

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
800 GAME FARM ROAD ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Pickering called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present (electronic attendance)
	Transier	Present (electronic attendance)
Ward II	Milschewski	Present (electronic attendance)
	Plocher	Present (electronic attendance)
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present
	Frieders	Present (electronic attendance)
Ward IV	Tarulis	Present (electronic attendance)
	Peterson	Present (electronic attendance)

Staff in attendance at city hall: City Administrator Olson and Chief of Police Jensen.

Staff in attendance electronically: City Clerk Pickering, Public Works Director Dhuse, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Finance Director Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director Evans, Assistant City Administrator Willrett, Building Code Official Ratons, Attorney Orr and EEI Engineer Sanderson.

Clerk's Note: Due to COVID-19, in accordance with Public Act 101-0640 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker pursuant to the powers vested in the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Act, the United City of Yorkville encouraged social distancing by allowing remote attendance to the City Council meeting.

Members of the public were able to attend this meeting in person while practicing social distancing as well as being able to access the meeting remotely via Zoom which allowed for video, audio and telephonic participation.

A meeting notice was posted on the city's website on the agenda, minutes and packets webpage with instructions regarding remote meeting access and a link was included for the public to participate in the meeting remotely: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967117225?pwd=TWNH0EJtb0cvNDkwNGo4dzZjSWdCUT09>. The Zoom meeting ID was 899 6711 7225.

Mayor Purcell stated that he has determined that under the Governor's orders the meeting can be held with electronic attendance for the safety of the council members and the public and to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

QUORUM

A quorum was established.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Shop with a Cop

Alderman Funkhouser announced that the Kiwanis Club was partnering with the police department this year for the police department's Shop with a Cop program. He said that the program helps provide gifts to children in need. Chief Jensen said they have currently raised \$1600.00 in donations between the officers, the aldermen, and the Kiwanis Club. He said that so far, they have twenty-five children they will be shopping for. Alderman Funkhouser said there are a few ways for people to still help if they are interested. Shopping will take place on Thursday, so donations are still being accepted if anyone would like to donate. If anyone wants to help next week, they can volunteer to help wrap or deliver the presents.

Riverfront Park Band Shell

Parks and Recreation Director Evans said that a couple of months ago, a group of citizens approached staff about an idea to develop a band shell at the riverfront on the existing concrete pad area. Staff met with the group to discuss potential options and the group presented the idea to the Park Board at the November meeting. The Park Board is in favor of moving forward with this idea. Paul Mulligan explained that the goal of the group is to develop the band shell using private donations. They think the

Riverfront Park is a great location to place the band shell. Boyd Ingemunson explained that Mr. Mulligan has put together a non-profit called Patrons Launching Arts in Yorkville (P.L.A.Y.). The group would like to make Yorkville an entertainment spot and to provide a real cultural center to downtown Yorkville. The idea is that the band shell will be funded through private funding and the non-profit organization will then run and manage the band shell on behalf of the city. This is an opportunity to use private funds to improve the Riverfront with the city maintaining control over the management of the structure. They are here tonight to see if the City Council is interested in this idea so they can meet with potential investors.

Council members commented that they liked the idea of a private-public partnership and they like the idea of the project being funded through private donations instead of taxpayer money. The council was in favor of the group moving forward with their idea.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Intent of the United City of Yorkville to sell not to exceed \$8,250,000 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell general obligation alternate revenue bonds of the City in the amount of not to exceed \$8,250,000 for the purpose of providing funds for (i) the acquisition of the real property located within the City at 651 Prairie Pointe Drive and the vacant Lot 2 adjacent thereto; (ii) the conversion of the existing building at 651 Prairie Pointe Drive into a new Yorkville City Hall and the acquisition of fixtures, furnishings and equipment for use therein; (iii) the acquisition of additional police cars and a new police communication system; (iv) road construction and repairs; and (v) the renovation and repurposing of the existing Yorkville City Hall at 800 Game Farm Road.

