

CITY OF WAUKEGAN MINUTES
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	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Monday April 18, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. In the City Council Chambers, City Hall 100 North Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Mayor Wayne Motley; City Clerk, Maria LaCour; Treasurer, John Schwab; and Corporation Counsel, Steve Martin were present.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisiso and Villalobos</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p>
	<p><u>INVOCATION:</u></p> <p>Bishop Coburn led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p><u>MAYOR’S COMMENTS:</u></p> <p>1. He met with Joel Williams, Executive Director from PADS Lake County, and its attorney on Friday April 15th in an effort to resolve the issues with the site. The City of Waukegan received a proposal from them to which the City responded earlier today. He mentioned they will also meet two more times this week, this Tuesday and Wednesday. They are working to resolve this issue before a hearing date is set. For that reason the hearing is pending an official date which may be this Friday April 22nd or next Tuesday April 26th.</p> <p>In regards to VetFest he was able to share that as of the 16th of April the non-refundable \$50,000 escrow deposit had been deposited. The second \$50,000 bond is due as soon as the State signs the IDOT agreement for Vet Fest, LLC to utilize the Amstutz Highway. The Mayor said he was able to go down to the beach along with 30+ organizers from Vet Fest, LLC to visit the site of the concert and review a layout.</p> <p>He introduced Gerry Walanka. The Mayor stated he is running a phenomenal program at Waukegan Public Schools. Mr. Walanka talked about the good news of having a program like S.T.E.M Matrix on a school system (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).</p> <p>The program is currently offered at 11 elementary schools. He explained that students are particularly special around the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade which allows them to expand to complex learning components. He said the students are very easily hooked on science and overall STEM learning. The curriculum language was adapted to make sense and literature was adapted for each of the sessions. He said there is an Annual Competition at the Waukegan Field House where Students are tested on the environment, physics and electricity, and they are able to use points earned as currency to buy science-related toys and games in the nearby Genius Store.</p> <p>He said the initiative gives students an opportunity for practical learning, something a school budget typically can't provide. There is also a group of College Students mostly from the College of Lake County that are coming back to serve the community.</p> <p>He stated the STEM project has been growing in District 60 for the past five years. He then asked the council if they had any questions for him. He can be reached through the Mayor’s office. He concluded by saying that the enthusiasm for this program is not just from the students but also comes from the teachers, principals and parents.</p>

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	<p><u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS Cont.:</u></p> <p>The Mayor introduced Sally Foster - Blue Kids Lake County Sally explained that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Blue Kids Lake County is committed to keeping our children safe. Their goal is to demonstrate support for children everywhere.</p> <p><u>Activities of the Blue Kids Project include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Raising awareness by displaying Blue Kids throughout the county. -Providing an educational website that includes information on child abuse, building healthy families and community resources. -Engaging all members of the Lake County community to recognize that they can positively impact children's lives. -Utilizing social media to further the message of the Blue Kids Project. <p>She concluded her time by saying that Blue Kids Lake County has signs and bookmarks available for sale. For the first time there is a support and education event at College of Lake County where 15 local trainers will be present. The event is this Saturday, April 23rd, 2016.</p>
<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>MINUTES:</u></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman Cunningham, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>PRESENTATION BY WAUKEGAN MAIN STREET, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARTHUR COBB</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS:</u></p> <p>3. Presentation by Waukegan Main Street</p> <p>He expressed what a difference one week makes. The first clean up date was postponed due to the cold weather and now it was much warmer. There were 35 volunteers present to clean along Genesee St and Sheridan Road. He went on to say that this Sunday April 24th was the 1st of four Sundays to clean the Amstutz Highway. The clean-up will begin at 10 am and volunteers are to meet at North Shore Printers at 535 S. Sheridan Rd.</p> <p>He reminded everyone to attend the Annual Lunch with the Mayor event to be held on May 9th, 2016 at Glen Flora Country Club. He suggested guests get their tickets early because last year's luncheon sold out. For more information please call the Waukegan Main Street Office at 847-623-6650.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION OF SMART METER BY COMED</p>	<p>4. The External Affairs Manager from Com Ed was present to introduce Smart Meters to the City of Waukegan. The installation will start in the upcoming weeks as part of legislation, Illinois Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act passed in 2011.</p> <p>Smart meters are digital electric meters that securely send information to ComEd. Smart meters are a key part of ComEd's effort to modernize the electric system and provide residents with better service and a stronger, more reliable electric system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Residents will receive information 90 days in advance in a bill insert, 60 days in advance in a mailed flyer and 30 days in advance they will get a letter. A week before residents will receive a call from ComEd. -A uniformed meter installer from ComEd, or a ComEd-authorized contractor, with appropriate identification will knock on resident's door upon arrival. They will arrive in a have a clearly marked vehicle. . -Residents will not need to be home. The meter can be accessed from the outside. Installers will not ask for money either. Installations will take place between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Installation will take about 10 minutes. -Expect a brief interruption to your electric service. <p>Smart meters provide residents access to more information about their electricity usage through personalized, online energy-management tools. Residents can enroll to receive phone or email alerts when your usage is trending higher than normal for your household, and sign up for weekly emails that summarize your daily usage. Residents can enroll in optional pricing programs that</p>

