

**Minutes of Springfield City
Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2009, 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

City Clerk Cecilia called the Pre Council Session of the Springfield City Council to Order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center West. Clerk Tumulty Read the Ordinances and Resolutions to be considered at the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting into the Record of the Meeting and Assigned the Ordinances to their Proper Committees. The Pre Council Session Concluded at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor Davlin called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. All were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Tumulty called the roll of City Council members.

PRESENT: Alderman Edwards , Simpson , Kunz , Lesko , Cahnman , Mahoney , Cimarossa , Theilen , Dove , Griffin & Mayor Davlin .

ABSENT: None

Proclamations: None

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa seconded, To Dispense with the Reading of the Minutes of the June 16, 2009, City Council Meeting and Approve the Minutes. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Cimarossa Seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council First Reading of Ordinances into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

The Next Matter On The Agenda Was The Consent Agenda. Ald. Simpson moved, Ald. Lesko seconded, To Incorporate the Pre-Council Reading of the Consent Agenda into the Record of This Council Meeting. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved To Place The Consent Agenda On Final Passage. Ald. Lesko Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, and Griffin voted yes.

Agenda Numbers 2008-337, 2009-190 and 2009-281 Remain Tabled Or In Committee.

The Next Item on the Agenda Was No. 2009-326 An Ordinance Approving An Amended Professional Management Compensation Plan For Non-Exempt, Non-Union Employees Pursuant

To Section 36.42 Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended. Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2009-326 On Final Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. Ald. Griffin proposed an amendment to the ordinance. He stated he had discussed this with the general manager. He stated there is no need for all 3 PM grades. He wants to amend this ordinance to take care of Eric Hobbie. The amendment will change the PM 25 grade to incorporate the highest PM 27 dollar figures. Ald. Theilen Seconded. Ald. Edwards asked how many positions this will affect. Ald. Theilen stated one position. CC Johnson stated that this is a general compensation plan. Every Civil Service position has a PM grade attached to it. Ald. Edwards stated that he did not believe the amendment as stated by Ald. Griffin did what he believed it would do. Ald. Dove stated that he thought the dollar figures were very high for one PM grade. Ald. Edwards Moved to return Agenda No. 2009-326 back to Committee. Ald. Lesko Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

The Next Item On The Agenda Was No. 2009-327 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33, Article Xiv, Department Of Utility Finance, Section 33.147, Department Manager; And Article Xxxvi, Department Of Utilities Engineer, Section 33.292, Utilities Engineer, Of The 1988 City Of Springfield, Illinois, Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, With Regard To The Legislative Authorizations For Said Classifications. Ald. Kunz Moved To Return Agenda No. 2009-327 Back to Committee. Ald. Lesko Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda was No. 2009-348, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the 1988 City of Springfield Code of Ordinances, As Amended, Pertaining to Adjudication Hearings." Ald. Kunz Moved to Return Agenda No. 2009-348 to Committee. Ald. Cahnman Seconded. CC Johnson stated that she had provided the aldermen with the proposed changes. They are highlighted. The amendment will be discussed at Committee. Ald. Griffin asked for the cliff notes on this Ordinance. CC Johnson stated her staff attorneys in Code Enforcement requested this amendment designed to streamline the administrative court process. Ald. Griffin asked why CWLP security officers were now included. CC Johnson stated that they are authorized to write tickets and warning. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved for an Omnibus vote on Agenda Nos. 2009-351, 353, 381 and 382. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Mayor Davlin Read Each Ordinance:

No. 2009-351, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 37, Article I Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, To Authorize Payment Of Workers' Compensation Awards, For Emergency Passage.

No. 2009-353, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Section 38.44 Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, To Authorize Modifications To Contracts Of 10% Or Less Of The Original Contract Amount Without City Council Approval, For Emergency Passage.

No. 2009-381, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 31, Section 31.21, Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, Regarding Legislative Committees, For Emergency Passage

No. 2009-382, An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To The Rules Of Procedure For The City Council, For Emergency Passage.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Place 2009-351, 353, 381 and 382 on Final Passage. Ald. Kunz Seconded. Ald. Theilen asked if 2009-381 created the Committee of the Whole. Ald. Mahoney stated that it was. The Committee of the Whole would review all of the Ordinances. Ald. Theilen stated he had hoped the Committee structure would remain in place and each committee would meet back to back. Ald. Edwards stated that it was his understanding the Committees would meet and each individual committee would vote on those ordinances assigned to the Committee. It was stated that Ordinance No. 381 would create one Committee. Ald. Simpson stated that she was in favor of keeping the Committee structure in place. Ald. Cahnman stated that the new structure would only save 30 minutes or so. Ald. Theilen stated that he believed he would not be able to give the attention to all of the ordinances that a Committee of the Whole would require. Ald. Kunz stated that he understood that some of the Ordinances required some research and time. However, he believed that 80% of what the committees do is pay bills. Ald. Lesko stated that he believed a Committee of the Whole would benefit all of the aldermen. Ald. Mahoney agreed. Others did not.

