

CITY OF WAUKEGAN MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

	<p>The Council of the City of Waukegan met in regular session on Tuesday September 6, 2016, at 7:02 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 and Villalobos</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p>
	<p><u>INVOCATION:</u> Bishop Coburn led a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>
	<p><u>MAYOR'S COMMENTS:</u></p> <p>1. He presented and thanked various volunteers that helped run <i>The Scoop</i> this year. He asked David Motley to introduce the volunteers and give them recognition.</p> <p>David Motley said there were over 40 volunteers on July 8th and 9th for this event. He explained the national average wage rate for a special events crew member is about \$23.56/hour. Therefore, the volunteers saved the City an equivalent of \$6,000 in special event wages. He then named a list of 37 volunteers and sponsor organizations starting with the <i>Original Scoopers</i> and 7 food vendors. He also thanked NRG for donating \$10,000 for entertainment. The local radio station also provided valuable marketing valued at \$51,000. He concluded by calling to the front a few of the present representatives of the volunteers including: Jerry Cook, Tiff Green, Ron, Jane Ferry and Tracy Adams.</p> <p>Mayor Motley said the budget for <i>The Scoop</i> was set at \$50,000 and the Mayor raised \$30,000 through sponsorships himself. He said volunteerism is the key to these events.</p> <p>He went on to talk about Afrofest held at the municipal beach on Saturday August 20th, 2016. The event had been absent from Waukegan for the past 30 years. He introduced Angelo Kyle to say a few words about the event. Mr. Kyle took a moment to express that he thought it was refreshing to see the progress of the Citizens for Progress Committee. He moved on to thank the Mayor and David Motley for helping host Afrofest at the Waukegan Municipal Beach. He said the lake front is large and it accommodated this special event. He also thanked the Mayor for finding sponsors to help with the event and donated funds for resources. He said that although there was rain during the event there were various other planning meetings held in the rain as well and they were prepared. He concluded by thanking all the Aldermen, the City Clerk and Mayor for being present.</p>
<p>APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2016</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p><u>MINUTES:</u></p> <p>2. Motion by Alderman TenPas, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 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 announced that last month he celebrated his first year anniversary as Executive Director of Waukegan Main Street. He thanked the council and various organizations for their support. He expressed Waukegan Main Street would continue to do their best to continue to hear and address various issues and in the downtown area.</p>

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<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A LAND USE PERMIT ALLOWING BEACH GROOMING ON IDNR PROPERTY</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS Cont.:</p> <p>9. Motion by Alderman May, seconded by Alderman Villalobos to authorize the proper City Officials to execute a LAND USE PERMIT allowing beach grooming on IDNR property at North Point Marina as required pursuant to a Grant Agreement by and between the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the City of Waukegan titled "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Beach Sweeper - Waukegan and Winthrop Harbor, authorized by the City Council in the February 1, 2016 meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Motley read the Motion and asked if anyone had any questions.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham asked for clarification on liability responsibility on the property of Winthrop Harbor. Steve Martin, City Attorney, explained there is a certificate of insurance that covers Winthrop Harbor. Ald. Cunningham expressed his concern that a Waukegan employee would not be familiar with the terrain of Winthrop Harbor and may damage something. Ald. Taylor asked if the State of IL would be paying the employee wages of the Waukegan Employee that would be sent to work through this grant. Mayor Motley explained that Waukegan would be reimbursed for the work by Winthrop Harbor. Ald. Cunningham asked if Winthrop Harbor can designate an employee of theirs to run the machine while they borrow it. Steve then explained that because Waukegan was granted the grant, they are the only ones allowed to operate the machine and complete the work. Ald. Villalobos asked what the length of the contract is. Mayor Motley said it is two years starting next year.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>APPROVE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>10.Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Newsome to approve Halloween Trick or Treat Hours for October 30, 2016 from 2pm-5pm.</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>AUTHORIZE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DELTA INSTITUTE AND THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN, FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>11.Motion by Alderman Newsome, seconded by Alderman May to authorize the proper City Officials to execute a Professional Services Agreement by and between Delta Institute, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and the City of Waukegan, retaining Delta Institute as an independent contractor to serve as a neutral third party facilitator, coordinator and communicator of the Waukegan Waterfront Working Group (WWWG) for a two year period. Funding shall come from a grant to be obtained from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Agreement is contingent upon receiving said grant.</p> <p>Mayor Motley read the motion and then asked if anyone had any questions.</p> <p>Ald. Taylor asked why the City does not wait until the grant is approved and received. Noelle Kischer-Lepper, Director of Policy & Projects, explained that Delta Institute is willing to start working at the risk of the grant not being issued to the City. She also explained that it is very unlikely that the City of Waukegan would be denied the grant. The work would be considered pro-bono if the grant is not approved and all work would then cease. Ald. May clarified to the public and council that this was a different type of grant and different work from what Mr. Deigan had explained in past meetings. Noelle continued to explain the difference between the grants.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger and Villalobos</p> <p>NAYS: None</p> <p>ABSENT: Alderman Moisio</p> <p>MOTION PASSED</p>

