

City Manager's Report

Week of August 8, 2011

I want to clarify our ability to broadcast on WOW, any meeting that the City conducts. We broadcast our Council meetings live and record them at the same time. Then IT staff converts that SD card in the camera to a DVD. We have one playback unit and it is currently programmed to rebroadcast the Council/COW meetings at 7:00 p.m. every night until the next meeting. To record the Mayfield Estates meeting or any other meeting would require elimination of the Council broadcast or purchase of another unit (\$250) for each daily broadcast of an additional meeting. We have physical room for maybe two more units.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment allowing for off-premises signs for the school and park districts, with some modifications. The first reading of the ordinance will be Monday. Next Tuesday, the P&Z will meet briefly to review their findings of fact and approve their meeting minutes so that City Council can schedule a special meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 22nd before the regular COW meeting. The first football game is Saturday, August 26th.

Timetable:

8/9/11 P&Z approval of Text amendment

8/15/11 First reading at City Council of text amendment

8/16/11 Approval of 8/9/11 P&Z Minutes at a Special P&Z Meeting

8/22/11 Final approval of text amendment at Special City Council meeting before COW.

The Park Director contacted me, and she expressed her concern that this proposed text amendment affects their organization and they were never contacted or informed, otherwise they would have had a representative at the P&Z hearing. I informed her that like the City, the Park District couldn't be excluded from these provisions that cover all public entities. She said that although they have no plans for a digital sign on a scoreboard at this time, they do not want to be excluded from such consideration and a representative will attend our Monday meeting requesting an amendment to the text language that would reduce the distance requirements to match their parks.

The question was raised at the COW meeting about sewer fee revenues. We have 12,500 water and sewer customers, so \$1/month would raise \$150,000 annually (and $\$10 \times 12,500 \times 12 \text{ months} = \$1,500,000$). So, once we determine the annual amount necessary to pay for projects it can easily be determined how much of an increase would be required for the sewer fee alone, for any debt payment or pay-as-you-go capital project program. The original proposed Watershed Infrastructure Improvement Plan details are on pages 2 and 3 of your budget.

Registration has begun for the IML annual conference held September 15-17th and the Chicago Hilton. The link to the programs is: <http://conference.iml.org> Click on Schedule of Events & Sessions. Please let me know if we can register you to attend.

We received the following email from the company that provided the City with Nixle which we used as a Police notification tool until they started charging us, contrary to their initial solicitation when we signed up.

Dear Nixle Client,

Nixle has exciting news for you.

First, Nixle proudly announces the launching of the next generation of our public notification technology, Nixle Connect. It is based on feedback from public safety agencies from around the country, and it combines many powerful new features with the ease-of-use Nixle is known for.

Secondly, I am also pleased to announce that Nixle listened to your concerns about pricing. Effective immediately, as a public safety agency, you will be provided unlimited use of Nixle Connect at no cost.

We now support over 4,600 public safety agencies, located in all 50 states. Messages sent by these agencies help make our communities safer by furthering communications and forging collaboration with local agencies.

Nixle appreciates your support and looks forward to working together to better our country's safety. I hope you find Nixle Connect to be an indispensable tool in your efforts.

Attached is the Strategic Plan facilitator's proposal for September 29th. The issue is on the agenda under the City Manager's Report.

Attachments:

Facilitator proposal
Additional back-up for wage range agenda item

Block Parties:

Saturday, August 13:
Knight (between Elm & Cherry)
Glenview (between Hamlin & Dee)
Home (between Albion & Gillick)