City Council Meeting
March 4, 2019

Call to Order
Deputy Clerk Meadows called the regular meeting scheduled for March 4, 2019 of the McHenry City Council to order at 7:00 pm in the McHenry City Council Chambers, 333 S. Green Street, McHenry, IL.

Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem
The Council Members acknowledged Mayor Jetts’ absence, a Motion was made by Alderman Curry and seconded by Alderman Santi to appoint Alderman Glab to preside over the City Council Meeting and to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes by unanimous voice vote. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Pro Tem Glab proceeded to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment
Mayor Pro Tem Glab asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the Council Members at this time. Those in attendance offered no comments.

Consent Agenda:
Motion to Approve the Following Consent Agenda Items:
A. Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017/2018;
B. Ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 13 Traffic and Motor Vehicles of the City of McHenry Municipal Code;
C. Ordinance designating the McHenry Savings Bank issued note of $305,500 as a bank qualified tax exempt obligation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and authorize the City Attorney to complete IRS form 8038-G (Tax-Exempt Governmental Bonds);
D. Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to sign and execute a four (4) year collective bargaining agreement between the City of McHenry and Fraternal Order of Police (Unit I) for a term starting May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2023;
E. Authorization to execute a farm lease agreement with Mr. James Finch for approximately 24.5 acres of land at a rate of $123 per acre ($3,014 total) for the former Levy Property; and, a farm lease agreement with Mr. Kevin Bauer for approximately 64 acres of land (Petersen Farm) at a rate of $182 per acre ($11,648 total) for the period March 4, 2019 through February 29, 2020;

F. Parks & Recreation Facilities Alcohol and Special Use Permit Requests;

G. February 18, 2019 Council meeting minutes;

H. Issuance of Checks in the amount of $215,629.34.

Mayor Pro Tem Glab asked if any of the Council Members wished to remove any item from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The Council Members offered no comments.

There being no further discussion on the motion, a Motion was made by Alderman Schaefer and seconded by Alderman Devine to approve the consent agenda items A-H as presented. Roll call:
Vote: 6-ayes: Alderman Schaefer, Alderman Devine, Alderman Mihevc, Alderman Curry, Alderman Santi and Alderman Glab. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Individual Action Item Agenda:
Ordinance approving the Final Plat for a Long-Term Skilled-Nursing Care Facility located at the northeast corner of Ridgeview Drive and Bull Valley Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Glab ask if the applicant wished to comment on the proposed Final Plat approval request. Mr. Andrew Heinen the Civil Engineer of the project approached the podium. He stated that he was present to represent Mr. Troy Bertsch, the developer and owner of the subject property. He continued on to report that the preliminary plat had already been through the planning and zoning process and was approved. In addition, the final plat is in substantial conformance with all City ordinances relating to a final plat of subdivision and was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Director Martin commented on Developers of the McHenry Senior Partners request for a variance from Subdivision Control and Development Ordinance Section 6.13 to allow for above-ground structures along Bull Valley Road which was also unanimously approved by the Plan Commission. In addition, the developer is required to make a monetary contribution in lieu of constructing a partial bike path along Bull Valley Road due to the fact that there is already a bike path in the general vicinity and there are future plans to expand Bull Valley Road.

Alderman Santi questioned if Staff knew the amount of the monetary donation requirement. Director Martin responded no, due to the fact that Staff has not yet received the engineer’s opinion of probable construction cost.

Alderman Schaefer asked if the building plans would be brought before the Council Members for review. Director Martin replied no, the building plans would be reviewed by Staff during the permitting process. However, the building plans would be brought before the City Council if there were any deviations from the City’s ordinances.
Alderman Mihevc questioned the Final Plat with respect to the language noting that the stormwater easements and other underlying easements will be vacated. He recommended that the easements be vacated prior to the recording of the final plat. In addition, he questioned who the named responsible party was for the stormwater oversight. Alderman Mihevc recommended that both the vacation of the easements and the named responsible party for stormwater management be included as part of the conditions. The Council Members concurred with Alderman Mihevc’s recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Glab asked those in attendance if they had any comments on the matter under consideration. Those in attendance offered no comments.