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<p>MOTION HELD OVER</p>	<p>ORDINANCES / RESOLUTION:</p> <p>12. Item held over by Alderman Cunningham</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Motion to authorize the proper City Officials to adopt an ordinance, modifying Ch. 3, Section 3-44, limiting the maximum number of Class "EE-B" liquor licenses to five.</i></p> <p>Mayor Motley read the motion and opened the motion for discussion.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham said it was clear from the beginning that other businesses such as the Aldi on Lewis Ave were going to try to apply for this license. He said this Aldi needs to stay on the waiting list. He questioned the license requirements to be reviewed because he argued this business location barely met the needed requirements.</p> <p>Jorge Torres explained that Aldi-Lewis had been on the waiting list for over a year and it does meet the requirements of the license. Ald. Cunningham reiterated that this business location barely met all the requirements. He noted and that other businesses have been waiting over two years on different liquor license lists. Ald. Cunningham stated he would like to hold the motion over. Motion held over.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION - Approve a payment plan by and between the IL Dept. of Transportation and the City of Waukegan relative to the Sheridan Road project for the amount of \$1,061,500.17 in three (3) equal payments of \$353,833.39</p> <p>16-R-63</p> <p>APPROVED</p>	<p>13. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a payment plan by and between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Waukegan relative to the Sheridan Road project for the amount of \$1,061,500.17 in three (3) equal payments as follows: \$353,833.39 on or before Oct. 1, 2016; \$353,833.39 on or before June 1, 2017; and a final payment of \$353,833.39 on or before June 1, 2018.</p> <p>Mayor Motley read the motion and the Aldermen stated they would like to discuss further.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham said this issue opened some personnel issues that the Mayor will need to resolve separately. He said that in order for this issue to be resolved the Appropriation Ordinance will need to be revised. He reminded the public that many Aldermen stated they would have voted differently about the BRP demolition if they had known of this invoice. In his opinion the City has two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Negotiate with Lake County Grading to end the current contract of the BRP demolition 2. Renegotiate with Lake County Grading to hold the project until the City finds a reasonable way to pay the State of Illinois for this invoice. <p>He continued to say that contracts can be broken considering they have not been paid for the complete job. He made the motion to hold the BRP demolition and pay the State of IL invoice and asked for a second.</p> <p>Mayor Motley explained that the motion was out of order because the BRP demolition was not on the agenda. He also explained there is an Ordinance, Section 2-74 that states: no question that has been once decided and reconsidered and decided a second time shall again be reconsidered. Ald. Cunningham said that he would like to present a new motion rather than amend this one. Steve said items/motions must be added to the agenda 48 hours before the meeting. He also re-read the Ordinance that Mayor Motley referenced.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham reiterated the City could not continue to pay for something they cannot afford. Ald. Villalobos stated he agreed with Ald. Cunningham. He would like to hold the motion over until they all learn about all their payment options. Mayor Motley reminded him this motion is about the resolution alone; this cannot be changed to include the BRP demolition payment.</p> <p>Ald. TenPas questioned if there is a developer interested in the BRP site to be have to rush this project now. Mayor Motley restated this motion is only about the resolution of installment payments to the State of Illinois.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham stated the payment to the State should not have to be divided. There should be only one payment made. Ald. Valko wanted everyone to understand that the BRP demolition cannot be reconsidered. It will still be paid by the City. Ald. Cunningham asked to see the Ordinance that stated such restriction. Steve Martin showed him the paper copies. Ald. Valko explained the installment plan is being offered interest free. Ald. Cunningham stated that as serving Alderman for the past 18 years he has seen items added to the agenda.</p> <p>Alderman Cunningham made a motion to amend the payment plan to only one (1) payment to the Illinois Department of Transportation, to be made on or before October 1, 2016 and asked for a second.</p>

