

**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, NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Pickering called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present
	Transier	Present
Ward II	Milschewski	Present
	Plocher	Absent
Ward III	Funkhouser	Present
	Frieders	Present
Ward IV	Tarulis	Present
	Peterson	Present

Staff present: City Administrator Olson, City Clerk Pickering, Chief of Police Jensen, Deputy Chief of Police Mikolasek, Deputy Chief of Police Pfizenmaier, Public Works Director Dhuse, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Finance Director Fredrickson, Assistant City Administrator Willrett, Purchasing Manager Parker, Attorney Orr, and EEI Engineer Sanderson.

QUORUM

A quorum was established.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to amend the City Council agenda for Alderman Frieders to give a report on an upcoming event prior to the presentations for employee appreciation of service. So moved by Alderman Transier; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

EVENT

Yorkville Holiday Celebration Weekend

Alderman Frieders announced that Yorkville's holiday celebration would be taking place on Saturday, November 23rd. The event will start with the 4th annual winter wonderland festival at Circle Center Grade School from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. which includes carnival games, bake sales, shopping circles, concessions, and visits with Santa. Starting at 5:00 p.m. at Riverfront Park, there will be community performances, a holiday parade, and the tree lighting ceremony, followed by fireworks at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 24th, the Chili Chase 5K for a cure will be held starting at 8:30 a.m. at the American Legion located at 9054 E. Veterans Parkway.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee Appreciation of Service

City employees Andrew Jeleniewski, Patrick McMahon, Raymond Mikolasek, Bob Weber, and Rachel Wright were recognized for fifteen years of service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Tax Levy
2. Boundary Line Agreement between Yorkville and Plano

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

Mayor Purcell mentioned that the tax levy would be a 2.9% increase for the city to capture new construction only. The city will not be levying for CPI. He mentioned that the tax levy increase for the library would be approximately 4.8% as the library is levying for new construction and inflation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the special City Council meeting of October 19, 2019 and minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 22, 2019 as presented. So moved by Alderman Peterson; seconded by Alderman Funkhouser.

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve the bill list in the amount of \$781,045.72 (vendors); \$593,809.49 (payroll periods ending 10/18/19 and 11/01/19); for a total of \$1,374,855.21. So moved by Alderman Milschewski; seconded by Alderman Tarulis.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Frieders-aye,
Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye

REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MFT Resolution 2019-33 **Salt Purchase**
Ordinance 2019-62 **(CC 2019-66)**
Authorizing the Seventh Amendment to the Annual Budget
for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019
and Ending on April 30, 2020

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an MFT Resolution for the purchase of salt and an Ordinance Authorizing the Seventh Amendment to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending on April 30, 2020 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Peterson; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye,
Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye

Mill Road Land Acquisition – Plat of Dedication
(CC 2019-67)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to accept the Plat of Dedication upon receipt of the final executed closing documents and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Funkhouser; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Transier-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye,
Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye

Ordinance 2019-63 **Approving a Loan to Redeem a Note for the Purchase and**
Sale of Real Estate (185 Wolf Street)
(CC 2019-68)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve an Ordinance Approving a Loan to Redeem a Note for the Purchase and Sale of Real Estate (185 Wolf Street) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Milschewski; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye,
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye

Resolution 2019-34 **Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of Personal Property**
Owned by the City (Squad Cars)
(CC 2019-69)

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Sale and Transfer of Personal Property Owned by the City (Squad Cars) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Tarulis; seconded by Alderman Peterson.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye,
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution 2019-35 to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within the
Yorkville Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment
Project Area #2 (111 East Van Emmon)
(EDC 2019-92)

Alderman Milschewski made a motion to approve a Resolution to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within the Yorkville Downtown Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area #2 (111 East Van Emmon) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye,
Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Frieders-aye

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution 2019-36 Approving an Amendment to the Employee Manual
(Drug Free Workplace Policy)
(ADM 2019-61)

Alderman Funkhouser made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Employee Manual (Drug Free Workplace Policy) and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye,
Transier-aye, Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye

IT Expenditures
(ADM 2019-62)

Microsoft Server Licenses
Computer Purchases

Alderman Funkhouser made a motion to approve the purchase of Microsoft Windows server datacenter edition – licenses and software assurance along with Microsoft Windows server 2019 licenses in a total amount not to exceed \$28,454.70 and computer purchases as presented; seconded by Alderman Peterson.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye,
Frieders-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye

Ordinance 2019-64 Authorizing the Sixth Amendment to the Annual Budget
for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019
and Ending on April 30, 2020

Alderman Funkhouser made a motion to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sixth Amendment to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending on April 30, 2020 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0
Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye, Transier-aye, Frieders-aye,
Peterson-aye, Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye

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.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Alderman Milschewski thanked the citizens who commented on the proposed tax levy. She encouraged them to also attend the meetings of the other taxing bodies as well. She mentioned that the school district will have a presentation on December 16th concerning the school district's levy.

