



Village of Downers Grove Meeting Minutes Downers Grove Village Council

Civic Center
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Downers Grove, IL 60515
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Tuesday, December 4, 2012

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin Tully called the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downers Grove Village Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Tully led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Marilyn Schnell, Commissioner Bob Barnett, Commissioner William Waldack, Commissioner Sean P. Durkin, Commissioner Becky Rheintgen, Commissioner Geoff Neustadt and Mayor Martin Tully

Non Voting: Village Manager David Fieldman, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca and Village Clerk April Holden

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The Council will follow the rules of conduct for this meeting as provided in Sec. 2.5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code. These offer the public the opportunity to comment at several points in the meeting. First, immediately following approval of the minutes of the past meetings, an opportunity will be given for public comments and questions of a general matter. If a public hearing is scheduled for this meeting, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions related to the subject of the hearing. Finally, an opportunity is given for public comments and questions on items appearing on the Consent Agenda, the Active Agenda and the First Reading.

The presiding officer will ask, at the appropriate time, if there are any comments from the public. If anyone wishes to speak, the individual should raise their hand to be recognized and, after acknowledgment from the presiding officer, approach the microphone and state their name and address. Remarks should be limited to five minutes, and asked that individuals refrain from making repetitive statements.

Mayor Tully said there are agendas located on either side of the Council Chambers, and he invited the audience to pick up an agenda and follow the progress of the Council meeting.

3. Minutes of Council Meetings

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Mayor Tully asked for a Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Schnell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Durkin seconded the motion.

The Mayor declared the Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Public Comments - General Comments on Matters Not Appearing on Tonight's Agenda**

Leann Hemmerling, 4117 Highland, noted that she sent the Council information about chicken coops, as she owns four chickens with her neighbors' approval. The idea of fresh eggs appeals to her, and this is in keeping with the green movement, sustainability, etc. She said she has owned chickens for four years and enjoys the experience. The family enjoys it and has learned a lot from it. She is grateful that the Council will discuss the matter of making this option available for the residents.

Dawn Konters, 5709 Hillcrest, said she has been a resident of the Village for the past 16 years. She was present on behalf of the chicken discussion as the Ordinance excludes most properties. Her family lives on a very large lot. She feels chickens could work for most residents and be an asset to the community. Five years ago her experiences started with a science experiment. The neighbors enjoyed sending their children over to see the hens. She asked that the Council consider an amendment to the Ordinance and invited the Council to tour her setup. They have had a good experience with only one recent complaint saying that the chickens attract wildlife. Ms. Konters said she doesn't believe they attract more wildlife than the rabbits and other wildlife in the area.

Ken Lerner, 4933 Whiffen, spoke on behalf of Pierce Downers Heritage Alliance. On December 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., they will hold their annual meeting at Lincoln Center, and the speaker, Shannon Forsythe, will focus on Lyman Woods and the educational programs available at the Lyman Woods Center. Ms. Forsythe is the Manager of Natural Resources and Interpretive Services at the Downers Grove Park District. The Council and the general public are invited to attend.

5. **Public Hearings**

2012 Aggregate Tax Levy and Abatements for the Village of Downers Grove

Mayor Tully called the public hearing to order at 7:07 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Truth in Taxation Law to consider the proposed 2012 tax levy of the Village of Downers Grove. Notice of this hearing was published in the Downers Grove Reporter and a copy of the notice and the proof of publication have been presented and are made a part of the official record of this hearing.

The Mayor summarized the procedures to be followed for the public hearing.

Village Manager Dave Fieldman said there is no new information to present as the proposed levy has not changed since September. The recommended levy amount is \$11 million, after abatements. The proposed levy is \$1.98 million less than last year.

The Mayor said the budget has been discussed many times since September.

In response to Commissioner Waldack, the Manager said the budget process began the last week in September.

Commissioner Waldack encouraged people to get involved at the beginning of the process.

The Mayor said he has seen more information in terms of the water and parking rates than on the fact that the tax levy is lower this year as compared to last year.

Commissioner Schnell noted that people are focused on the stormwater utility fee, and there still seems to be confusion regarding the initiation of the fee and the reduction of taxes.