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	<p>Ald. Valko asked Tina, Finance Director, to clarify if there were enough funds at the moment to make one full payment. She stated she would have to review her accounts to have an accurate answer and some funds for the BRP demolition have already been transferred. Tom Hagerty, Public Works Director, explained some invoices for the BRP project have already been funded. He also said that Deigan & Associates are being paid for their time supervising the demolition and material removal.</p> <p>Ald. May stated she was against the BRP project however the current state of the building has become dangerous. The partially demolished building has more liability now for the City.</p> <p>Mayor Motley assured canceling this project would bring a lawsuit that the City would loose and have to payout even more money. Ald. Cunningham believed this company would not sue because they have a long standing relationship with the City. The Mayor shared they have sued the City twice in the past.</p> <p>Mayor Motley called for a second to Alderman Cunningham's motion to amend the resolution to indicated one payment only.</p> <p>NO SECOND, MOTION FAILED</p> <p>Motion by Alderman Valko, seconded by Alderman Villalobos to adopt a resolution authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a payment plan by and between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Waukegan relative to the Sheridan Road project for the amount of \$1,061,500.17 in three (3) equal payments as follows: \$353,833.39 on or before October 1, 2016; \$353,833.39 on or before June 1, 2017; and a final payment of \$353,833.39 on or before June 1, 2018.</p> <p>ROLL CALL: AYES: Aldermen Newsome, TenPas, May, Valko, Taylor, Cunningham, Seger and Villalobos NAYS: None ABSENT: Alderman Moasio MOTION PASSED</p>
<p>Les Deffner 2720 Hyde Park Ave</p>	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME:</u></p> <p>14. Explained he has been a long time resident and veteran of the 3rd ward. He said everyone here cares deeply about the City. He is in agreement that the downtown area needs to be revitalized. He extended an invitation to a Craft Beer Festival hosted by the Gurnee American Legion Auxiliary. The event is Saturday September 17th. 2016. This event will benefit the Gurnee American Legion and the Lake County Honor Flight. He explained he is 3rd generation Navy and he has about 20 family members that have served in five branches of the armed forces.</p>
<p>Melissa Hamm 508 W.Madison St</p>	<p>15. She stated she passed to the council a copy of an Ordinance that prohibits any type of wild animal in Waukegan. She pointed to Sec 4.2 which states there is a \$750 violation fee. She said this Ordinance should be shared with local veterinarians and animal control.</p> <p>Her question is not in regards to animal cruelty but directed at why the City of Waukegan would allow the ordinance to be violated. There have been some circuses with animals in Waukegan. She shared Gurnee has had two circuses with no animals.</p> <p>Ald. Cunningham asked why the circuses and carnivals were not presented to the council. Jorge Torres, Special Events Director, stated that it was only presented to council if they wanted to host the event on City-owned property. Otherwise it was only presented to the special events meeting committee.</p>
<p>Charles Pitts</p>	<p>16. He asked what types of training programs by the City were available. He also questioned how upcoming events were announced. He was concerned that the electronic waste was still present in the Glen Rock block. He also said that although everyone is talking about how great the body cameras are he has yet to see where informational policies have been posted for the public and who has reviewed the policies.</p> <p>Mayor Motley listed the various committees and groups that reviewed the body cameras policies. Chief Walles said the policies are not posted online yet, but they will be soon.</p>

