

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS,**  
**HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,**  
**651 PRAIRIE POINTE DRIVE ON**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023**

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Behland called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present
	Transier	Present
Ward II	Plocher	Present
	Soling	Present
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present
	Marek	Present
Ward IV	Tarulis	Present
	Corneils	Present

Staff in attendance at City Hall: City Clerk Behland, City Administrator Olson, Chief of Police Jensen, Attorney Lamb, Public Works Director Dhuse, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Finance Director Fredrickson, Parks and Recreation Director Evans, Assistant City Administrator Willrett, and Building Code Official Ratos.

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/84065193983?pwd=eUJ1OHVZZ2lUbDVSc0VTRG1OZGwrZz09>. The Zoom meeting ID was 840 6519 3983.

**QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR OR ALDERMEN**

Mayor Purcell thanked everyone for the past four years. We accomplished a lot by getting through COVID-19 and helping support the businesses and our staff. There have been a lot of road improvements these past four years. Mayor Purcell also discussed buying the Prairie Pointe building and hosting the health department's COVID clinic. Tonight marks the first meeting at the new city hall building.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SINE DIE (SESSION)**

Mayor adjourned the session of the City Council at 7:08 p.m.

**SWEARING-IN**

Judge Carlo Colosimo swore in Daniel Transier as Ward I Alderman, Craig Soling as Ward II Alderman, Chris Funkhouser as Ward III Alderman; and Rusty Corneils as Ward IV Alderman; all to four-year terms. John Purcell was then sworn in as Mayor by Judge John McAdams for a four-year term of office.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Behland called the roll.

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	Soling	Present
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present
	Marek	Present
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	Corneils	Present

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**RECESS**

Mayor Purcell stated that a brief recess would take place for refreshments.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Alderman Craig Soling shared with the council that a friend and Bristol Bay resident, Doug Johnson, passed away in a tragic accident on May 5, 2023. The council then held a round of applause in honor of Doug.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council – April 11, 2023
2. Minutes of the Regular City Council – April 25, 2023
3. Bill Payments for Approval
  - \$ 704,900.88 (vendors – FY 23)
  - \$ 43,058.00 (vendors – FY 24)
  - \$ 148,405.87 (wire payments)
  - \$ 407,316.60 (payroll period ending 04/28/2023)
  - \$ 1,303,681.35 (total)

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

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye,  
Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye

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**REPORTS**

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Purcell said he closed the last meeting by discussing a few accomplishments over the past four years. He wants to open this meeting with his goals for the next four years. We have the water project hook up to Lake Michigan with the DuPage Water Commission. The next large project is to finalize the future public works building. We have big road projects planned in the next few years due to a few subdivisions coming up on their 20-year mark. And continue to work on new businesses and the downtown area. Mayor Purcell would also like to continue the great relationships with other governing boards.

**Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation  
(CC 2023-22)**

Mayor Purcell proclaimed the month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the United City of Yorkville (*see attached*).

**United City of Yorkville and Yorkville School  
District 115 Intergovernmental Agreements  
(CC 2023-23)**

**Resolution 2023-13**

**Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Operation of a  
Preschool By and Between the United City of Yorkville and  
Yorkville Community School District 115**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Operation of a Preschool By and Between the United City of Yorkville and Yorkville Community School District 115. So moved by Alderman Transier; seconded by Alderman Plocher.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye,  
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye

**Resolution 2023-14**

**Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Yorkville  
Community Unit School District No. 115 and the United  
City of Yorkville for Pre-Closing Possession  
of 800 Game Farm Road**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Between Yorkville Community Unit School District No. 115 and the United City of Yorkville for Pre-closing Possession of 800 Game Farm Road. So moved by Alderman Marek; seconded by Alderman Soling.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-1  
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-nay, Soling-aye,  
Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye

**Selection of Mayor Pro Tem for Fiscal Year 2024**

(CC 2023-24)

Mayor Purcell requested nominations for Mayor Pro Tem for Fiscal Year 2024. Alderman Marek nominated Alderman Transier. Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to appoint Alderman Transier as Mayor Pro Tem for Fiscal Year 2024. So moved by Alderman Marek; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye,  
Corneils-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

(CC 2023-25)

No appointments were made at the meeting.