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

COR 00-05093 A. Claim Ordinance: No. 5979, Payroll, November 16, 2012

Sponsors: Accounting

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

BIL 00-05094 B. List of Bills Payable: No. 6016, December 4, 2012

Sponsors: Accounting

A motion was made to Approve this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: N/A

RES 00-05077 C. Resolution: Amend the Downers Grove Compensation Plan by Adopting a Revised Plan Effective January 1, 2013

Sponsors: Human Resources

Summary of Item: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DOWNERS GROVE COMPENSATION PLAN BY ADOPTING A REVISED PLAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

RESOLUTION 2012-90

A motion was made to Pass this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Compensation Plan

MOT 00-05105 D. Motion: Note Receipt of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Summary of Item: Library Board - November 14, 2012

Transportation and Parking Commission - September 12, 2012

Police Pension Board - November 5, 2012

A motion was made to Note Receipt Of this file on the Consent Agenda.

Indexes: Boards and Commissions Minutes

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, that the consent agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Tully

7. Active Agenda

ORD 00-05081 A. Ordinance: Establish Special Service Area Number 4 in the Village of Downers Grove - Green Acres Subdivision

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: This adopts SSA #4 for the Green Acres Subdivision.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 4 IN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5288

A motion was made by Commissioner Schnell, seconded by Commissioner Durkin, to Adopt this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Subdivision - Green Acres of Downers Grove, Special Service Area 4 - Green Acres Subdivision

MOT 00-04937

B. Motion: Award a Contract for \$569,740.50 to ENCAP, Inc., Sycamore, IL, for Naturalization of Valley View Pond

Sponsors: Public Works

Summary of Item: This authorizes execution of a design-build contract with ENCAP, Inc. in the amount of \$542,610.00 plus 5% contingency in the amount of \$27,130.50 for a total not-to-exceed \$569,740.50 for the naturalization of Valley View Pond.

Commissioner Schnell asked about monitoring the contract in terms of maintaining the plants.

Mr. Fieldman said staff will monitor for both maintenance and upkeep, and will include the neighborhood in the design and upkeep to the extent allowable under the contract.

Mayor Tully said he thinks that the questions asked by the residents are fair questions. He suggested that Council revisit this at key points in the process to be sure it will be well maintained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Barnett, to Award this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Stormwater Sewer Watershed Improvement Plans, Stormwater Improvements

ORD 00-05076

C. Ordinance: Adopt the 2012 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code

Sponsors: Community Development

Summary of Item: This adopts the 2012 edition of the International Energy Conservation Code.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 5289

Commissioner Barnett said this is a clerical step mandated by the State of Illinois. The Council has not discussed the merits of this. There are costs associated with this and if residents are struggling with the costs, they should contact their legislators in Springfield.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Neustadt, to Adopt this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Municipal Code - Amendments

ORD 00-05082

D. Ordinance: Amend Water Rates for 2013

Commissioner Durkin discussed the pass-through rates for water from the City of Chicago through the DuPage Water Commission. He distributed an article from the Chicago Tribune regarding the south suburbs considering establishing their own water system via Hammond. Commissioner Durkin said the rates from Chicago do not make sense. He would like to explore possibilities to address this issue.

Mayor Tully said the Village is stuck with what has been presented to us. The Village has proactively looked at long range costs to include the cost of water and infrastructure needs. We have to be sure we have revenue for those needs. A critical component is the cost of water through the DuPage Water Commission from the City of Chicago. Chicago has had double digit increases. The Mayor said alternatives are being explored by many municipalities, and the Village will vigorously explore them as well.

Commissioner Rheintgen said that the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference spoke of an initiative to hold the City of Chicago responsible and asked if that has gone any further. Mayor Tully said it is complicated. He said that DuPage Water Commission Chairman Zay demanded an accounting from the City of Chicago and was critical of the report submitted. Mayor Tully stressed that the more voices there are, the better.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neustadt, seconded by Commissioner Rheintgen, to Adopt this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Water Rates

ORD 00-05078 E. Ordinance: Amend Parking Permit Fees

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Commissioner Barnett moved to table this item to December 11, 2012. Commissioner Waldack seconded the motion.

Commissioner Barnett said he has an alternate proposal he would like to circulate to the Council and staff.

Commissioner Waldack said he has been interested in amending parking fees for a long time.

Commissioner Schnell emphasized the need to adjust non-resident rates.

Mayor Tully said he welcomes the opportunity to look at this. He discussed the disparity between resident and non-resident fees. He said he would welcome any alternate proposals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Waldack, to Table to a Date Certain this file. Mayor declared the motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yea: Commissioner Schnell, Commissioner Barnett, Commissioner Waldack, Commissioner Durkin, Commissioner Rheintgen, Commissioner Neustadt and Mayor Tully

Indexes: Fee Increases

8. First Reading

RES 00-05072 A. Resolution: Authorize a License Agreement for the Temporary Use of Public Property with the Rotary Club of Downers Grove for the Rotary Club Grove Fest

Sponsors: Community Development

Tom Dabareiner, Director, Community Development, said that a resolution has been prepared for a three-year agreement with the Rotary Club to hold Rotary Fest on June 20-23, 2013; June 19-22, 2014 and June 25-28, 2015. This provides the Rotary the opportunity to enter into multi-year contracts with its vendors. Any changes would be brought back to the Council. The Rotary would pay all permit fees. The only change is the potential addition of a second stage focusing on daytime children's presentations and performances.