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<p>Eileen Shanly Roberts 326 N MLK Ave</p>	<p>AUDIENCE TIME Cont.: 17. She explained the front rows of today's meeting are filled by members of the Clean Air Lake County Group. She thanked the Mayor, Ald. Villalobos and Cunningham and the City Clerk for participating in the beach cleanup two weeks ago. There were over 100 participants. She thanked the leaders for being present and for showing bold leadership. However she is still unsure of where NRG negotiations stand. She acknowledged the solar panels that are being installed in the public schools have been an essential move. However they need more information about future clean energy transition plans and NRG's plan for retirement of the plant.</p>
<p>Krinaun Wilson</p>	<p>18.He is an underage child presenting a complaint. He described an unfair treatment he has received. He described how he is being discriminated against by someone near his home.</p>
<p>Christopher Wilson</p>	<p>19.He is also an underage child and twin brother to the previous speaker. He was also presenting his complaint. He described how a person near his home inflicts fear to him and his brother. He explained that he fears leaving his house because the abuse starts right away.</p>
<p>Christopher Wilson Sr.</p>	<p>20.He explained he is the father of the Wilson twins. He went into further detail of the incidents that the boys just explained. He said this person is his neighbor he insults other neighbors as well. He has called the police multiple times and the officers turn the problem back to him when he is the victim. He has taken the neighbor to court and has won judgments against him, yet the neighbor continues the constant harassment. He is a veteran and longtime resident and explained his family should not have to go through these problems. He is asking for the City's help before something worse builds up with the neighbor. Mayor Motley instructed Mr. Wilson to speak with Chief Walles who was present at the session.</p>
<p>Dana Wilson</p>	<p>21.She is the mother of the twins and wife of Mr. Wilson. She shares more scenarios of issues she's had with her neighbor. She reiterated that they filed a lawsuit against the neighbor but he has not respected the judge's orders. Her children are terrified. She states that they cannot leave their house or have guests over without harassment.</p>
<p>Theresa Thomas</p>	<p>22.She is the aunt of the twin boys. She explained this neighbor is a real character. She shared that on August 22nd she was sitting in her car in front of her family's house when this neighbor walked out with his dog and ran against her car. She explained that if she were to have opened her door she would have hit them. She said the neighbor's actions are being covered up by his mother. She said something had to be done to avoid any accidents.</p>
<p>Tracie Robertson</p>	<p>23.She explained that during a visit to her friend, which she was doing some gardening to her own house, this rude neighbor would come out and start yelling racial slurs. So her friend went over and knocked on the door to clear the situation. That neighbor can be very intimidating and that is how he reacted; he came out yelling more racial slurs and told her to get off his property.</p>
<p>Psychina Dunckner</p>	<p>24.She stated she wants the neighborhood to be peaceful. The children should not have to go through this by their own homes. She shared that when local teens try to raise money for school by getting jobs such as cutting grass and helping neighbors with chores, this neighbor offers the same services for free. He cuts their opportunities and sabotages their plans.</p>
<p>Chris Blanks 409 Oak St</p>	<p>25.He explained that issue is one of the many reasons he has an open door policy. He said he started to investigate this issue and has copies of the police reports and court dispositions. He went on to say that it should not be happening at all. No family should be living in fear in their own community. He also said it should not take an advisory board or sensitivity training to return a phone call. He explained he has attended council meetings for over a decade and there have been many families that go to him after various attempts to contact the City. His goal is to protect the best interest of the residents.</p>

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Margaret Carrasco	<p><u>AUDIENCE TIME Cont.:</u></p> <p>26. On September 2, 2016 she presented a complaint to the U.S Attorney General requesting a fraud investigation to be opened against the City of Waukegan. She listed the various issues she listed in the letter.</p> <p>1- \$2,000,000 BRP demolition project 2- The recently found \$1,000,000 invoice from the State of IL 3- Mayor Motley and Steve Martin’s 11 page confidentiality agreement with Vet Fest 4- Investigate the Real Estate Investment Company Renegade 5- All documents provided to the City in regards to Vet Fest 6-7 Mayor Motley’s and Steve Martin’s communication files in regards to Vet Fest 8- Rainy day Fund reports 9- Investigation to Deigan & Associates</p>
Clyde McLemore	<p>27.He talked about the recent Black Lives Matter forum held last month. He thanked Ald. Villalobos, Chief of Police and Officer Rick Harris for attending this event.</p> <p>He announced the next discussion will be Thursday Sept. 15th, 2016 6:00 pm to 7:00pm at Warren Township Newport Library. He shared some quotes to indicate support for the BLM movement.</p>
Ralph Peterson	<p>28.He stated that silence is the nod of approval. He said he hopes other families are able to step forward and share their stories as well. He shared that he is not happy that this happened to this family but this gives him the opportunity to sit down with the Mayor and Chief of Police and bring forth a solution.</p> <p>He went on to say it was great to see an article about the police body cameras. He thanked the Mayor for this implementation and for working with the Department of Justice. It gives him great comfort to have the doors of the City open.</p> <p>He said the City is in a great place to move forward and he will not look backwards.</p>
Alderman Newsome	<p><u>ALDERMEN’S TIME:</u></p> <p>29.No comment.</p>
Alderman TenPas	<p>30.No comment.</p>
Alderman May	<p>31.She acknowledged and congratulated the Police Department, the Mayor and the City Council for obtaining the body cameras. She talked about various grants that the City of Waukegan has to keep track of. She requested a presentation of the completed work done with the April 2015 \$200,000.00 Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern Shore Grant which was assigned to Deigan & Associates and managed by the City’s Public Works Department.</p> <p>Moving on to the Sheridan Road Project she said it is very weird that the information was concealed from the Mayor and the City Council. However, the price is real and it must be paid. She also said that based on this incident she has lost confidence in the communication she is receiving. Therefore, she is requesting a full review and update on the Motor Fuel tax fund and Grand Avenue Bridge Project at the next Finance Committee meeting Sept 19, 2016. She said this may be a joint committee meeting with Public Works Committee because they work together on projects. She said it could include an open discussion with the public, the Mayor can decide. There will also be updated stabilization fund report.</p> <p>In response to the resident that was expecting a response about the wild animals; she explained that usually there is no response until Alderman’s time. Those are administrative answers because the events were not approved by council.</p> <p>In response to the resident that questioned how public events are listed and advertised, she explained that Waukegan Main Street is one of many organizations that have a detailed newsletter of upcoming events. They are also published online on the City’s website.</p>

