



# WHEATON CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MAYOR PHILIP J. SUESS

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL BARBIER | COUNCILWOMAN ERICA BRAY-PARKER | COUNCILMAN SCOTT BROWN

COUNCILWOMAN SUZANNE FITCH | COUNCILWOMAN LYNN ROBBINS | COUNCILMAN SCOTT WELLER

WHEATON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

Monday, October 18, 2021

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular Wheaton City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Philip J. Suess. Upon roll call, the following were:

Physically Present: Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Councilman Barbier – arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Absent: Councilman Brown

City Staff Physically Present: Michael Dzugan, City Manager  
John Duguay, Assistant City Manager  
James Knippen, City Attorney  
Robert Lehnhardt, Finance Director  
Joseph Tebrugge, Director of Engineering  
Susan Bishel, Public Information Officer  
Andrea Rosedale, City Clerk

## 2. Citizens to be Heard

None.

## 3. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Robbins moved and Councilwoman Bray-Parker seconded that the following action be taken on the Consent Agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular Wheaton City Council meeting as submitted.

### Roll Call Vote on Consent Agenda:

Ayes: Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Brown

Motion Carried Unanimously

## 4. Appointment to City Board/Commission

Mayor Suess moved and Councilwoman Fitch seconded that Marco Scola be appointed to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending October 18, 2024.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker

Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**5. Adopt Resolution R-2021-95, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 239 with Layne Christensen Company for Inspection and Repairs to Well #3 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$72,448**

Councilman Barbier moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded that Resolution R-2021-95, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 239 with Layne Christensen Company for Inspection and Repairs to Well #3 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$72,448, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the City received four bids for inspection and potential pump replacement of Well #3; the City's primary back up water source if connection is lost to Lake Michigan water. Following inspection, it will be determined if the pump needs to be replaced or repaired. The water fund has sufficient funds to cover additional cost if necessary.

In response to Councilwoman Robbin's question regarding time between inspections, City Manager Dzugan stated it is industry standard to inspect the pump at the end of useful life. He stated the pumps are run and tested annually if not more frequently.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**6. Adopt Resolution R-2021-96, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 241 with Swallow Construction for the Scott Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$166,250**

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded that Resolution R-2021-96, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 241 with Swallow Construction for the Scott Street Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$166,250, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the City received 14 bids to replace a section of sanitary sewer on Scott between Front and Seminary. The CY2021 budget allowed for the replacement of another section of sewer which was deemed acceptable, so it was decided to tend to Scott Street which has been experiencing problems. Although this bid is over budget, the sewer fund has sufficient funds to cover the overage.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**7. Adopt Resolution R-2021-97, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Platform Body Truck with Aerial Lift from Power Equipment Leasing for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$225,422**

Councilwoman Bray-Parker moved and Councilman Barbier seconded that Resolution R-2021-97, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Platform Body Truck with Aerial Lift from Power Equipment Leasing for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$225,422, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated the current Aerial Lift is over 16 years old. He stated purchase through a cooperative was considered, however, repackaged specs came in lower through the bidding process.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilman Barbier  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**8. Adopt Resolution R-2021-98, A Resolution Authorizing the Binding of Property and Liability Insurance Coverages for November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022**

Councilman Barbier moved and Councilwoman Fitch seconded that Resolution R-2021-98, A Resolution Authorizing the Binding of Property and Liability Insurance Coverages for November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022, be adopted.

City Manager Dzugan stated this annual renewal bears an increase of \$187,000 mostly due to insurers not willing to run the risk of insuring law enforcement or cyber threats. He confirmed this by highlighting the significant increases in excess liability and a \$35,000 increase for cyber protection alone.

Finance Director Lehnhardt stated he is working with Consultant Mike Nugent to look at opportunities for cost reductions.

Consultant Mike Nugent stated the only opportunity to mitigate the renewal increase is with increased deductibles. He stated in the next day or two he is hoping for an improved rate with a reduction in property coverage, specific to fleet that is exposed to weather by modifying coverage to ease insurance carrier concerns around equipment.

In response to Mayor Suess, Finance Director Lehnhardt stated the excess liability coverage is currently at \$15MM. Mr. Nugent confirmed a reduction limit from \$15MM to \$10MM would allow for a \$56,000 savings though he feels this is not a great long-term strategy. Consultant Nugent explained there isn't a significant market for the type of program Wheaton has in place in response to Mayor Suess' inquiry on carrier changes. Mr. Nugent confirmed the City of Wheaton has a very good record, and he applauds the City of Wheaton efforts on the cyber side to ensure the City could even get cyber coverage.

Mr. Nugent confirmed in response to Councilman Barbier that the City of Wheaton's police & fire departments already do a significant amount of training to reduce insurance costs. He stated in terms of property coverage, protecting vehicles stored outside from hail damage may be worth exploring.

Attorney Jim Knippen inquired if there would be any effect on premiums referencing the United States Supreme Court rulings today regarding the sustaining of qualified immunity. Consultant Nugent confirmed it will not have a material effect in the short term, however it may help in 2022.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Brown

Motion Carried Unanimously

**9. Adopt Resolution R-2021-99, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 243 Between the City of Wheaton and Cannon Cochran Management Services Inc. for Third Party Administrator Services of the City's Property and Liability Insurance Program for a Two (2) Year Term and a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$45,675**

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilwoman Robbins seconded that Resolution R-2021-99, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement No. 243 Between the City of Wheaton and Cannon Cochran Management Services Inc. for Third Party Administrator Services of the City's Property and Liability Insurance Program for a Two (2) Year Term and a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$45,675, be adopted.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller

Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess

Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**10. Council Comment**

Councilwoman Fitch acknowledged the important work and community partnerships of the Wheaton Lions Club. She stressed the importance of raising awareness of the issue of school mask mandates through various community groups. She talked about the need for updated information from the DuPage County Health Department.

Councilman Barbier reflected on the Wheaton Park District's event, Halloween Happening which took place on Friday. He thanked the City of Wheaton Police, Fire, and Public Works departments for their participation in the Touch-a-Truck event.

Councilman Barbier reflected on the Sunday fundraiser event at Village Tavern in Carol Stream benefiting Officer Christopher Harpling. He acknowledged the greatness of the community with many in attendance from both the Police and Fire departments as well as departments from surrounding communities.

Mayor Suess announced the conclusion of the Wheaton Lion's Club food drive which raised 7,200 pounds of food in a two-week period for contribution to the People's Resource Center. He stated District 200 was very active this year in collection and he thanked the community for their participation.

**11. Approval of Warrant**

Councilwoman Fitch moved and Councilman Barbier seconded that Warrant No. 810 in the amount of \$1,440,103.12 be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**12. Closed Session: Specific Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and Land Acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)**

Councilman Barbier moved and Councilwoman Bray-Parker seconded that the Wheaton City Council adjourn to closed session at 7:29 p.m. for the purpose of Specific Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and Land Acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5).

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch  
Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller

Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

The City returned to the open portion of their meeting at 8:16 p.m.

### 13. Adjournment

Councilwoman Robbins moved and Councilman Barbier seconded that the regular Wheaton City Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**  
Ayes: Councilwoman Robbins  
Councilman Weller  
Councilman Barbier  
Councilwoman Bray-Parker  
Mayor Suess  
Councilwoman Fitch

Nays: None  
Absent: Councilman Brown  
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rosedale  
City Clerk  
Submitted for Approval: November 1, 2021