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<p>ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH P&H SENESAC INC. FOR THE 2016 WATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE DEWATERING AND</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT Cont.:</u></p> <p>7. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to award the 2016 Water Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering and enter into a contract with P&H Senesac Inc. of Milton VT for an amount not to exceed \$158,000.00. Funds for this contract are available in line item 555 915724426.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPAIR OF LOW LIFT PUMPS #6 AND #8.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>8. Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman Moisio to authorize the proper City Officials to draft specifications and advertise for bids for the repair of low lift pumps #6 and #8.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF PAYROLL DATED APRIL 15 , 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>9. Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve regular Payroll dated April 15, 2016 in the amount of \$1,422,357.18, Civil Service Commission dated April 15, 2016 in the amount of \$4,750.00 and Local 150 Comp Time Buy Back dated April 15, 2016 in the amount of \$1,089.68</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE BILLS DATED APRIL 18, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>10.Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve Bills dated April 18, 2016 in the amount of \$1,119,730.03</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>ADOPT ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2016 TO APRIL 30, 2017</p> <p>16-O-34</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>11.Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Seger to adopt as presented the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger, Moisio and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: None</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>PLACE ON FILE THE MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS Cont.:</u></p> <p>12.Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Seger to accept and place on file the Monthly Treasurer's report for month of March 2016.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE RAFFLE SALE APPLICATIONS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>13.Motion by Alderman Villalobos, seconded by Alderman Seger to approve raffle sale applications for American Cancer Society and Glenwood Elementary</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>Jack Dye 235 Gillett Ave</p>	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u></p> <p>14. Discussed an upcoming neighborhoods watch meeting he will be hosting with some neighbors. He has organized this meeting to help the community know where to turn to help and learn how to contact the non-emergency number. The meeting will be held at a local church that is allowing them to meet in their property and local police and enforcement officers have agreed to stop by and give them some information. The meeting is designed with four objectives: 1.) Neighborhoods to be able to familiarize themselves with the newly redesigned neighborhood policing. 2.) Officers to inform residents of current community criminal activity. 3.) Provide networking opportunities. 4.) Educate residents on how to form other groups and teach everyone the importance of structure. He urged the City of Waukegan's council to get involved as the platform for residents. He believes every ward should have various neighborhood watch groups.</p>
<p>Brenda O'Connell 18 N County St</p>	<p>15. She is a Homeless Continue-of-Care Program Coordinator. She wanted to use her time to speak about the bigger picture of the role that PADS has in the community. She said ending homelessness is a team effort. It requires many services working together to end it. PADS Lake County serves as the front door to many services. PADS Lake County is the primary entry site where coordinators assess individuals and they connect people to the services they need to end their experience with homelessness. She was there to offer her time and expertise to help find a solution for the community concerns.</p>
<p>Kaliph Howard 409 Oak St</p>	<p>16. He announced it was National Poetry Month.</p> <p>He said <i>Read, Write, Recite and Never Give Up the Good Fight.</i></p>
<p>Derrick Walker Jr, 409 Oak St</p>	<p>17. He asked the Mayor for an update of the purchase of police body cameras.</p> <p>The Mayor responded that the 146 cameras will be issued to the officers the next month.</p>
<p>Chris Blanks 409 Oak St</p>	<p>18. He said he appreciated the council for listening and answering the question the children had. He wanted the council to know that the body cameras were an important topic for the community and the officers. He said he had some poetry literature he wanted to share during this time to support National Poetry month as Kaliph Howard had announced but he believed it was more important to address the issue with PADS.</p> <p>He expressed he did not agree with the approach and the process and the overall way issues with PADS was handled. He felt like there was no compassion and the action was taken as a political action at election time. He said he is willing to work with anyone who is willing to help provide housing to the homeless. He expressed that Mr. Arthur Brunfield should be one of the first to receive housing help since his house was demolished.</p>