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	<p><u>ALDERMEN'S TIME Cont.:</u></p> <p>She brought back the issue that audience time should be moved up earlier in the agenda. As she observed the audience there are children present and they should not have to be present this late. She asked the Mayor and Council to reconsider the audience time placement.</p>
Alderman Valko	<p>32. He invited everyone to the upcoming airshow this Saturday September 10th, 2016 at the Waukegan Airport. Doors open at 9:30 am and the show starts at Noon.</p> <p>He shared that he went to Anastasia's Restaurant and the owner shared that the past week-end had a high attendance. There was a Naperville soccer tournament hosted at Waukegan. It was a great event that also had the local hotels booked. He gave credit to the Waukegan Park District.</p>
Alderman Taylor	<p>33. She echoed Ald. Valko's invitation to attend the Waukegan Air Show. She also invited residents to attend the 9/11 Memorial at 9:00 am at the Firemen's Park. There will also be a 5K fundraiser on September 17, 2016. She listed upcoming block parties in her ward.</p> <p>She noted that that she felt disappointed and disrespected by the City Department Heads because information was withheld and that influences her vote on motions. She said that is not acceptable. She concluded by saying that the LGBT topic should be added to diversity training.</p>
Alderman Cunningham	<p>34. He stated that this past weekend he enjoyed the company of family and was very excited to see that throughout the community.</p> <p>He shared that on the corner of Washington St and Martin Luther King Jr. Ave he witnessed a man pushing a woman on a wheelchair with difficulty. Perhaps the construction affected the road so he asked Tom Hagerty to go over that corner and see how that area can be improved for handicap residents.</p> <p>He turned his attention to the group from Clean Air Lake County. He agreed that something should be put into writing about NRG's commitment and retirement plan. He stated that when the Zion plant closed it was taken by surprise and it affected the community for years. They are still in recovery mode.</p> <p>In regards to the Wilson Family he shared his history with this Family, noting they have been a longtime resident family of Waukegan. In regards to the troubled neighbor he expressed that no children should have to go through this verbal abuse. He said back in the day they would have taken care of this in a different manner.</p> <p>He congratulated Waukegan Township for another successful 5k race.</p>
Alderman Seger	<p>35. No comment.</p>
Alderman Villalobos	<p>36. He announced he attended the recent Hinkston Park Library branch anniversary celebration. He listed upcoming events throughout the City including some hosted by the School district. He announced the Library has a new exhibit. He is also the new treasurer for the Waukegan Public Library Board. He talked about the new neighborhood watch group that has been formed by W. Clayton St.</p> <p>He shared that he is currently a substitute teacher at the Waukegan High School. One of the recent assignments was to read about Police Body Cameras so he asked an officer to come to the class and have a discussion with the students.</p> <p>He shared that he has been a volunteer for the Clean Air Lake County group for the past three years so their goals are very important to him. He will continue supporting them.</p>
	<p>37. Mayor Motley announced that the Miss Waukegan Pageant will be back. The event will be hosted November 5th at the Waukegan Field House. Waukegan will then be sending three queens to the Lake County Pageant.</p>

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ADJOURNMENT	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> 38.Motion by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Cunningham to adjourn. Time: 9:54 p.m.
APPROVED	MOTION PASSED

MARIA M. LACOUR, CITY CLERK