Please see attached transcript from the court reporter regarding the public hearing portion of the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council – November 10, 2020
2. Minutes of the Regular City Council – November 24, 2020
3. Bill Payments for Approval
 - \$ 340,779.83 (vendors)
 - \$ 312,892.77 (payroll period ending 11/25/20)
 - \$ 653,672.60 (total)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. So moved by Alderman Milschewski; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye,
Transier-aye, Plocher-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye

REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

	Tax Levy (CC 2020-93)
Resolution 2020-78	Requesting Separate Limiting Rates for all City Funds
Ordinance 2020-72	for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning on May 1, 2021 and Ending on April 30, 2022

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Requesting Separate Limiting Rates for all City Funds and to approve an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning on May 1, 2021 and Ending on April 30, 2022. So moved by Alderman Frieders; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye,
Plocher-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye

Ordinance 2020-73

**Authorizing the Sixth Amendment to the Annual Budget for
the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2020 and Ending on
April 30, 2021 (Local CURE Economic Support Program)
(CC 2020-86)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance Authoring the Sixth Amendment to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2020 and Ending on April 30, 2021 (Local CURE Economic Support Program). So moved by Alderman Milschewski; seconded by Alderman Peterson.

Mayor Purcell explained that based on the direction that the aldermen gave at the last meeting, this ordinance would allocate \$200,000 to be used towards the city program to help local businesses with grants. Mayor Purcell said that the city hopes to hear from the state in the next week or two if the city's grant application is approved.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Plocher-aye,
Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye

**Meeting Schedule for 2021
(CC 2020-97)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2021 as presented. So moved by Alderman Milschewski; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-1
Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Plocher-aye, Frieders-nay,
Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ordinance 2020-74

**Amending the Code of Ordinances Regulating
On-Street Parking (Blackberry Shore Lane)
(PW 2020-66)**

Alderman Plocher made a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances Regulating On-Street Parking (Blackberry Shore Lane) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Funkhouser.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Transier-aye, Plocher-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye,
Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ordinance 2020-75

**Repealing an Incentive Program for the Construction of New Homes
(EDC 2020-53)**

Alderman Milschewski made a motion to approve an Ordinance Repealing an Incentive Program for the Construction of New Homes and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Tarulis.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0
Plocher-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye,
Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Alderman Funkhouser reported the December 16th Administration meeting has been cancelled.

PARK BOARD

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

No report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

No report.

COMMUNITY & LIAISON REPORT

No report.

STAFF REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd)

Sign Code

Mayor Purcell said Paradise Car Wash would like to replace the message board on their current sign with an LED message board. He said that the city's current sign ordinance does not allow them to do this because the new sign would be too large under the current sign ordinance. Mayor Purcell would like to be able to help local businesses, so he is going to authorize staff to issue a permit to the business, which will then be followed with an amendment to the city's sign ordinance.

Comments were made that this ordinance has been in place and other businesses have complied with it. While it is understood that businesses are currently facing financial challenges due to the pandemic, other businesses have been turned down for similar requests or they spent money and complied with the sign ordinance. Other council members were in favor of allowing this sign to be updated with the new message board, even if the resulting sign is larger than what is currently allowed by ordinance.

**FY 21 Budget Update
(CC 2020-98)**

Administrator Olson said that there was nothing new to report since the last council meeting.

**Prairie Pointe Building Update
(CC 2020-99)**

Administrator Olson reported that the due diligence period for the acquisition of 651 Prairie Pointe Drive ends Friday, December 11th. Building Code Official Ratos, after consultation with other consultants, has concluded that nothing has been found which would prohibit the city from moving forward with the purchase. The closing will take place next week. The cost estimate for parking lot improvements, along with resurfacing the private streets of Prairie Pointe Drive and Crimson Lane, fixing curbs and completing ADA sidewalk repairs are estimated to be almost \$500,000. Regarding the planning process, meetings are scheduled next week between the architects and staff members. It was asked if the aldermen could also meet with the architects. Administrator Olson responded that since a steering committee was not being formed, the plan was for staff to update the aldermen at council meetings and take their feedback back to the architects. He said that while it was not currently planned for the aldermen to meet with the architects, it could be discussed further if the aldermen wanted to meet with the architects.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Chuck Yeager

Alderman Tarulis noted that the country lost one of its heroes this week with the passing of General Chuck Yeager who was the first pilot to break the sound barrier many years ago.