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<p>John Garcia 924 Broadway Ave North Chicago</p>	<p>AUDIENCE TIME Cont.: 19. He read a notarized letter from a former nurse of the North Chicago VA Hospital. In this letter the nurse testifies that she witnessed a North Chicago officer hitting him, John Garcia, multiple times. He explained this nurse was fired as a whistle blower and therefor for those reasons he has a problem with corrupt officers.</p> <p>The reason he was present at a City of Waukegan Council meeting was because he contacted a lawyer that had his office in Waukegan. He said he did not like what the Lawyer's first words to him were, " why did he wait six years to make a case against the police officers that hit him in the hospital?". He then asked the lawyer to never contact him again, which the lawyer ignored and tried to contact him a few days ago.</p>
<p>Thomas Rowlette 1800 Grand Ave</p>	<p>20. He introduced himself as a current client of PADS Lake County. He asked for a peaceful and proactive solution between PADS and the City of Waukegan. He believes everyone involved needs to communicate better. He said he did not know details about the all the complaints against PADS but that he was there to share that the staff are continually doing above and beyond their duty to serve the homeless. He asked the aldermen to consider meeting with him and PADS staff to come up with creative solutions. He believes The City of Waukegan is a progressive, proactive and forward thinking community.</p>
<p>Clyde McLemore</p>	<p>21. He pointed out that the Homeless Task force was another advisory board the Mayor was creating. He said the PADS issue has been a large controversy. He knows there were many business owners along Grand Ave complaining, but the way the issue was handled was not right. He explained his wife had been a former employee at PADS and some of the stories she would tell him would shock him but they would work to help the community.</p> <p>He went on to talk about his disagreement that a Lake Bluff company got a contract for the Waukegan road maintenance.</p>
<p>Megan Anders</p>	<p>22. She expressed that a problem will not go away by shutting down a building; there needs to be a continuum of care. She said the homeless is a complex and diverse issue. She suggested that if a taskforce is being formed all of the alderman and diverse members of the community, such as Lake County correctional officials and other criminal justice groups, need to be involved. The task force should then be able to monthly where the individuals need help in each area.</p>
<p>Stephanie Bynum</p>	<p>23. She spoke of a personal experience she had when her daughter and classmates had to do a social project and they chose to research PADS Lake County. They met with staff and they did an excellent job at educating the young girls on the causes of homelessness, the connection on services they provide and the focus of getting individuals off the streets. The girls loved the experience so much they then brought their parents in to provide volunteer services. She explained her experience there was great. Everyone was respectful and courteous and PADS certainly deserved help to stay open for the community.</p>
<p>Ralph Peterson</p>	<p>24. He explained that he has very little experience with PADS yet he would have taken a different approach in addressing the issue the neighborhood had with PADS. He explained he would have taken the time to have a meeting to address what the neighbors expressed were their problems with their location. He wouldn't go and drop the hammer on the business license and make a bigger problem.</p>

