

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – JANUARY 14, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Eric Kellogg called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Kellogg asked Clerk Nancy Clark to call the roll of Council members. Present were: Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Joseph Whittington, Christopher Clark Tracy Key, Donald Nesbit, Keith Price and Mayor Kellogg.

The Invocation was given by City Clerk Nancy Clark and Mayor Eric Kellogg led the pledge of Allegiance.

CITY CLERK’S REPORT:

City Clerk Nancy Clark “Good evening everyone. First, Mr. Fisher has a resolution from Illinois Department of Transportation concerning the State for main break repairs on state roads this is to be done every two years. 2019 -2021. Clerk read the resolution and gave a copy to all. I just have a few announcements. City hall be closed on Monday - January 21, 2019 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday. We will be open on Tuesday –January 22, for regular business hours. Aldermen, you have a copy the City Council meeting for the year. Treasurer Gloria Morningstar called, she is ill and will not be here tonight.

Administrator Fisher explained the anytime you go out on a State route you have to get a permit number to do the work. This has to be done every two years, I just received this and I have a water main break on a State highway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Nesbit motioned to approve the Minutes dated Monday – December 10, 2018. The motion was second by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Alderwoman Drewenski my vote is aye with the corrections I gave to the Clerk.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Whittington, Clark, Key, and Nesbit.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Alderman Nesbit “We did not receive a bills list.”

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY:

Resolution # 2888 - A Resolution for the City of Harvey Cook County, Illinois authorizing a renewal of a Class 8 Real Estate tax assessment classification for the property at 16152 Clinton Avenue (*1st Reading*) *No action taken*

Resolution #2889 - A Resolution for the City of Harvey Cook County, Illinois authorizing submittal of an offer on the Dixie Square Mall property. (*1st Reading*) *No action taken.*

Alderman Whittington "What are your plans for the property?"

Mr. David Abshire "It will be a transpotation hub. Dixie Square Mall property for warehouse /transloading, new development and job opportunities to the citizens of Harvey." We are requesting a TIF and rezoning of the property."

Alderman Whittington "Do you have any drawings of what your project will look like?"

Alderman Price "Personally, I feel that if you're going for re- zoning. I think that this you should go before the Zoning Board Committee to make sure they are going to allow you to do what you are looking to do. What if they say No? "

Mr. Abshire "It's currently zoned HC – Highway Commercial, we would like to get it zoned for LM - light manufacturing

Alderwoman Drewenski "Asked at the location on Dixie Highway that will not be for storage containers stacked?"

Mr. Abshire "No"

Alderman Clark "Asked several questions. He wanted to know what is a Transportation Hub was? And what type of storage? "

Mr. Abshire "It's where the loads come in and are shipped out to another location and depending on the volume, the warehouse would also be used for some of the things to be stored and wait for a truck to come in and get the load."

Alderman Clark "After you put down the pads will there be a building structure at that location?"

Alderman Key "I have a question about the zoning issue. Dixie Square starts at Dixie Highway and goes around to the Robey street where there is a senior building by the fire station and then on the east end by the Jessie Jackson senior buildings. How is that going to effect the noise level and truck traffic on Robey?"

Mayor Kellogg “Whatever you put there will have some impact senior building. This is a first reading and we have Mr. Abshire come back with his plans.

Alderman Whittington “Our residents need to have hope, I want to help the entire community. Are there going to be other businesses around your business? An entertainment center, a restaurant? Do you have any drawings or designs of what the project is going to look like. Has the change in zoning already been worked out? And the Outreach Children’s center has that been worked out.”

REPORT BY THE ALDERMEN:

Ward 1 – Alderwoman Drewenski “Thank – you, Mr. Mayor. “Good evening, everyone the 1st. Ward is experiencing some criminal activity at 161st & Carse Street , we had an armed robbery that happen on a Thursday night , I just got word of it tonight. We had some dumping on 160th. Be safe, be cautious and look around your surroundings. If you have to keep the Police on the phone while walking into your home. If you need to contact me my number is (708) 596-7470.

Mayor Kellogg “Safety and security is our #1 priority.

Ward 2 – Alderman Whittington “thank you Mayor will get a list to Mr. Seput about trash. I had a question about the containers on the rock quarry on Rockwell.

Ward 3 – Alderman Clark “Good evening everyone. I you wish to contact me my number is (708) 491-5259 or aldermanclark@gmail.com or stop by 15701 Page Avenue. I’ m concerned about the lights, they are out on 154th Street there is a Day Care and it is very dark when parents are picking up their children. We want to continue to create a safe environment. Some residents think we are in control of the lights when they go on and off. I’m going to say three words Fire- Tax – Fund, it seems that the city has a check for some \$33, thousand dollars that was to go to the Fire Department but it was deposited in our corporate fund account since November?

Attorney Bettie Lewis “Alderman, the Comptroller is aware of that and he will be sending that payment to them. And it has not been since November.”

Alderman Clark continued “That’s great news, so that should be resolved. On December 10th, I proposed that an Ordinance be placed on the agenda for tonight and again it’s not on the agenda. We had three signatures myself, Alderwoman Drewenski and Alderman Whittington. And it is not on the agenda. I want to know how to get something on the agenda. How are we suppose to do our job if we can’t get things on the agenda? I’m asking for it to come on the next agenda.

Alderman Price “One of the reasons why I wanted it to go the Attorney is because of water rates so that it would cause any cash flow problems dealing with the water.

I just want to know what we are dealing with. I know we have certain rates we are dealing with I know the City of Chicago is going up 2% every year until 2020 and I think it's very important that it doesn't harm the city cash flow. And that's why I wanted it to go to the Attorney and once she looks over it, we talk to the water professionals. Will it keep us in line with the rates we have to abide by"

Mayor Kellogg suggested that the Attorney needs to look at it and then Mr. Williams, and Mr. Lewis and Mr. Fisher.

Alderman Clark Clerk I am asking again that it be placed on the agenda.

Mayor Kellogg "If is not ready, it won't.

Ward 4 – Alderman Key "Thanks to everyone for coming out on tonight. Please pray for Pastor Martin Watts he is in the hospital."

Ward 5 –Alderman Nesbit "Thanked the Street Department for a job well done."

Ward 6 – Alderman Price "Thank you Mayor, Good evening everyone. Happy New Year! My condolences go out to the Crumpton family Attorney Randy Crumpton passed.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME 8:12 P.M.

Alderman Nesbit motion to adjourned meeting tonight. The motion was second by Alderman Clark.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Whittington, Clark, Key, and Nesbit.

MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Nancy L. Clark