

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY – FEBRUARY 11, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Eric Kellogg called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent was Alderman Christopher Clark.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Ridgeway (Dixie Oasis Project) gave an oral presentation and brought vision boards of her proposal and plans for the former Dixie Square Mall entitled Live, Work and Play.

Mayor Kellogg thanked Ms. Ridgeway for her professional presentation and thanked her for coming tonight.

Alderman Whittington "Asked Ms. Ridgeway if she had a packet for the Aldermen."

City Clerk Nancy Clark "It was in your packets Alderman."

Alderwoman Drewenski "Are you proposing to purchase the land? What type of funding do you have allocated to this?"

Ms. Ridgeway we are seeking a land grant and that the city give us time and if we don't complete the project in that time you can take it back. We have a network of investors behind us. This is more of a partnership if the City. And if the City is interested we will be willing to invest dollars. The City asked for the drawings and we invested and brought them tonight. We are looking for an inter-government agreement."

Alderman Key "I would like to make a motion to table and that they go back to the EDC The motion was second by Alderman Whittington."

Alderwoman Drewenski "I would like to amend that motion and include the other company until they bring their drawing back."

Mr. Abshire "LB Steel has followed all the rules in respect to acquiring the property. We came to the EDC meetings and it was approved by the EDC, We came before City Council and they tabled it back to EDC. We have offered a cash deal to purchase this property and I have the drawing tonight and I dropped them off a week ago and we are offering to buy the property. We are here tonight to do business."

Mr. Hasan "Jobs come first, I wanted to purchase the Dixie Square property myself but I when I met with and saw the plans from Mr. Abshire, his plans were better than mine, so I took a back step."

Alderman Price "We still need to see, Mr. Abshire plans. I will I make a motion that they go back to EDC."

Attorney Lewis "I think you should start over, whom ever made the motion go back and amend the first motion. And invite Ms. Ridgeways to that meeting."

Alderman Price "For the record, I would like to have the drawings he turned in.

Mayor Kellogg Resolution # 2889 send it back to EDC and let us move forward

Alderman Price motioned that Resolution #2889 go back before the Economic Development Committee and then we move forward. The motion was second by Alderman Whittington.

Voting Ayer were Aldermen Whittington, Key, and Nesbit.

Voting Nay was Alderman Price.

Alderwoman Drewenski - Passed

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

City Clerk Nancy Clark "Good evening everyone. How's everybody doing? I just want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. I just have a few ITEMS Early voting starts on today February and runs until February 25<sup>th</sup>. the two locations for early voting, one is at South Suburban College 15001 So. State Street and the other location is downtown at 69 west Washington Street Chicago, Il. Mondays through Friday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sundays 10 a.m. -4 p.m. City Hall be closed on Monday – February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents Day. We will be open on Tuesday –February 19, 2019 for regular business hours. Alderman Clark did call and said he had a medical emergency and would be late."

### **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

City Treasurer Gloria Morningstar was present, "No report tonight."

## **REPORT BY THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Kellogg "First I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Shaun Howard.

Alderman Whittington added that Mr. Phillip Beckham had also passed, he was the owner of Beckham Bus Company here in Harvey and a former Alderman.

Mayor continued his report and introduced his niece Kayla, who is a honor roll student, and Jamel one of twins the reason I called for them to attend tonight's meeting was they were upset about missing money and the water issues. People have tried to defame my name my family. Tonight, I have in my hands a copy of the forensic audit report and in conclusion the G&P Accounting Firm – Mr. Robert Handler states "We have found no evidence that water funds were for non- Harvey purposes. The Kay Jeweler' and Kohl's Department Store they were not water related the G& P ruled these transactions non water. Let's Kiss and make up, was the name of a business that we purchased a piece of equipment from and we brought it here to City hall to show proof of purchase. Other talking points were Leadership facts, House of Cards and the Audits."

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Alderwoman Drewenski motioned to approve the Minutes dated Monday – January 14, 2019. The motion was second by Alderman Whittington.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

Alderman Nesbit "We did not receive a bills list."

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CITY OF HARVEY:**

**Ordinance # 3370** - An ordinance of the City of Harvey ,Cook County Illinois amending Chapter 8 of Section 12-160 of the Harvey Municipal Code. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)  
\*Fire code (Tabled)

Recommended that this go back before the Economic Development Committee.