At the request of Mayor Davlin, Ald. Simpson Moved for an Omnibus Vote on Agenda Nos. 2009-351 on 2009-353, only. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Place Agenda Nos. 2009-351 and 2009-353 on Final Passage. Ald. Simpson Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Cimarossa Moved for an Omnibus Vote on Agenda Nos. 2009-381 and 2009-382. Ald. Edwards Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Cimarossa Moved to Place Agenda Nos. 2009-381 and 2009-382 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Edwards Seconded. Ald. Simpson stated that she has a problem with rotating the chairmanship of the Committee of the Whole on a monthly basis. Joe Davis stated that the aldermen could choose how and for how long the Chairman would serve. Ald. Cahnman stated the Committee meetings are posted on the City Clerk's website immediately. He felt this was sufficient for the public to have access to the Committee. Ald. Griffin stated that if a Chair served for a year or more he would never be voting on an ordinance. CC Johnson stated the Chair is allowed to vote. Ald. Edwards asked if the Committee could meet at 5:30 p.m., the same as City Council. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda Was No. 2009-352 An Ordinance Amending Various Sections Of Chapter 38, Of The 1988 City Of Springfield Code Of Ordinances, As Amended, To Increase The Minimum Contract Amounts For Which City Council Approval Is Required, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2009-327 On Emergency Passage. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. She went on to state that she didn't realize we were changing the dollar amount of contracts that would require City Council approval from \$15,000 to \$150,000.00. Ald. Kunz stated this was his ordinance. He stated when you're dealing with less than 1/10 of 1% of the City's budget, and most of the contracts were state contracts purchasing vehicles, etc. Ald. Cimarossa stated that times change. Ald. Kunz suggested that if you don't want a department buying a vehicle, cut the money out of their budget. He's trying to save time and money. Ald. Edwards agreed with Ald. Kunz. Ald. Cimarossa stated that she agreed that \$15,000 is low. She stated she would be happy with amending the Ordinance to reflect \$100,000. Ald. Cimarossa moved to amend the Ordinance to reflect \$100,000.00. Ald. Griffin Seconded. The Motion to Amend Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes The Motion, as Amended, on Emergency Passage Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Lesko Moved for an Omnibus Vote on Agenda Nos. 2009-354, 356, 357 and 358. Ald. Simpson Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes

Mayor Davlin Read Each Ordinance:

Agenda No. 2009-354, An Ordinance Authorizing The Acceptance Of A Right Of Way Dedication From The Springfield Metro Sanitary District For Additional Right-Of-Way For 8th Street, North Of Veteran's Parkway, For Emergency Passage.

Agenda No. 2009-356, An Ordinance Regarding The Variance Request Of Section 153.157(L) Pertaining To Restriction Of Access For The Springfield Metro Sanitary District For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage.

Agenda No. 2009-357, An Ordinance Approving The Plan For The Large Scale Development Of The Springfield Metro Sanitary District For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage.

Agenda No. 2009-358, An Ordinance To Increase The Number Of Class "D" Liquor Licenses By One For Alck Inc. D/B/A Froggies, 1975 Wabash Avenue, For Emergency Passage.

Ald. Lesko Moved to Place Agenda Nos. 2009-354, 355, 357 and 358 on Emergency Passage. Ald. Kunz Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, Griffin Voted Yes.

