



REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BURBANK CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 23, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting of April 23, 2014 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Klein in the Council Chambers, 6530 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street, Burbank, Illinois.
- ROLL CALL** Roll call indicated the following members present: Alderman Foy, Looney, Szymczak, Grider, Pacella, Piznarski and Pyle. Also present: Mayor Klein, Clerk Roach, and Attorney Vince Cainkar. Absent: Treasurer Viverito
- The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- JOURNAL** Motion made by Alderman Grider seconded by Alderman Looney to approve the minutes of April 9, 2014 as presented was unanimously approved by voice vote and so declared by the Chair.
- CURRENT BILLS** Motion made by Alderman Grider seconded by Alderman Szymczak to approve the current list of bills. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried: Voting Aye: Alderman Szymczak, Looney, Pacella, Foy, Pyle, Grider and Piznarski.
- DEPT. OF ZONING** Alderman Foy made the motion seconded by Alderman Pacella to approve **Ordinance No. 24-4-14 amending Chapter 4, Buildings and Structures by changing Section 4-573, Smoke detectors or Heat-Sensing devices of the Municipal Code of the City of Burbank.** A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye: Alderman Pacella, Grider, Piznarski, Looney, Pyle, Szymczak, and Foy.
- DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY** Alderman Foy made the motion seconded by Alderman Szymczak to approve **Resolution No. 4-1-14 authorizing the execution of a law enforcement mutual aid agreement and the existence and formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.** A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye: Alderman Grider, Foy, Szymczak, Piznarski, Pyle, Pacella and Looney..
- Alderman Foy made the motion seconded by Alderman Piznarski to approve **Resolution No. 4-2-14 authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between Cook County and the City of Burbank with respect to procedures for requesting emergency equipment assistance from the Cook County dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.** A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye: Alderman Looney, Pacella, Pyle, Szymczak, Foy, Piznarski and Grider.

**DEPT. OF  
PUBLIC  
SAFETY  
Contd.)**

Alderman Foy made the motion seconded by Alderman Looney to appoint Lt. Steve Merva to fill the position of Battalion Chief. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye: Alderman Foy, Szymczak, Grider, Looney, Pacella, Piznarski and Pyle. Mayor Klein then asked Steve Merva to come up front and then read a short bio on him:

Steve Merva is being appointed to the rank of Battalion Chief to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Battalion Chief Jim Johns.

Steven Merva began his career as a Burbank Fire Cadet in September of 1982. In 1984, Steve became a "Paid on Call" firefighter. Steve was hired as a fulltime Firefighter Paramedic in November of 1985. Steve was then promoted to Engineer in 1994. Steve is a certified Fire Officer II through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Steve is the fire department's technical rescue coordinator and the Taskforce Leader for Division's 21 Rescue team. Steve is a past member of the Urban Search and Rescue team – Illinois Task Force #1. Steve has been deployed to Utica, Illinois to assist in rescue operations as a result of an F4 tornado and to Louisiana to assist in rescue operations from the damaging Hurricane Gustav.

Steve is a resident of Oak Lawn, married, and has three sons.

Mayor Klein said it is his pleasure to have Steve as the Battalion Chief of the City of Burbank. The whole audience and Council clapped warmly.

**DEPT. OF  
ADMINIS-  
TRATION**

Mayor Klein said he would ask the indulgence of the City Council in appointing Ken Turner as Zoning Board Commissioner for a three year term beginning April 29, 2014 and ending April 29, 2017. Alderman Piznarski made the motion seconded by Alderman Pyle to appoint Ken Turner as outlined above by the Mayor. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye: Alderman Pyle, Piznarski, Foy, Grider, Looney, Pacella and Szymczak. Clerk Roach administered the oath of office to Floyd "Ken" Turner and everyone applauded.

**DEPT. OF  
ZONING**

Alderman Foy made the motion seconded by Alderman Pacella to authorize the attorney to prepare an ordinance for Item #14-03-1 Irish Castle, 8403 S. Mayfield, Burbank, Il.. The petitioner is requesting to subdivide the property into two conforming buildable lots. This was approved by zoning. A roll call vote indicated 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. The Chair declared the motion carried. Voting Aye; Alderman Pyle, Piznarski, Foy, Grider, Looney, Szymczak and Pacella.

**CITIZEN'S  
REPORT**

The Chair recognized Charles Bandusky of 8548 S. Lavergne, Burbank, Il. who had a few questions, the first was when did the City Council pass an ordinance to raise vehicle sticker fees and start charging seniors. Mayor Klein said the seniors are still getting a discount. The first one used to be free and the second one in a residency wasn't. Now the first sticker is discounted about 40% and the second one is full price.

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The Mayor told Mr. Bandusky that since he has acknowledged that in the last two years he has only missed a few meetings, he told him that you would know that the City of Burbank is fighting as hard as they can to conserve capital to run the various services of this city and this is a way of attaining capital. Mr. Bandusky then had questions about certain empty buildings, the first being the McDonald Linn post. Frank Kainrath said a couple of years ago it was a motorcycle shop and right now there is nothing there. He also inquired about the Jiffy Lube shop on 79<sup>th</sup> street which has a sign for sale available.

He also said he read in the newsletter that the slot machines would generate about \$150,000.00 a year. He asked where that money was going to go and the Mayor told him that all the funds that we generate go into the General fund in the City of Burbank to support the various activities that the City has. Mr. Bandusky said he remembered the Treasurer saying that the City of Burbank was close to going into the red. Mayor Klein told him that it is a very tenuous budget that we have and that there are a lot of factors that enter into it, the economy being the biggest one. He also told him that we are not unique in that we are fighting for funds and revenues like the whole state of Illinois is doing.

Mr. Bandusky said his last question was about the old Cezar's Inn on 79<sup>th</sup> street and the Old Barn. His question was couldn't the City do an "eminent domain" and turn one of them into a casino. The audience roared with laughter and the Mayor said the answer is "No" because any operative legislation for casinos in the state of Illinois is vested with the state. He said it is just that simple. Mr. Bandusky then asked if the Mayor couldn't call Governor Madigan and get it done. Mayor Klein said he didn't know he was appointed governor today. Mr. Bandusky said he has been the governor for over 30 years and the Mayor replied are you talking about the Speaker of the House. Mr. Bandusky said thank you and the Mayor said he would see him in two weeks.

The Chair next recognized Donald Plazinski of 7719 Lorel who said he needs rocks for his alley and has been trying to get help for the last three years. He then said after a rain it is 7-1/2" deep in the middle. He feels it is dangerous for his sons who drive their bikes there. He said he put his own rocks out there and every time a grader came down the alley it took them all away. He said he just wanted to know if the City could help them. Mayor Klein said he will have the Public Works director talk to him after the meeting. He also suggested that he might want to circulate a petition among his neighbors who adjoin the alley on the east and west side for a paved alley. Mr. Plazinski said that might be the way to go, but he said he drove around the city and he couldn't find an alley worse than theirs.

The Chair then recognized Irene Barnish of 5700 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Place who said she has been parking her car in an easement and wants to make sure it is legal. Mayor Klein said he wasn't sure but if she gave him her phone number he would check with the police and call her.

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Mayor Klein then invited the Reavis students in the audience to come up front after the meeting is adjourned and that anyone at the front table or the Council table could sign their government class papers.

**MOTION  
TO  
ADJOURN**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Alderman Szymczak seconded by Alderman Foy to adjourn was agreed upon by voice vote and so declared by the Chair.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

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PATRICIA E. ROACH  
CITY CLERK

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APPROVED