**Appointments to City Council Committees – Administration, Economic Development,  
Public Safety and Public Works**

(CC 2023-26)

Mayor Purcell announced that a list of appointments to City Council committees was emailed, and they are at each alderperson's desk.

**Appointment of Department Heads**

(CC 2023-27)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments of department heads as follows: City Administrator and Budget Officer – Bart Olson, four-year appointment; Chief of Police – James Jensen, four-year appointment; City Clerk – Jori Behland, four-year appointment; City Treasurer and Director of Finance – Rob Fredrickson, four-year appointment; Director of Public Works – Eric Dhuse, four-year appointment; Director of Parks and Recreation – Tim Evans, four-year appointment; Building Inspector/Zoning Officer – Pete Ratos, four-year appointment; City Attorney – Kathleen Field Orr, four-year appointment; City Engineer – Engineering Enterprises, Inc., four-year appointment. So moved by Alderman Tarulis; seconded by Alderman Marek.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye,  
Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye

**Oath of Office for Department Heads**

(CC 2023-28)

All appointed department heads stood and took an oath of office for their appointed position.

**City Administrator Employment Contract**

(CC 2023-29)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an employment agreement between the United City of Yorkville and Bart Olson and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Transier; seconded by Alderman Marek.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye,  
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye

**Chief of Police Employment Contract**

(CC 2023-30)

Mayor Purcell stated this item was not ready and that it would be back at a future meeting.

**Appointment of Deputy Clerk  
(CC 2023-31)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to appoint Monica Cisija as Deputy Clerk for a four-year appointment. So moved by Soling; seconded by Alderman Marek.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Corneils-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye,  
Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye

**2023 Bond – Municipal Advisor and Bond  
Council Engagement Letter  
(CC 2023-32)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the engagement letters for Speer Financial, the municipal advisor, with a fee of approximately \$26,000, and Saul Ewing, the bond counsel, with a fixed fee of \$30,000, and authorize the Mayor to execute. So moved by Tarulis; seconded by Alderman Plocher.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Koch-aye, Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye,  
Transier-aye, Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

**PARK BOARD**

**Summer Events**

Parks and Recreation Director Evans shared the following upcoming events within the City: May 25<sup>th</sup> – Margaritas en Mayo at Downtown Yorkville, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Ceremony at Town Square, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Cruise Night at Riverfront Park, and June 15<sup>th</sup> – Fore! Yorkville Golf Outing at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course.

**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)**

**City Building Updates**

**Resolution 2023-12**

**Approving Change Orders Relating  
to 651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, Illinois  
(Thirteenth Set of Change Orders)  
(CC 2021-04)**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Change Orders Relating to 651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, Illinois (Thirteenth Set of Change Orders) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Funkhouser; seconded by Alderman Soling.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Plocher-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye,  
Soling-aye, Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye

**Water Study Update  
(CC 2021-38)**

No report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Barb, a Plano resident, would like the council to move onward and upward for what is truly best for the City in this new building and a new beginning.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to go into executive session for litigation. So moved by Alderman Transier; seconded by Alderman Funkhouser.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-8 Nays-0  
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Soling-aye,  
Marek-aye, Corneils-aye, Koch-aye, Plocher-aye

The City Council entered executive session at 8:05 p.m.

The City Council returned to regular session at 8:18 p.m.

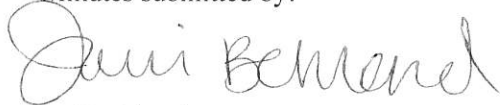
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jori Behland".

Jori Behland,  
City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois



## UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE

### *Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our City and State; and

**WHEREAS**, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear, and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our City and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), continually promote motorcycle safety, education and awareness in high school drivers' education programs and to the general public in our City and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 120,000 participants in Illinois over the past seven years; and

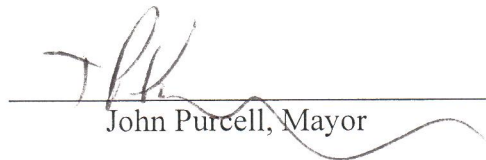
**WHEREAS**, all motorcyclists should join A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of the citizens of our City and State; and

**WHEREAS**, the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of the roadways within the United City of Yorkville and throughout the State of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Purcell, Mayor of the United City of Yorkville, in the great state of Illinois, in recognition of 36 years of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness, do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the United City of Yorkville, and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, A.D.

  
John Purcell, Mayor