Dave Humphries, 4221 Saratoga, noted that the proposal was presented to the Community

Events Committee and approved by them. He is a member of the Rotary Club. This will be the 32nd year that there is a community celebration in Downers Grove. He noted that there is no paid staff in the Rotary Grove Festival. All net revenues are returned to the community.

Commissioner Neustadt said he is happy to see this come forward. Regarding the second stage, he hears that the north side wants more attractions. He thanked staff for their efforts in working with the Rotary.

Commissioner Rheintgen noted that this still allows for a yearly review and allows the Rotary to get good pricing and save time.

Commissioner Durkin expressed his appreciation to the Rotary Club for continuing to host the Fest. He asked if the Letter of Credit could be reduced to 105%. Mr. Fieldman replied that it would be a Council decision. It is a protection to the Village. The Village sets it at 120% to cover Village costs. Commissioner Durkin asked for information on how close the Rotary has come to that amount. They are a great organization and he would like to see some reduction take place.

Mayor Tully agreed that in this case the Village does know the Rotary well.

Commissioner Rheintgen commented that staff did reduce its fee to the Rotary. The Manager said that the staff continues to work cooperatively with the Rotary Club.

Commissioner Schnell said even if the Letter of Credit was reduced, and costs were increased, she thought they could still recoup expenses.

The Mayor said he is in favor of this. The Village used to be the sponsor and the Rotary picked this celebration up. To the extent we would like to see this continue, he thinks the Village should work with the Rotary within reason. The Village still has the ability to review this annually.

Mayor Tully then noted that there are 109 days until the 2013 Grove Fest.

Indexes: Community Events

Mr. Fieldman commented that the next three items have to do with the management of the Village's urban forest and parkway trees.

BID 00-05102 B. Bid: Award a Three-Year Contract in the Amount of \$347,400.00 to D. Ryan Tree & Landscape, LLC, DeKalb, IL, for Tree and Stump Removal Services

Sponsors: Public Works

Public Works Director Nan Newlon said this is a three-year contract for tree and stump removal in the amount of \$347,400 to D. Ryan Tree and Landscape LLC of DeKalb, IL. She said D. Ryan was the low bidder and did contract work for the Village in 2009. There was a positive evaluation included in the Council's information. She also noted that all three years are lower than the last three years.

Indexes: Tree and Stump Removal

BID 00-05107 C. Bid: Award \$303,090.00 to D. Ryan Tree & Landscape, LLC, DeKalb, IL, for Parkway Tree Pruning Services

Ms. Newlon said that this is also at a lower price than the previous year's. The contract is for \$303,090 and the recommended bidder is again D. Ryan Tree & Landscape. The pruning improves tree structures, increases resident aesthetic satisfaction, enhances tree health and reduces limb damage. She said that by maintaining the cycle, it improves the bids that are received. The Village has had satisfactory service from D. Ryan over the past years.

Indexes: Tree Pruning

RES 00-05103 D. Resolution: Express Intent to Continue Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Authorize Certain Purchases for FY 2013

Sponsors: Public Works

Ms. Newlon said the Village has worked with the Tree Consortium since 1987, and the intent is to continue this participation for FY 2013. It allows the Village to provide a consistent supply of quality trees in terms of variety and species in the parkway. They project a total of 375 new trees replaced next year due to disease or decline of existing trees.

Dr. Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, spoke about membership in the tree consortium. He asked about the number of trees planned, saying he is looking at the information provided for this meeting as well as the summary from 2008 for the number of trees. Dr. Goodman said he is comparing that information to a document distributed to the Council in January 2012 in connection with Resolution 00-04760 regarding the Tree Consortium. He asked why the original Resolution passed in January of this year expected to spend \$163,200 for 450 trees, and now it is 388 trees at a cost of \$128,568.75. He also said that the plan for 2013 is a reduction to 375 trees planted and a substantial decrease compared to the number of trees they expected to plant. Dr. Goodman said he is pleased with the way the Village has reversed the decline of tree planting, and is hopeful that the Village will keep this as a high priority. However, he finds the comparisons to be troubling.

Ms. Newlon responded that the biggest impact to cost is the application of the prevailing wage. It is a prevailing wage item as interpreted by the Department of Labor that increases the costs for planting.