**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 - Harvey, Il. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)



Alderman Price motioned that council adopt resolution # 2888. The motion was second by Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Whittington, Key, Nesbit and Price

### **MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Resolution #2891** - A Resolution for the City of Harvey Cook County, Illinois to revoke and rescind Resolution # 2719. *(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)* *Tabled - No action taken .*

**Resolution #2892** - A Resolution for the City of Harvey Cook County, Illinois property to revoke and rescind Resolution # 2824 adopted July 24,2017 *(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)* - *No action taken.*

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Bethlehem Temple MB Church located at 147<sup>th</sup> Sibley Blvd. request permission to erect pole signs for their 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to grant permission to erect signs. The motion was second by Alderman Price.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORT BY THE ALDERMEN:**

Ward 4 – Alderman Key “Thanks to everyone for coming out on tonight. I want everyone to be careful outside, it’s very slippery. Thanks to the Street Department on their efforts dealing with the snow and ice. I was just thinking about the pictures on the back wall, it was a times when we couldn’t even come and sit in this room. I’ve noticed over these last few months how divided the city is now at a time when we should really be together. Please pray for Pastor Martin Watts he is in the hospital, he’s not doing well. Ms. Ridgeway you did a great job on your presentation, it just shows how beautiful this city can be.”

Ward 1 – Alderwoman Drewenski “Thank – you, Mr. Mayor. “Good evening, everyone Happy Valentine’s Day. What about all the disfunction on both sides. I am a minority. I belong here like all of you, talk about females, I am called a friction? I am a resident of the city of Harvey. This is the year of the female.. Two wrongs don’t make a right, there are both sides to everything. We heard here tonight that Mr. Abshire sent 10 copies to the city and not one copy got to the City Council, as I’ve been saying all along we don’t get information. Mayor you talked about this side of the house is different from this side of the house. We talk about the receiver, and Alderwoman Drewenski wanted the receiver, never once did anyone talk to me about the receiver, no one ever asked Shirley Drewenski what are your thoughts about the receiver.. we talk about Kay Jewelers, you can tell by the way Mayor dresses, he doesn’t shop at Kay Jewelers, we talk about the pension crises, we talk about the Police were leaving, they have families to feed, the levy, we got it done it was delayed.. The audit we have not seen the 2018 audit. Aldermen, did you received a copy of the forensic audit? Mayor, I’ve said before I wish you no ill will. I’m a resident of Harvey, born and raised here, I could of left but I love the City of Harvey. Residents: City stickers are due February 15th you will get a fine, please don’t call me and say you don’t know. We will have a residents ward meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. All are invited. Happy Valentine’s Day! If you need to contact me my phone number is (708) 596-7470. God Bless and be careful when you leave tonight.”

Ward 2 – Alderman Whittington “thank you Mayor... I’ve been here 16 years and ,I’ve seen and heard things which I’m very proud of. I’m very proud of being an Alderman it is a great honor and I give credit to God. I don’t look at my past, I look at my future. It’s has not been easy, there is always two sides to every story. History has done its damage. It takes real leadership.. I only speak when I’m spoken to. My truth is my truth. Chicago went after you Mayor, I only went to court to find out what. .All my residents want is curbs, sidewalks, a grocery store and their alleys clean. I didn’t pick the Comptroller Mayor, I’m proud that you got that load off your back, the tax levy, the Police and Fire s funds. I’ve made some mistakes. In closing, about the Sheriff’s coming in. they brought it to me. Mayor, you have employees that have sabotage your leadership. We have the largest city in the suburban.”

Ward 6 – Alderman Price “Wow! I’ve been very respectful, ignorance has no age. Respect is a two way street. Over the last four years this city has been in turmoil. Were there tapes? There were tapes, right now we’re at cross roads in the city and everyone has choices. I’m so glad its new people running. We are still talking about the last four years, too much damage has been done so when the people that got hurt were the residents. When the election is over, you have to focus on the City of Harvey. I love this city, I’m just like anyone else when the election is over let us focus on togetherness. Be careful is slippery outside. I love you even if you don’t love me. Mr. Fisher, what are we going to about the street lights?”

**ADJOURNMENT: TIME 9:15 P.M.**

Alderman Price motion to adjourned meeting tonight. The motion was second by Alderman Drewenski.

Voting Aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Alderman Whittington, Key and Price.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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City Clerk Nancy L. Clark