Pearl Harbor Day

Mayor Purcell noted that yesterday was Pearl Harbor Day. He felt it was important for Pearl Harbor Day to be recognized so that the younger generations would not forget this important day in history.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lucas Robinson, reporter with the Kendall County Record, asked if the Local CURE Economic Support Program from earlier in the meeting was being funded from reimbursement monies previously received by the city. Mayor Purcell responded that yes, it was being funded from federal monies that passed to the state and then were received by the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Purcell stated that an executive session would not be held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. So moved by Alderman Frieders; seconded by Alderman Tarulis.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:



Lisa Pickering,
City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois

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UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING

800 Game Farm Road
Yorkville, Illinois

Tuesday, December 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.

1 PRESENT:

2 Mr. John Purcell, Mayor;

3 Mr. Ken Koch, Alderman;

4 Mr. Dan Transier, Alderman;

5 Ms. Jackie Milschewski, Alderman;

6 Mr. Arden Joe Plocher, Alderman;

7 Mr. Chris Funkhouser, Alderman;

8 Mr. Joel Frieders, Alderman;

9 Mr. Seaver Tarulis, Alderman;

10 Mr. Jason Peterson, Alderman.

11 ALSO PRESENT:

12 Mr. Bart Olson, City Administrator,

13 Mr. James Jensen, Chief of Police,

14 Ms. Lisa Pickering, City Clerk,

15 Mr. Eric Dhuse, Public Works Director,

16 Ms. Krysti Barksdale-Noble, Community
17 Development Director,

18 Mr. Rob Fredrickson, Finance Director,

19 Mr. Tim Evans, Parks and Recreation
20 Director,

21 Ms. Erin Willrett, Assistant City
22 Administrator,

23 Ms. Kathleen Field-Orr, City Attorney;

24 Mr. Brad Sanderson, City Engineer.

1 (WHEREUPON, the following
2 proceedings were had in
3 public hearing:)

4 MAYOR PURCELL: I will now open the
5 public hearing regarding the intent of the United
6 City of Yorkville to sell not to exceed
7 \$8,250,000 in General Obligation Alternate
8 Revenue Bonds for the purposes of the acquisition
9 of the real property located within the city at
10 651 Prairie Point Drive and the vacant Lot 2
11 adjacent; the conversion of the existing building
12 into a new Yorkville City Hall and the
13 acquisition of fixtures, furnishings and
14 equipment for the use therein, and that City Hall
15 would contain the police department; the use of
16 additional police cars or, excuse me, the
17 acquisition of additional police cars and a new
18 police communication system; road construction
19 and repairs; the renovation or repurposing of the
20 existing Yorkville City Hall at 800 Garm Farm
21 Road, and that's what these moneys could be used
22 for, doesn't mean it will be used for each one of
23 those, but this way it's all encompassing as
24 potential uses.

1 Now that the public hearing is open,
2 I will ask are there any members of the public
3 here at City Hall who have any comments?

4 (No response.)

5 MAYOR PURCELL: I see no public here at
6 City Hall with comments. I will ask if there are
7 members of the public in the Zoom land who have
8 City -- or have any comments.

9 (No response.)

10 MAYOR PURCELL: I hear none. Having
11 heard no comments, I am looking for -- or do I
12 just make a motion or do I close myself, I
13 forget?

14 MS. ORR: You can just close the public
15 hearing.

16 MAYOR PURCELL: Okay. I will just close
17 the public hearing. Perfect. Public hearing is
18 now closed. Thank you very much.

19 (Which were all the
20 proceedings had in the
21 public hearing portion
22 of the meeting.)

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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2) SS.
3 COUNTY OF LASALLE)

4 I, Christine M. Vitosh, a Certified Shorthand
5 Reporter, do hereby certify that I transcribed
6 the proceedings had at the public hearing and that
7 the foregoing, Pages 1 through 5, inclusive, is a
8 true, correct and complete computer-generated
9 transcript of the proceedings had at the time and
10 place aforesaid.

11 I further certify that my certificate annexed
12 hereto applies to the original transcript and
13 copies thereof, signed and certified under my
14 hand only. I assume no responsibility for the
15 accuracy of any reproduced copies not made under
16 my control or direction.

17 As certification thereof, I have hereunto set
18 my hand this 29th day of December, A.D., 2020.

19 *Christine M Vitosh*

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21 Christine M. Vitosh, CSR
22 Illinois CSR No. 084-002883
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