Tax Levy

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Purcell entertained a motion to go into executive session for the following topics:

1. For the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.
2. For security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.
3. For the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes.

So moved by Alderman Funkhouser; seconded by Alderman Peterson.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-5 Nays-2
Koch-aye, Milschewski-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Tarulis-aye,
Transier-aye, Frieders-nay, Peterson-nay

The City Council entered executive session at 7:52 p.m.

The City Council returned to regular session at 8:25 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion unanimously approved by a viva voce vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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 HEARINGS

800 Game Farm Road
Yorkville, Illinois

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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PRESENT:

- Mr. John Purcell, Mayor;
- Mr. Ken Koch, Alderman;
- Mr. Dan Transier, Alderman;
- Ms. Jackie Milschewski, Alderman;
- Mr. Chris Funkhouser, Alderman;
- Mr. Joel Frieders, Alderman;
- Mr. Seaver Tarulis, Alderman;
- Mr. Jason Peterson, Alderman.

ALSO PRESENT:

- Ms. Lisa Pickering, City Clerk,
- Ms. Kathleen Field-Orr, City Attorney,
- Mr. Bart Olson, City Administrator.

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

4 MAYOR PURCELL: Public hearings,
5 actually we have a couple. Very interesting,
6 important things. First one is the action that
7 we've heard the 2019 tax levy that will go to
8 2020 bills. Do I have to open the public
9 hearing. Is that how I do it?

10 MS. ORR: Yes.

11 MAYOR PURCELL: I am opening the public
12 hearing if anyone wants to comment on the tax
13 levy, we will do that one first.

14 (No response.)

15 MAYOR PURCELL: No comments?

16 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: What are
17 you proposing?

18 MAYOR PURCELL: What's that?

19 MR. SHOPECK: Comments from the floor?

20 MAYOR PURCELL: If you want to come to
21 the microphone, yeah, state your name and then
22 tell us what you want to tell us.

23 MR. SHOPECK: Hi. Can you hear me now?

24 MAYOR PURCELL: One more time. Is that

1 Sprint or Verizon?

2 MR. SHOPECK: Can you hear me now? I
3 don't know. Hi, Walt Shopeck (phonetic),
4 Yorkville resident. I read in the paper about
5 the tax increase, and I understand, I read that
6 the argument is out of our total tax bill,
7 Yorkville is like only six percent, but the
8 reality is as residents of the town, we are
9 getting nickeled and dimed, and just please stop.

10 As I drive around Yorkville the last
11 couple years, I've seen all these new homes go
12 up, and every time I see a house go up, I say
13 it's a small house, that's \$5,000 into the tax
14 rolls. That's a big house, it's 10,000. That's
15 a really big house, 15,000.

16 So from where I see it, tax revenues
17 should be on the increase because people are
18 moving here and new homes are going up.

19 Figure out how to pay the bills with
20 the money you are getting in now; don't ask us to
21 for more. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MAYOR PURCELL: Thank you very much.

24 Other comments? Again, this is on the tax levy

1 if you have comments.

2 I am sure somebody has comments on
3 the boundary line agreement, that will be the
4 next one.

5 MR. CRAWFORD: Hi. Darren Crawford, I
6 live over in Kylyn's Crossing. Last year our
7 taxes went up, in Kylyn's Crossing, at least my
8 house, went up 18 and a half percent. Okay.
9 That's pretty extreme. Now another increase?

10 We already were assessed this year
11 in Kylyn's Crossing for 4.88 percent more on the
12 assessment of all the homes in the subdivision.
13 This is getting a little out of hand.

14 Like the gentleman said, we're
15 getting nicked and dined. It's getting to the
16 point where I have to consider about moving, and
17 that's -- I like this community, I like it a lot,
18 I don't want to have to move, but I'm getting
19 taxed out of it. That's what I want to say.

20 MAYOR PURCELL: Thank you for your
21 comments.

22 MR. QUIGLEY: Hi. Good evening. My
23 name is Ben Quigley. I am a Yorkville resident
24 recently here just in the spring, moved here from

1 Montgomery. We moved here because of a few
2 different things, it seemed like a good place to
3 bring our children.

4 The school district in 308 was
5 having its struggles, even though they had
6 consistently increased the tax revenue and were
7 hitting us for more every year, last year
8 included, and I personally just would like to
9 know what the plan is.