The Next Item on the Agenda 009-355, An Ordinance Regarding The Variance Request Of Section 153.162 Pertaining To Perimeter Sidewalks Along 8th Street For The Springfield Metro Sanitary District For The Office Of Public Works, For Emergency Passage. Ald. Simpson Moved To Place Agenda No. 2009-327 On Final Passage. Ald. Lesko Seconded. Ald. Dove stated that both the Land Subdivision Committee and the Planning & Zoning Commission denied the measure. If you vote for this ordinance, you are overruling both committees. If you vote against it, this ordinance would go through the regular committee process. Greg Humphrey, Director of the Springfield Metro Sanitary District addressed the Council. This is about 1100 or 1200 feet of sidewalk. He stated there are no plans for development to the north of the property on the east or west side. There are no sidewalks or crosswalks in place at Veterans and 8th Street now. SMSD owns the land on all four quadrants of the bridge. There is little to no foot traffic now and he stated there is really no safety issue. He stated that the SMSD participates in the Substandard Roadway Agreement. If 8th Street is ever developed, there would be sidewalks installed per that agreement. Ald. Kunz asked if we could include that in the ordinance. He was told that this provision is in place now per the Substandard Roadway Agreement. If the street is improved, the actual roadway, sidewalks would be installed. Mike Norris stated this ordinance would grant a variance request to the SMSD. The variance would eliminate the perimeter sidewalks on 8th Street. Mike Norris does not favor this variance. Ald. Edwards asked if this would slow any of the new construction at SMSD. Ald. Edwards Moved to Return 2009-355 Back to Committee. Ald. Lesko Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin Voted Yes.

Ald. Edwards stated we need to have an open discussion to have the Mayor go over where we're at with the Budget. How we got to this point and what plan might be in place to address it.

Mayor Davlin stated he's prepared to do that right now. He asked Julie Zolghadr to go over that information with the Council Members. She asked the Council members to get out their copy of the June 26, 2009, Memo and she would address each item. A copy of the June 26, 2009, Memo is attached to and incorporated into these Minutes.

On the page entitled "Post Appropriation Demands by Fund," she stated the Budget staff compiled this sheet. The staff took it to Ken Crutcher who provided it to the Mayor. She stated each fund is broken down as stated on this sheet.

Line 1 – Cemetery Fund - \$45,000 deficit in two areas. One is increased health care costs on the employer side and one is auditing fund. Public Aid burials are up and about \$20,000 of the \$45,000 is for the Public Aid burials.

Line 2 – Facility Maintenance - \$100,000 is for the emergency repairs to the HVAC issue in the building.

Line 3 – Fund Balance - \$2,000,000 – This money was part of the overall budget in place for FY10. The Council approved using fund balance at the end of the budget workshop sessions last year.

Line 4 – Grant Match - \$15,000 – Self Explanatory. A grant to the fire department with an 80 – 20 Match by the City.

Line 5 – Health Arrearage - \$2,000,000 - A dispute is ongoing between IPBC and the City. City Legal is working to negotiate a resolution to this payment. The issue is what the City was told it would pay up front by the representative of the IPBC and what is applicable to the City per the by-laws of the IPBC. A letter was sent to IPBC on June 24, 2009. The total share of the cost of the IPBC is \$4.5 million. Of that, \$2 million is due from the Corporate Fund. This is a \$22 million contract or \$1.9 million per moth. In the long run, the contract will save the City millions of dollars. Health Claims are being paid but there is a 30 day delay. Once a claim exceeds \$200,000, the IPBC pays the claim. The Aldermen were told they would receive a copy of the breakdown on payments with the IPBC. Over the course of the 30 month contract, there is substantial protection to the City. Discussion included borrowing the money, including a short term loan, followed. The cost of short term borrowing to municipalities and the risks involved slated against the cost of health care was discussed. There are a lot of “what ifs” at this point. Julie Zolghadr stated that, to clarify, the IPBC was paying all of the City’s claims. However, she deferred to the breakdown of payments provided by the IPBC to the City.

Line 6 – Health Benefit Shortfall FY 09 \$75,000- Each year OBM projects how much the Self Insurance Fund will need to cover expenses. This year, the OBM staff did not project enough.

Line 7 - Maulding Witness Fee - \$75,000 – Self Explanatory. The Council approved this expense.

Line 8 – Revenue Shortfall - \$3,300,000.00. This figure is comprised of three separate revenue streams, property taxes, income taxes and personal property replacement taxes. There is an enormous shortfall in the tax received by the City from the State of Illinois Income Tax line. We are \$600,000 down from this time last year. We have a 3 month delay for sales taxes received by the City from the State of Illinois. We only have one month in to date and they are on track from last year. Property taxes were breaking even. The state wide economy affects the city of Springfield in terms of the amount of income taxes received by the State.

Dallas Whitford stated that in all of his years doing this for the City, this is a unique event for the City. Typically, the City is insulated from the downturn in receipts from Sales Tax. The \$3.3 million is spread over the entire budget year. Property tax revenue is tracking at budget. He further stated that individuals who pay a lump sum on property taxes versus breaking it into two payments, has little affect on the projections made for the year. Even factoring in foreclosure, property taxes will be paid by owners and banks.