Mr. Fieldman said he would get a report of the 2012 planned plantings and actual trees planned.

Dr. Goodman replied that the number of trees and the planned expenditures are both different. Material expenditures are less than what was planned.

Commissioner Waldack spoke of the tree canopy, the number of trees and the thickness of the trees. He asked for information about the health of the tree canopy.

Commissioner Schnell inquired how close the Village is to replacing damaged trees. Ms. Newlon replied that they have been replacing trees that have been taken out. At this point they are even.

Dr. Goodman said he would like to see a re-commitment from the Council that this is a high priority of the Council. Trees are always ranked highly by community. This turnaround in numbers makes him worry about the priority of this on the part of the Council. It is important to address what the tree canopy achieves.

Mr. Fieldman referred people to the Urban Forestry and Municipal Landscape Manual on the Village's website for additional information.

Commissioner Barnett noted that since 1989 the Village has planted about 9,000 trees and is trying to keep up with nature and disease. He doesn't think there has been any reduction in the prioritization of trees. The number of trees projected for 2013 is the second highest in the last five years.

Commissioner Barnett then asked about the other two contracts and the significant differences in bids. With regard to the consortium, he asked if the budget is an estimate and Ms. Newlon said

it was. Commissioner Barnett then asked for information on how the Village has performed versus its estimate and Ms. Newlon said she would provide that information.

Commissioner Schnell inquired as to whether the Village is operating on a five-year trimming cycle, and Ms. Newlon said they were. Commissioner Schnell complimented D. Ryan, saying she has not received any complaints from residents.

Ms. Newlon replied that D. Ryan is familiar with the Village and its tree stock, and can fine-tune their bid because of that. She thinks they want to continue to work for the Village. It makes good business sense for them.

Commissioner Durkin noted that since 2007 the Village has implemented the five-year trimming cycle, and prior to that it was an eight-year cycle. He thinks this is why the cost has come down. He asked if the contract could be for five years.

Mr. Fieldman noted that making a change at this point would require a re-bidding of contracts.

Indexes: Tree Consortium

9. Mayor's Report

Materials to be Placed on File

10. Manager's Report

Mr. Fieldman said that staff has been monitoring the capital projects. He asked Ms. Newlon to provide specifics on the progress of the Grove Street project.

Ms. Newlon said the project is substantially completed and open to traffic. Four or five projects were combined in rebuilding Grove from Main to Carpenter. She showed photos of the condition of the street prior to the start of the project. She said the general design included replacement of the curb and gutter. The street retains its original width. Ms. Newlon said the Grove and Carpenter intersection has been narrowed at the crossing to reduce speed by extending the pavers through the intersection. She said water quality enhancements were included. The downtown is unique from a stormwater perspective in that over 90% of the downtown is impervious surface, which drains directly into St. Joseph's Creek. Staff developed strategies to improve the water quality in the downtown area including funds from the CIP to implement these strategies. This was an excellent location to implement the water quality strategies. Three major strategies include permeable pavers to reduce run off, trap impurities from the surface, and have a traffic calming effect, as well as a life cycle cost savings due to less maintenance requirements. Ms. Newlon then explained the vortex separator underground that catches the water separating the solids that settle on the bottom. In addition she described the rain gardens that will be planted in the spring to improve water quality. The last benefit of the project is that this is a nice demonstration for residents. People have been interested in this project.

Mayor Tully commented that this was a high profile project.

Commissioner Durkin asked as to the life expectancy of the street, and Ms. Newlon said it is very similar to a brick street with an expectancy of 80 to 100 years. Commissioner Durkin said he saw the equipment and thinks it is an amazing project. He asked what the street condition was on the matrix prior to this project.

Mr. Fieldman replied that it showed up as failed and was in the bottom three categories.

Commissioner Schnell commented that they were lucky with the weather. She thanked staff for finishing the project before snowfall. If a resident wanted to do their driveway with this product,

she asked if it would qualify for credits. Mr. Fieldman said it would.

Commissioner Neustadt inquired whether it followed the timeline outside of the unexpected delay for the soil. Ms. Newlon said it did. The only minor change was the phasing of paving Carpenter and Grove. Commissioner Neustadt suggested a permanent QR code on site.

11. Attorney's Report

Village Attorney Enza Petrarca said she was presenting four items to the Council: 1) Ordinances abating a portion of the 2012 tax levy related to the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, Series 2007, Series 2008A, Series 2008B, Series 2009, Series 2010, Series 2010B and Series 2012; An ordinance for the levying of taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January 2012 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2012 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #2 (Downers Grove Downtown Service Area); 3) An ordinance for the levying of taxes for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January 2012 and ending on the thirty-first day of December 2012 for Village of Downers Grove Special Service Area #4; and 4) The 2012 aggregate tax levy ordinance.