10 There are communities in the
11 surrounding area that have higher taxes than we
12 do here. To be honest, they seem to be doing
13 more with those dollars than we are here.

14 If there is an intention to spend
15 those dollars really intelligently, potentially
16 there is something to discuss, but I think if
17 this money is going to be spent the way that 308
18 School District spent theirs and the way that
19 Oswego and Montgomery have handled, mishandled,
20 their tax revenue, then I think that this should
21 be something that just gets reassessed and should
22 be put out and maybe put to a vote for the
23 city -- citizens of the city here because more
24 money for less value or to not increase the value

1 of our homes, the value of the community that we
2 live in, just doesn't make a lot of sense. Thank
3 you.

4 MAYOR PURCELL: Thank you. Other
5 comments on the public hearing for the tax levy?

6 (No response.)

7 MAYOR PURCELL: Seeing none, I'll take a
8 motion to close the tax levy public hearing.

9 MR. FRIEDERS: So moved.

10 MR. KOCH: Second.

11 MAYOR PURCELL: Mr. Frieders. Second,
12 Koch. All in favor?

13 (A chorus of ayes.)

14 MAYOR PURCELL: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 MAYOR PURCELL: Okay. The tax levy
17 hearing is closed. And we will do the boundary
18 line agreement public hearing, and I will have
19 some comments to address some concerns after we
20 do this public hearing as well because I think
21 you have some valid points and there are some
22 things that I need to explain to make sure you
23 understand our perspective.

24 So the next thing I will do is open

1 up the boundary line agreement public hearing
2 between Yorkville and Plano.

3 Are there any comments on the
4 boundary line agreement between Yorkville and
5 Plano?

6 (No response.)

7 MAYOR PURCELL: None from the public.
8 Are there any from the Council?

9 Mr. Funkhouser.

10 ALDERMAN FUNKHOUSER: Yes, I just have
11 one. I think the agreement is good the way it
12 is, I just have one tweak that I would recommend
13 making that I would like to see happen.

14 As we know, the county has acquired
15 land for a reconfiguration of Eldamain down to
16 Fox. I think it would be prudent for us to
17 follow that center line or at least capture that
18 property to the west edge as is on our current
19 plan now.

20 I think that would be serviceable by
21 Yorkville, but it makes sense, it's consistent
22 with what we have all the way down the Eldamain
23 corridor, so I would like us to make an attempt
24 to try to change that and have that moved,

1 follow the center line to the west edge of the
2 boundary.

3 MR. OLSON: Just for clarification, are
4 you referencing the former Fox River plus
5 property?

6 ALDERMAN FUNKHOUSER: Yes.

7 MR. OLSON: Mid-2000's?

8 ALDERMAN FUNKHOUSER: Yes.

9 MR. OLSON: There was an annexation
10 agreement with the city.

11 MAYOR PURCELL: Well, there was, then it
12 came to the county, too.

13 MR. OLSON: Yes.

14 MAYOR PURCELL: Wow, I forgot about
15 that.

16 ALDERMAN FUNKHOUSER: That would take
17 care of it.

18 MAYOR PURCELL: Any other comments from
19 the Council?

20 (No response.)

21 MAYOR PURCELL: None from the public?

22 (No response.)

23 MAYOR PURCELL: Is there a motion to
24 close the public hearing for the boundary line

1 agreement?

2 MS. MILSCHEWSKI: So moved.

3 MAYOR PURCELL: Milschewski. Is there a
4 second?

5 ALDERMAN PETERSON: Second.

6 MAYOR PURCELL: Peterson.

7 All in favor?

8 (A Chorus of ayes.)

9 MAYOR PURCELL: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MAYOR PURCELL: Motion carries.

12 Excellent.

13 (Which were all the
14 proceedings had in the
15 public hearing portion
16 of the meeting.)

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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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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 11, inclusive, is
8 a 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 November, A.D., 2019.

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

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Dear Bart,

I have now lived in Yorkville with my daughter for over 17 years. I love our neighborhood, our neighbors are more like family. We love our Parish. I am contacting you with concerns of property tax increase. Our properties have taken large increases with property tax increases over the years. This is my first time voicing a concern as the property taxes are already extremely high. I know that I am not alone with having to make the difficult decision with needing to plan on moving out of Yorkville if the taxes continue to increase, as for many we do not receive an increase in pay each year to cover these property tax increases.

I was informed there is a meeting tonight at 7pm and Tax Levy is on the agenda. I will be still at work when the meeting is being held is the reason I am reaching out to you via email with stating I am not in favor of the property tax increase.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Cassandra Hollarbush

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