Ald. Edwards asked for a detailed breakdown on revenue side. Dallas Whitford stated that is not a problem. He provided the numbers verbally as well:

City share of state sales tax:	\$	693,000;
Home Rule tax:	\$	947,000;
City share of income tax:	\$	1,842,000.00;
Personal Property Replacement tax is	\$	173,00.00.

Line 9 – Animal Control Boarding - \$97,000. This is for the actual boarding of the animals. The ordinance passed 3 weeks ago.

Line 10 – Worker’s Comp Shortfall - \$500,000. Julie Zolghadr stated that the City made adjustments 2 years ago to try and bridge the gap. The workman’s compensation paid to an employee also includes payment for doctor’s bills and attorneys fees.

Line 11 – Zone Manager Salaries - \$500,000. (\$447,714 actual) Julie stated when the chart was put together this figure was estimated. These individuals were active at the beginning of the year. Now that they are no longer working, this figure will change to reflect the actual dollars these employees cost. Corporate fund payroll comes out on July 10th, so we will know the actual dollars after that date. She further stated that a budget is a fluid thing. They change every day.

“Model #1 – Layoffs Only” (\$7 Million Deficit) This page outlined the number of positions that would need to be laid off from the City. It was prepared following the request of one of the Unions. She further stated that even if you did lay off 210 positions, you would not solve the budget shortfall. She stated you should do this in conjunction with other measures.

“Model #2 – Layoffs & \$3.2 Million in Budget Cuts (\$3.8 Million Deficit) The measures outlined in Model 2 reduce the total number of layoffs to 127 positions.

“Model #3 – Layoffs & \$3.2 Million in Budget Cuts and All Employees with 8 Day Furlough” (\$2.06 Million Deficit). The measures outlined in Model 3 reduce the total number of layoffs to 76 positions.

Many of 3.2 Million in cuts suggested by the directors have been evaluated but not all. Every cut must be evaluated in terms of what services are being cut to the community. Mayor Davlin stated that many of the cuts are coming in terms of layoff of union and non-union people. He does not want to provide detail until the unions made their final recommendations to the Mayor which is expected by July 10. The sooner the cuts are made the better. He stated if we could get down to \$2.0 Million, there would be no layoffs. If no furlough days are taken, we’re not going to avoid layoffs. He’s waiting for the unions.

The Police Union contract provides for a 60 day notice for layoffs. They agreed to a 30 day Notice. Those notices went out. Mayor Davlin stated that the negotiations are ongoing. These numbers are fluid as well.

Ald. Griffin asked how the total number of layoffs was determined. Julie Zolghadr stated that the formula is not based on totally scientific methods. It was a mathematical exercise by the budget staff.

CC Johnson stated that many non-union employees are covered by the Civil Service Commission.

Asked if hiring has stopped, Mayor Davlin stated that one engineer has been hired and maybe one janitor and that was in the water department. There is one open position in the Treasurer’s office.

Mayor Davlin stated that the police union has agreed to moving spike dates which is a 5% spike in pay on anniversary and birthday. If someone retires from the police department, that might save 2 other patrolman positions. There have been many good suggestions.

Ald. Cahnman brought up a voluntary severance plan. Mayor Davlin stated the City doesn't have the cash to do that.

Ald. Edwards stated that he will sponsor an ordinance to use the Hotel/Motel taxes generated from last year with the understanding that this would be a one-time deal. The unions realize the importance of this. They're willing to sacrifice to do this. But, we must downsize through attrition.

Ald. Theilen asked if he was suggesting sweeping the fund. Ald. Edwards stated yes. \$1.2 million is generated each year. Part of it has been used for sidewalks. The rest is available.

Ald. Mahoney stated that we made a promise to the people of Springfield when we raised that tax that it would be used for infrastructure. Ald. Kunz said you would get no argument of him. What guarantee is there that attrition would take place? There is none.

Ald. Edwards stated he had spoken to the Unions about it and they agreed. He said they understand that people on the top end need to retire. You put furlough days out there and that does affect them from going. Mayor Davlin stated it's no so much attrition because they will be the first to be called back.

Ald. Mahoney stated that using the money for infrastructure would put people to work. Ald. Kunz stated that if the economy does continue to get worse, this may not be enough. He stated the only place left to cut is wages. If we don't change the way we spend money, there is little choice left. He stated we're just prolonging the inevitable.

Julie Zolghadr suggested that the aldermen read the two reports on revenue provided to them. She said that OBM would be happy to sit down with any of the aldermen to discuss the revenue booklets.