Future Active Agenda

12. Council Member Reports and New Business

INF 00-05098 Discussion: Village Fowl Regulations

Sponsors: Manager's Office

Commissioner Rheintgen said that the Council received information regarding the discussion of modifying the fowl regulations. The Ordinance was created in 1987, and since then there's been a trend toward sustainability which continues to grow. The Ordinance relates to lot size. She asked if there was interest in discussing this at a later date.

Commissioner Barnett said he would like further discussion on the topic.

Commissioner Durkin passed on the subject.

Commissioner Schnell said she has serious reservations on this, saying it needs to be balanced.

Commissioner Durkin asked when this would be on an agenda.

Commissioner Schnell said she is concerned that staff has a lot to do now. She asked what would be pushed aside to do this. That is extremely important to understand.

The Mayor agreed they must know how much effort is involved.

Mr. Fieldman responded that the challenge is gathering research and sorting through it. The earliest they can put it on a First Reading would be December 18, but staff would like to understand the type and magnitude of the changes. This is a question of community values.

Commissioner Waldack said that he suggested looking at the homelessness issue a couple of months ago, which was not considered. If anything will take a lot of staff time, it is this. He cannot see this happening by December 18. He questions Village priorities when there are more pressing concerns. He feels nothing has changed since 1987 other than the popularity of the movement. He doesn't see the need to change the Municipal Code, and he doesn't see moving forward with this at all.

Commissioner Neustadt said that the Village already has an Ordinance for keeping fowl. The items are interesting and he feels this can be accomplished quickly. He is in favor of discussing

this further.

The Mayor commented that it is not a fair comparison to the homeless issue. There is an Ordinance and this requirement is very specific and well defined. The question of time and resources is a fair one. This is straightforward, specific, and well defined. He doesn't think it will take much time.

Commissioner Waldack replied that the arguments against the homeless were time and budget.

Mayor Tully responded further that the homeless issue was undefined. With respect to fowl regulations, they are currently enforcing an existing Ordinance.

Commissioner Rheintgen said part of the reason that the homeless issue didn't go further was because it was a surprise. She does not want this to take a lot of staff time.

Commissioner Barnett commented that the Village has a specific request to amend an existing Ordinance. It is a specific request. There is considerable research on this topic and it is straightforward.

Commissioner Schnell said she does not think this is simplistic. Changing setbacks has huge implications. If this is rushed the Village will lose looking at implications to the Village. She suggested they should talk with someone from the University of Illinois Extension Service. She believes they need information on both sides.

Mayor Tully said that the Village has an existing Ordinance and chickens can be kept on 3,000-4,000 parcels right now. There has been a movement regarding food sources, raising food, etc. He asked if the current restrictions are unduly arbitrary, preventing them from doing what they want to do.

Commissioner Waldack said it has to do with people who want to raise chickens and those who don't, and it also has to do with neighbors who do not want them next door. It is a quality of life issue. This would be ideal for a referendum.

The Mayor replied that the question is whether this should be on an Agenda at a future meeting. He does not think it is unreasonable.

Commissioner Durkin informed the Council that he will be absent from the December 18 meeting and he said that he supports the current Ordinance.

The Mayor then reviewed the thoughts of remaining Council members. Commissioners Rheintgen, Barnett, Neustadt and the Mayor favor placing this on a future agenda item.

Mr. Fieldman said staff will work with Commissioner Rheintgen. The Manager asked Council to forward any questions to him.

Indexes: Fowl Regulations

Council Member Reports

Commissioner Barnett commented that former Mayor Betty Cheever has had medical challenges, and he wished her a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Neustadt said that Gingerbread Fest is ongoing. He asked that residents check out the website and the downtown area.

Commissioner Waldack encouraged everyone to shop in Downers Grove.

Mayor Tully thanked everyone who attended the tree lighting ceremony. He also thanked the Danko family for the tree donation, the public for the homemade ornaments, and Cable TV for their coverage. Mayor Tully then congratulated Deputy Chief Jim Black as the new Chief of Police of Crystal Lake. He said it is sad to lose him, but wished him success in his new endeavor.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Schnell moved to adjourn. Commissioner Durkin seconded the Motion.

VOTE: YEA - Commissioners Schnell, Durkin, Rheintgen, Barnett, Neustadt, Waldack, Mayor Tully

Mayor Tully declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.