

CITY OF OAK FOREST
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday

June 28, 2022

Mayor Kuspa called the City Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call as follows:

Present: Alderman Gray
Alderman McCarthy
Alderman Wolf
Alderman Selman
Alderman Emmett
Alderman Hortsman
Alderman Danihel

Also Present: City Clerk John F. Janozik
Treasurer Ericka Vetter
Police Chief Jason Reid
Public Works Director Salamowicz

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by midnight on June 30th. Please keep in mind that the fees double on July 1st. You can purchase your city stickers online through the city website www.oak-forest.org.

If you notice a home or business in town where pride of ownership really shines through be sure to submit the Forest in Bloom Award Nomination form by July 6th. The forms can be found on the city website or picked up at City Hall. Alderman Gray added you can nominate yourself or nominate a neighbor or a business. You can nominate as many homes as you want; so if you notice a bunch of houses that are very, very well kept make a note and enter them, because we love to have a lot of winners every year. So get out there and stuff the ballot box and good luck! If you see people driving around slowly in front of your house in the next couple of weeks it's because the volunteer judges will be out there looking at your yard. Good luck to everybody!

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Mayor Kuspa wished everyone a Happy 4th of July. City Hall will be closed Monday, and garbage pickup will be delayed one day next week because of the holiday. Remember, fireworks are illegal, please leave the fireworks to the professionals. What goes up must come down, we do not want anyone to get hurt or any homes damaged.

Alderman Selman announced the Veterans Commission wanted to do something in memory of Rich Simon. They tried to put together a comprehensive list, but they quickly ran out of things Rich was known for and couldn't put it on a reasonable sized plaque. They settled on the three that he was instrumental in establishing; the Oak Forest Veterans Commission, he was a staple at the VFW Memorial Day ceremony with the reading of General Logan's 11th General Order for years, and of course, he represented the 2nd Ward as Oak Forest's longest serving alderman. In memory of Rich Simon, Alderman Selman is honored to present this plaque to the members of the Simon family that are here. Members of the Simon family approached the dais and were presented the plaque by Alderman Selman. Mayor Kuspa thanked the Simon family for coming out and sharing Rich Simon with the rest of us.

4. MOTION TO ESTABLISH CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Danihel made the motion to establish consent agenda.

Alderman Emmett seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion to establish consent agenda carried 7/7.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. City Council - June 14, 2022

B. Consideration of the following Lists of Bills dated:

- 1. Regular Bills: FY 2022-2023 - June 28, 2022
- 2. Supplemental Bills: FY 2022-2023 - June 28, 2022

C. Consideration of the following minutes:

- 1. Economic Advisory Council - February 9, 2022
- 2. Police & Fire Commission - February 9, 2022
- 3. Police & Fire Commission - March 2, 2022
- 4. Crime Prevention Commission - March 16, 2022
- 5. Police & Fire Commission - March 23, 2022
- 6. Police & Fire Commission - May 17, 2022
- 7. Planning & Zoning Commission - May 18, 2022
- 8. Veterans Commission - May 19, 2022
- 9. Police & Fire Commission - June 4, 2022

Alderman Danihel made the motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Alderman Selman seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion to approve Consent Agenda carried 7/7.

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6. ADMINISTRATION

A. Promotion of David Devires to Police Sergeant. The attached memo from City Administrator Kristin, dated June 28, 2022, provides supporting details.

Mayor Kuspa called Investigator Devries to the dais.

Police Chief Reid spoke on behalf of Investigator Devries.

City Clerk Janozik administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Devries.

B. Appointment of John Robinson to Assistant Director of Oak Forest Public Works. The attached memo from Mayor Kuspa, dated June 28, 2022, provides supporting details.

Alderman Emmett made the motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Robinson to Assistant Director of Public Works.

Alderman Danihel seconded.

Mayor Kuspa said a lengthy search had been done for the position, and our Public Works Director strongly recommended Mr. Robinson. Mayor Kuspa thanked Alderman Emmett for sitting through final interviews.

Mr. Robinson thanked Council and said he looks forward to serving the City of Oak Forest.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

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<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Selman			

The motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Robinson to Assistant Director of Public Works carried 7/7.

C. Appointment of Alex Holewa to the Oak Forest Civil Service Commission. The attached memo from Mayor Kuspa, dated June 28, 2022, provides supporting details.

Alderman Selman made the motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Holewa to the Civil Service Commission.

Alderman Danihel seconded.

Mayor Kuspa explained that Kitty Selman highly recommends Mr. Holewa.

Alderman Selman briefly spoke on behalf of Mr. Holewa.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			

The motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Holewa to the Civil Service Commission carried 6/6.

7. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Emmett said he is getting a lot of trees cut down in his area, and thinks he is affected the most because he has the older section. A couple complaints on Lynne Court, they want to know if they're going to get new trees. He informed them he believes there is only \$10,000.00 in that budget. He doesn't know if they were using that money to cut down trees, but then he got a couple calls on 150th and 150th Place. That whole area got wiped out; they want to know what's the city going to do. Since we're called Oak Forest, are we going to plant any more trees? Public Works Director Salamowicz said they can look into what they have budgeted in the replacement program. Alderman Danihel said behind the Masonic Temple trees were planted there from the Boy Scouts years ago, and they were supposed to be taking them out to replant around the city. They were looking at it when looking at the park back there. There's trees back there that can be redistributed throughout the city. Director Salamowicz was not aware of that, and will certainly look into that.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Unnecessary

11. ADJOURMENT

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Alderman Danihel made the motion to Adjourn.

Alderman Hortsman seconded.

Roll Call vote was taken as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Alderman Danihel			
Alderman Gray			
Alderman McCarthy			
Alderman Wolf			
Alderman Selman			
Alderman Emmett			
Alderman Hortsman			

The motion to adjourn carried 7/7.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



MAYOR HENRY L. KUSPA