Ald. Theilen stated that he knows there is an upfront cost for an early retirement plan. He asked for projections on an ERI for city employees. Julie Zolghadr stated she has many models she could provide. However, there has to be hard numbers to provide projections. She cannot do that without knowing who, how many, etc. She asked if everyone received a copy of the Memo Ald. Cahnman had requested and receiving during the budget year. There are many people putting together potential models and making good suggestions.

Ald. Cahnman asked if spending this year was equal to or less than last year. She stated that we are down about \$4 million from last year but don't get excited. There were cuts made last year totaling \$1.8 suggested by the Mayor's Blue Ribbon panel, the Mayor's additional cuts at budget time of \$1.3 Millions and other adjustments. Once we make payment on Health Insurance, that number will level out.

The final solution will include any unanticipated increase in Unemployment Costs. Changes in the laws have increased the amount each department is payment.

Ald. Lesko asked how quickly we can know if the measures we're suggesting are not enough? Julie Zolghadr stated they can get the information to the aldermen pretty quickly. We are always hampered by the delay in receipts from the Stated. We're always 90 days behind.

Mayor Davlin stated that is why he has asked that all employees take 8 furlough days. We can control expenses, but not revenue. We just don't know. We could be back here in October and may have to require another 8 days.

Ald. Edwards asked how many were eligible to retire. Julie Zolghadr stated she could get those numbers. Ald. Edwards stated there may be 76 eligible employees and we would need to know that information.

Ald. Griffin stated we need to start looking at the budget now. We need to look at efficiencies and downsizing. If we can make cuts now, we need to look at that now. We need to live within our means.

Mayor Davlin stated it could be much worse. Bloomington has an \$11 million deficit. They are smaller than Springfield. Government entities across Central Illinois are experiencing deficits. It is estimated that on a national scale, it is expected that 40,000 police officers will be laid off.

Ald. Dove stated that before permanent employees are laid off, we need to get rid of summer help and temporary employees. Mayor Davlin stated those numbers are included in the numbers you have in front of you.

Ald. Theilen asked if we are accepting suggestions by current employees to reduce costs. Do we have a suggestion box? Mayor Davlin stated he receives a dozen emails each day from employees and citizens.

On the issue of lawsuits, Ald. Theilen asked if the City is found liable on any court case, are we going to be right back here having to find more money. Mayor Davlin stated he was not going to discuss that in public. There might be a judge listening and he's not going to comment.

Ald. Theilen asked if the Mayor would consider a hiring freeze even if it had a sunset date on it. Mayor Davlin stated that if anyone is laid off, they would have first rights to an open position. There won't be a hiring for new positions.

Ald. Theilen asked if we closed the beach, doesn't that money come front CWLP? That is not a corporate fund expenditure. Mayor Davlin stated that is correct.

Finally, the PILOT from the new CWLP Dallman 4 unit has not generated any additional revenue that comes to the Corporate Fund. It does not begin until September. Mayor Davlin about 20% of our payroll comes from CWLP. It's not like they are paying their fair share.

Ald. Kunz stated there is a breakdown that was provided to aldermen about outside sales, wholesale sales, etc. Mayor Davlin stated CWLP's share of the health care costs is \$1.7 million. 8 furlough days are equal to \$1.7 million.

Ald. Griffin asked if we could vote on taking the money from CWLP that would be generated by 8 furlough days. Are there any costs that the City incurs that are attributable to CWLP. Mayor Davlin stated yes and that is the purpose of the current PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes).

Ald. Cimarossa stated that we're down 7% overall at CWLP in terms of sale of electricity. Ald. Kunz stated that the wholesale market is down because wholesale electricity is a commodity. The sales are down. That's a fact. The economy is down and we chose to balance the budget on stuff that is not finite.

Ald. Griffin stated that if the trend continues, it could be worse in 3 more months.

Ald. Kunz stated that a delay in reporting revenue numbers from the State of Illinois prohibits knowing any sooner if the numbers are up or down. Sales from December are not actually received by the City until March. A three month delay. There is nothing we can do about it.

Ald. Kunz further suggested that the State is earning interest on that money but we won't see that either.

Ald. Simpson Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at approximately 7:13 p.m. Ald. Cimarossa Seconded. The Motion Carried 10/0 via voice vote. Ald. Edwards, Simpson, Kunz, Lesko, Cahnman, Mahoney, Cimarossa, Theilen, Dove, & Griffin voted Yes.

Cecilia K. Tumulty

Cecilia K. Tumulty, C.M.C
City Clerk