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Margaret Carrasco 532 N Lewis	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME Cont.:</u></p> <p>25. She said that upon review of documents provided to her via a FOIA request dated March 29, 2016 she wanted to share the following comments:</p> <p>Based on the Business license application and actual license provided to PADS Lake County, PADS did not note that the Waukegan site would be a shelter of any form. They did not list that they would dispense medication, that they would be a mental health facility, that they are a licensed Day Care provider nor is this site suited for children. PADS is not suited to be a catch-all and that is the current scenario; babies, young children, sexual offenders, drug addicts, criminals and the mentally ill together at the same site. PADS site is located exactly 6 inches from the property line of Whittier School which is a direct violation of Illinois State Code Section 5/11-9.3(b-5) which prohibits a sexual offender, criminal and /or drug addicts to reside, work or loiter within 500 feet.</p> <p>She obtained a copy of PADS financials for 2015. They list an operating budget of approximately \$2.3Million of which 44% is utilized for Administrative salaries. She believes PADS has enough money to pay for the services the City of Waukegan provided for each service call. She does not think the taxpayers of Waukegan should have to absorb their expenses especially since many of their clients are not Waukegan residents. She pointed out that for problems like this is the reason why the Mayor of Chicago shut down 6 of 7 similar sites on the south side of Chicago.</p>
Alderman Newsome	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME:</u></p> <p>26. She gave her condolences to the Payne Family and a former city employee whose mother passed away. They have been a great family in her ward and she offered a prayer for them.</p>
Alderman TenPas	27. No comment.
Alderman May	28. No comment.
Alderman Valko	29. No comment.
Alderman Taylor	<p>30. She commented that since the finances have just been passed she would like to see some items be incorporated to the budget instead of having to bond them.</p> <p>She encouraged the community to help maintain the neighborhoods clean. Not all the job relies on the City of Waukegan. They need to also work on maintaining their properties presentable.</p>
Alderman Cunningham	<p>31. He echoed Alderman Newsome on the condolences to the Payne Family. Sharon was a great City employee. He also sent condolences to the Bell Family; Mrs. Bell was a key member of the community.</p> <p>He shared with everyone present that he had received an old photo of Alderman TenPas, from his wrestling days. He was asked to turn it in to Alderman TenPas at the council meeting. He expressed how happy he was to have met Chuck and have the opportunity to deliver the picture to Alderman TenPas.</p>
Alderman Seger	32. No comment.
Alderman Moision	33. No comment.
Alderman Villalobos	<p>34. He reminded everyone of the volunteer opportunity available on Saturday to help clean the downtown area. He explained that he took the time to appreciate the clean-up during the ArtWauk event. The clean-up made a difference in attendees being able to walk between galleries and enjoy the cleaner streets. He hopes he can continue to expand the clean ups to other neighborhoods in Waukegan. He would also like to incorporate environmental talks with residents. He talked about an upcoming trip to Springfield to talk to legislators to keep Waukegan on their radar for clean air projects.</p> <p>Volunteers interested in cleaning the Amstutz Highway can meet Sunday April 24, 2016 at 10 am</p>

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS	35. He announced Edge Water is back in the city to continue work in Waukegan Lake Front. He asked them to incorporate the NRG property. He also received notification from the PADS Lake County attorney that the public hearing is scheduled for May 26 at 2:00 pm.
AJOURNMENT APPROVED	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> 36. Motion by Alderman Moisio, seconded by Alderman Taylor to adjourn. Time: 8:44 p.m. MOTION PASSED

MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK