



TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO

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February 8, 2023

Town Council Meeting

6:00 pm

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to Order with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our troops.

Roll Call:

Member Anderson	present
Vice-President Gibson	present
Member Grecco	present
Member Swallow	present
President Szwedo	present

Minutes:

Member Swallow made motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023 Meeting), seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously

Payment of Bills:

Vice-President Gibson made motion to approve the bills, seconded by Member Anderson; motion carried unanimously.

Fund & Appropriation Reports:

Member Anderson made motion to accept the Fund & Appropriation reports for January, 2023, seconded by Member Grecco; motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- A. Shirley Heinz Land Trust. Representatives of the Shirley Heinz Land Trust were acknowledged and presented maps and potential plans for the waterfront areas. They requested any and all attendees to remain after the meeting to discuss and share ideas.

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance 2023-04 (Salary Ordinance updated for Assistant Clerk Treasurer).
Member Anderson made motion to approve, seconded by Vice-President Gibson;
motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions - None

Departments:

Police

- There were 291 calls for service.
- Two (2) officers currently at the Academy and doing well.
- Two (2) vehicles are in the shop for repairs.

Fire

- Chief Eakins stated that a firefighter was recently diagnosed with a serious illness and requested that everyone please keep that firefighter in their thoughts and prayers.

Town Manager

- Town Manager thanked everyone for their help with the Food Bank distribution. The next distribution will be March 28, 2023 at 10:30 from the Public Works Building.
- Town Manager spoke with Senator Melton regarding assistance in the paving of 37th Avenue.

Parks Board:

- Parks Board is working on their 5-year Masterplan. Next public hearing is set for February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm.
- Parks Board is looking into the possibility of purchasing the American Legion building. It is currently priced at \$250,000 which includes everything in the building.
- Parks Board is planning to purchased 4 sets of cornhole for the possibility of tournaments in the future.
- Parks Board is going to purchase a new color laser printer.
- Member McCabe will be spearheading the Oral History project.
- Shakespeare in the Park on July 28, 2023.

Plan Commission – No report

Sewer

- Waiting for repairs by Superior who is currently waiting for parts.

Streets

- Cold patch for pot holes to be completed.

- Working on Coordination of 37th Avenue paving project.

Sanitation – No report

Water

- New water main break caused by KGP.

Stormwater - No report

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Legal Report

Attorney Mullens intends to file lawsuit against Officer Jacquez for breach of contract. He is requesting verification of his address. Also wants to re-address our contract to ensure that we have the correct amount included to cover any and all of our expenses for any officer that resigns before their commitment is completed.

Announcements - None

Other Business to Come Before the Council - None

Open Forum

Tony Martin was recognized and was inquiring about permit rates and possible increases. It was explained that the permit rates we use are the International Residential standard.

Chief Mayo stated that beginning in 2023 there will be a \$1000 Scholarship in the name of Roger Pelfrey to be given to a River Forest Senior each and every year.

Comments from Board Members - None

Vice-President Gibson made motion to Adjourn, seconded by Member Swallow; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Signed,

Sharon Szwedo
Town Council President

ATTEST:

Dorothy R Zimmer
Clerk Treasurer