There being no further discussion on the motion, a Motion was made by Alderman Santi and seconded by Alderman Mihevc to approve an Ordinance approving the Final Plat for a Long-Term Skilled-Nursing Care Facility located at the northeast corner of Ridgeview Drive and Bull Valley Road with conditions which were expanded to include the vacation of easements and the named responsible party with respect to stormwater management prior to the recording of the final plat. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes: Alderman Santi, Alderman Mihevc, Alderman Devine, Alderman Curry, Alderman Schaefer and Alderman Glab. 0-nays, 0-abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion Only Items:
Discussion regarding amending Article III (Raffles), Section 12-64 Prizes.
Chief Birk commented on the fact that the success and notoriety of the McHenry Queen of Hearts raffle was the driving force behind concerns with pedestrian foot traffic, increased motor vehicle traffic and parking issues. He stated that is the reason Staff is asking Council to reexamine the maximum cash prize limit to any one single winner with respect to raffles in general.

Mayor Pro Tem Glab asked VFW’s Commander Ben Keefe if he would like to comment on this matter. Commander Keefe eagerly approached the podium. He provided the Council Members with an update on the VFW operational changes and improvements.

Mr. Keefe reported that the VFW is in the process of expanding their parking lot and adding over 250 parking spaces. Upon completion of the expansion there will be over 400 parking spaces designated to accommodate Queen of Heart Players. In addition, the parking lot expansion will eliminate the need for overflow parking which was located on the south side of Route 120. However, he noted that the completion of the parking lot expansion was weather dependent.

Mr. Keefe continued on to report that the VFW will be changing their ticket prices from 6 tickets for $5 dollar to 1 ticket for $5. This change will reduce the amount of time players remain on the property to complete their ticket information. In addition, Mr. Keefe reported that the VFW has ordered a trailer that will be used for the sole purpose of selling tickets and allow them to manage the flow of the ticket sales lines.
Mr. Keefe concluded his improvement updates by commenting on the change in ticket sale hours which will be held weekly only on Tuesday and Thursdays 11am-8pm and Saturday and Sundays from 9am-5pm. The VFW is also installing sidewalks in front of the building to assist in managing the foot traffic.

Alderman Santi commented on the impact the previously Queen of Hearts Raffle had on the Police Department. He asked Mr. Keefe if the VFW would consider suspending ticket sales while the City was hosting seasonal special events. Mr. Keefe responded yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Glab asked Mr. Keefe if the changes in the ticket sale schedule would allow the VFW to once again offer there Friday Fish Fry and other events that patrons have come to enjoy. Mr. Keefe responded yes.

Alderman Curry suggested that the Council Members consider reducing the maximum cash prize awarded in any one raffle to $3,000,000.00 until the end of June and then reducing the cash prize to $1,000,000.00 thereafter. The Council Members concurred with Alderman Curry’s recommendation and Mr. Keefe was also in favor of the reduction in the limits.

The Council Members, Mr. Keefe and Chief Birk all noted that in the past all the parties involved in the Queen of Hearts had been able to work together to reach a common goal that benefits the community at large.

Staff will draft an Ordinance reducing the raffle prize limits and the Ordinance will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda. Mr. Keefe thanked the Council Members for their time.

**Executive Session:**
There were no matters to discuss in executive session.

**Staff Reports.**
Director Hobson provided the Council Members with updates on the upcoming special events. He reported that the McHenry Chamber Expo will held this Saturday from 9am-2pm at the West Campus High School. The Police Department along with the Parks and Recreation Department will have an exhibition booth showcasing park programing offerings and community service outreach programs.

Director Hobson discussed the ShamRocks the Fox event which will be held on March 16th and 17th. He reported that he will be sending out an email highlighting the schedule of events.

Administrator Morefield reported that he had distributed the draft FY19/20 Budget which included the General Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Water/Sewer Fund and the Utility Fund. He noted that the budget will be discussed during the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11th at 5:30 pm.
Mayor and City Council Comments.
Alderman Schaefer thanked Director Schmitt for responding quickly to his concerns with regards to large potholes on State Route 31. He noted that this roadway is not located within the City’s jurisdiction. However, Director Schmidt contacted the property authorities and the matter was addressed in a timely manner.

Adjournment.
There being no further public business to discuss, a Motion was made by Alderman Santi and seconded by Alderman Devine to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:16 p.m. Roll call: Vote: 6-ayes: Alderman Curry, Alderman Santi, Alderman Glab, Alderman Schaefer, Alderman Mihevc and Alderman Devine.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Meadows

Mayor

Deputy Clerk