711.16

Revenues \$622,384.66

Expenses \$1,550,061.43

Other \$11,858.81

Ending cash balance \$3,273,893.29

Total of All Funds:

Beginning cash balance \$16,601,207.41

Revenues \$4,200,147.07

Expenses \$4,228,594.33

Other \$140,920.29

Ending cash balance \$16,713,680.44

Alderman Fulkerson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Kramarski urged residents to winterize vehicles.

Alderman Clifford announced that Lions' Club Christmas Trees will go on sale Friday and announced the book by author William Rauscher entitled The Urban Legend - The Life and Times of Rob Urban Master Magician and Showman.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Ted Ewing of 12924 Forestview Road suggested that the Recreation Department collect mail packages during the day and residents can pick them up when they return home from work.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson:

Alderman Fulkerson moved to approve renewing the City’s group health insurance plan with United Health Care for F/Y 2019 seconded by Alderman Clifford:

On roll call, the motion to approve the plan was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Public Safety—Chairperson Alderman McGovern: No Report.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—Chairperson Alderman Basso:

- Alderman Basso moved to authorize the City Attorney to adopt an ordinance authorizing the disposal of the following obsolete equipment: (1) 1985 Kingsway Trailer, VIN 1JX50811FK000448 and (1) 1999 Ford Ranger, VIN 1FTYRIOCIXPBN98808 seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

On roll call, the motion to adopt the ordinance was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Announced that yard pick up will extend for an additional two weeks.

D. Planning and Zoning—Chairperson Alderman Clifford: No Report.

E. Recreation—Chairperson Alderman Key:

- Alderman Key moved to approve the purchase and installation of a Daktronics scoreboard from Sievert Electric via The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) in the amount not to exceed \$6,064.50 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the purchase was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key moved to approve the purchase and installation of two (2) air conditioners for the pool house from Amber Mechanical in an amount not to exceed \$14,516.00 seconded by Alderman Bylut.

On roll call, the motion to approve the purchase was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Key to approve waiving the facility rental fees for the Orchard Room for the Little People of America Windy City Chapter 54, a 501c(3), to host their holiday party on December 2 seconded by Alderman McGovern.

Alderman Bylut moved to amend the motion to incorporate the recommendation of the director to reduce the rental fee by 50% seconded by Alderman Key.

Alderman McGovern stated his position that the City should waive the rental fee in its entirety.

The motion to amend the motion was approved by voice vote.

Alderman Key moved to approve the facility rental fee reduction seconded by Alderman Bylut. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Alderman Key announced that Waddles Winter Wonderland will take place at the Recreation Center on December 8th and Noon Year's Eve will take place at Noon on December 31st.

F. Roads and Construction—Chairperson Alderman Kramarski:

- Alderman Kramarski moved to authorize the Director of Public Works to

advertise for Requests for Qualifications from engineering firms for the design phase and to oversee construction of the 123rd Street Project seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

G. License, Permits & Franchises—Chairperson Alderman McGrogan:

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a request for a size variation for six (6) permanent signs for AT&T's logo from the allowed 2 ft. to 3 ft. 4 in. on the building located at 11901 S. Harlem Avenue. The sign on the east wall (facing the residential neighborhood) will always remain non-illuminated seconded by Alderman Fulkerson.

On roll call, the motion to approve the request was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Clifford, Fulkerson, Key, Kramarski, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman McGrogan moved to approve a request from Sertoma Centre Inc. for a Temporary Sign Permit to allow the placement of 20 signs at various intersections in town advertising their Holiday Bazaar Arts & Crafts Fair on December 1, 2018 seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

H. Water and Sewer—Chairperson Alderman Bylut: No Report.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Chairperson Alderman Key: Reported on Holiday Events taking place in the City including the Tree Lighting at Lake Katherine this Friday, Small Business Saturday the next day, Christmastime in Palos at the Library on December 1st and an evening Christmas Concert at Trinity, and the events at the Recreation Center.
- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Chairperson Alderman Fulkerson: Reported that Comcast has designated Channel 4 as a model of local access programming. Comcast will visit Channel 4 and its facilities to better understand local access needs areawide.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman McGrogan discussed the Recreation Center accepting package delivery.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Aldeman Clifford addressed facility fee waivers.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK

Thomas A. Kantas

Date