

ITEM NO. C-1  
DATE 12/13/2022  
DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

The Berwyn City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 22, 2022

This meeting was live streamed and may be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityOfBerwyn/videos?app=desktop>

Approved as Submitted

Mayor Lovero called the Regular Meeting to Order at 8:00 p.m. Clerk Paul called the roll. The following Alderpeople responded present in chambers: Lennon, Woywod, Leja, Fejt, Ruiz, Arenella, and Carmichael. Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to excuse Ald. Pabon. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mayor Lovero asked all attendees to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Public Works employee Brian Jicha and in support of our First Responders.

**Open Forum:** Mayor Lovero opened the floor for Open Forum. The following people came to the podium to address the council members: **Susie Donnelly** spoke on the topic of increasing elected officials' stipend and expense account. **Stephen Taylor** spoke on the topic of increasing elected officials' stipend and expense account. **Melanie Ahern**, owner of Cassidy Tire, commented on her company's participation with the Berwyn Police Department to mark catalytic converters to prevent theft. She thanked the department for selecting her company to assist with the voluntary program. **Ald. Ruiz** announced a 6<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting scheduled for December 10, 2022. Ald. Arenella announced an Administration Aldermanic Committee meeting scheduled for November 29, 2022. No one else asked to be recognized. Mayor Lovero concluded Open Forum.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**C-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve the November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Bid Openings:**

**D-1:** Ald. Fejt made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to award the bid for the HVAC Replacement project at the Berwyn Recreational Department to AMS Mechanical Systems, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, for an amount not to exceed \$479,800.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Berwyn Development Corporation Submission:**

**E-1:** Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to **adopt** the Ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving A Plat of Subdivision and Consolidation for Certain Property Located at 2609 Harlem Avenue for the City of Berwyn, County of Cook, State of Illinois**, direct the Corporate Authorities to affix the necessary signatures and send it on its way to passage. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Reports from the Mayor:**

**F-1:** Clerk Paul read the Proclamation honoring Detective Rita Esposito. Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to congratulate Det. Esposito on being named to the Nationwide Registries of Women of Distinction for her accomplishments and adopt the Proclamation as submitted. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Det. Esposito accepted a copy of the Proclamation and congratulations from all the attendees.

**F-2:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the contract between the City of Berwyn and members of the International Municipal Police Association Berwyn Chapter Local One as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**F-3:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve the contract between the City of Berwyn and members of the Berwyn Firefighters Association Local 506 of the International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO, CLC as submitted. The motion passed with six Alderpeople voting AYE and Ald. Fejt abstaining.

**Reports from the Clerk:** Nothing submitted for the agenda.

**Reports from Zoning Board of Appeals:** Nothing submitted for the agenda

**Reports from Alderpeople, Committees, Boards:**

**I-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the Budget and Finance Aldermanic Committee Minutes of meetings held on 10/13, 10/19, and 10/20, 2022 as informational. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-2:** Ald. Arenella made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to reverse the previous denial of Handicap Parking Application #1428 for a reserved space at 2234 Kenilworth. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-3:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to defer consideration of increasing the Aldermanic stipend to January 10, 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Ald. Ruiz then made the motion, seconded by Ald. Carmichael, to increase the Aldermanic expense account limit from \$4,500 to \$7,500 effective January 1, 2023 and an annual expense account increase of \$500.00 each year thereafter. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**I-4:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's notice of the promotion of Police Officer Richard Novotny to the rank of Sergeant effective November 10, 2022 as informational and congratulate Sgt. Novotny. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**I-5:** Ald. Leja made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to accept the Fire and Police Commission's notice of the hiring of Probationary Police Officer Giovanni Bahena effective December 5, 2022 as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

**J-1:** Ald. Lennon made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to propose a tax levy increase of 3.9% over that collected in tax year 2021 for tax year 2022 to be collected in 2023 and instruct the Finance Director to draft an Ordinance indicating same to be submitted to the City Council for passage according to statute. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-2:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve Pay Request #14 for \$356,385.43 to Pan Oceanic for work completed on the Depot District Utility Project from the City of Berwyn and IEPA Water Main and Sewer loans. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-3:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve Pay Request #15 for \$127,015.41 to Pan Oceanic for work completed on the Depot District Utility Project from the City of Berwyn and IEPA Water Main and Sewer loans. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-4:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve Payment Estimate No. 2 for \$352,669.01 (including a 3% retainage) to J. Nardulli Concrete, Inc. for completion of the Green Alley Replacement Grant Project – Phase 2. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-5:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to approve payment for Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$306,942.21 to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. for 2022 Street Resurfacing MFT Section No. 22-00176-00-RS. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-6:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve payment of Pay Estimate No. 3 and Final for \$27,210.33 to M&J Asphalt Paving Co. for work completed in the PY 2021 CDBG Sidewalk Replacement program. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-7:** Ald. Ruiz made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to waive the sealed bid process and approve the purchase of a Monroe Torsion Trip Edge “J” style poly reversible plow for a cost not to exceed \$13,966.00 paid out of the Public Works budget. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**J-8:** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve Building Director Lazzara’s request to demolish the structure at the common address of **6809 Roosevelt Road**. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**J-9:** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Lennon, to approve Building Director Lazzara’s request to demolish the structure at the common address of **6841 Roosevelt Road**. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

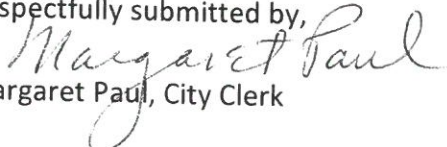
**J-10:** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Leja, to approve Building Director Lazzara’s request to demolish the structure at the common address of **6843 Roosevelt Road**. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**J-11:** Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Fejt, to accept the Communication Division’s update as informational. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Consent Agenda (Items K1 – K3):** Ald. Lennon made a motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Aldermanic Committee / Ward Meetings:** Ald. Leja announced his upcoming event A.M with the Alderman. Ald. Arenella announced her upcoming committee meeting.

There being no further business before the City Council, Ald. Carmichael made the motion, seconded by Ald. Ruiz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
  
Margaret Paul, City Clerk