

**MINUTES
WINNETKA VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
November 12, 2024**

(Approved: December 3, 2024)

A record of a legally convened special meeting of the Council of the Village of Winnetka, which was held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) Call to Order. President Rintz called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Village Manager Rob Bahan called the roll. Present: Trustees Rob Apatoff, Tina Dalman, Bob Dearborn, Kim Handler and Bridget Orsic. Absent: Trustee Kirk Albinson. Also present: Assistant Village Manager Kristin Kazenas, Deputy Village Clerk Berina Gradjan, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, Community Development Director David Schoon, Finance Director Tim Sloth, and approximately 27 persons in the audience.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance. Troop 20 Life Scout Jack Rosenthal led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Public Comment.
 - i. Rocky Flintermann provides a recap regarding the 2024 Farmer's Market, advising Council that 90% of the vendors have confirmed participation in next year's market.
 - ii. Ted Wynnychenko addresses Council regarding closed session meeting minutes and matters related to public access at the lakefront.
- 4) Presentations
 - a) Hlavacek Florist 100th Anniversary Proclamation

On behalf of the Village, President Rintz honors the 100th anniversary of Victor Hlavacek Florist and Greenhouse.

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt the proclamation. By voice vote, the motion carried.
 - b) Eagle Scout Presentation – Jack Rosenthal

Troop 20 Life Scout Jack Rosenthal presents his Eagle Scout project memorializing 94 Winnetka veterans. Additionally, Jack Rosenthal presents the Winnetka Cenotaph plaque that will be displayed at the Village Green.

Council commends the hard work dedicated to the Eagle Scout project and commends the memorialization of Winnetka's veterans.
- 5) Establishment of the Consent Agenda

Trustee Handler seconded by Trustee Dalman moved to approve the Establishment of the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried.
- 6) Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Village Council Minutes
 - i. October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

- b) Approval of the Warrant List Dated September 23, 2024 – October 18, 2024 in the amount of \$1,687,255.09.
- c) Resolution No. R-82-2024: Indemnification for Use of IDOT Sidewalks Along Illinois Route 131 (Green Bay Road) Between Tower Road and Scott Street Between November 13, 2024 – January 3, 2025 (Adoption)

Trustee Dalman seconded by Trustee Orsic moved to approve the foregoing items on the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Albinson.

7) Ordinances and Resolutions.

- a) Ordinance No. M-12-2024: Granting a Variation from the Winnetka Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Construction of an Addition to an Existing Residence Within the R-4 Single Family Residential District (595 Elm Street) (Introduction/Adoption)

Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council of a request to construct a second-floor bedroom addition located over the attached garage. Mr. Schoon advises Council that the Winnetka Historical Society found that the subject property has architectural significance as a well-preserved example of the Georgian Revival style home.

Additionally, Mr. Schoon provides information related to zoning, building elevations, floor plan, zoning, and confirms approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council commends the preservation of the historic property.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-12-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-12-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Albinson

- b) Ordinance No. M-13-2024: Granting a Final Approval of a Planned Development with Certain Zoning Modifications and Exceptions (791 Elm Street) (Public Hearing & Introduction/Adoption)

A public hearing was advertised for tonight's meeting, granting a final approval of a planned development at 791 Elm Street.

President Rintz administers the oath for members of the public providing public comment or a testimony.

Public Hearing opened at 7:30 pm

Community Development Director David Schoon advises Council the consideration for approving a planned development for the proposed Chase Bank at 791 Elm Street.

During the review of the preliminary plan, Council requested refinements to the exterior design of the building, request to minimize interference with the businesses, pedestrians, vehicular traffic, proposed construction schedule, and logistics plan.

Scott Hurst, Design Principal at Gensler, advises Council of the incorporated refinements to the exterior of the building as it relates to the building height, size, façade, and overall aesthetic. Additionally, Mr. Hurst presents various material that will be used to construct the building.

Council commends the proposed development at 791 Elm Street.

Public Hearing closed 7:45 pm

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Dearborn, moved to waive introduction of Ordinance No. M-13-2024. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Handler, seconded by Trustee Orsic, moved to adopt Ordinance No. M-13-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Albinson

c) Resolution No. R-81-2024: Approving a Final Plat of Consolidation (791 Elm Street) (Adoption)

Trustee Apatoff, seconded by Trustee Handler, moved to adopt Resolution No. R-81-2024. By roll call vote, the motion carried. Ayes: Trustees Apatoff, Dalman, Dearborn, Handler, and Orsic. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Albinson

8) Old Business.

a) 2025 Proposed Annual Budget Follow Up

Finance Director Tim Sloth identifies the proposed changes to the budget that were identified at the November 1, 2024, all day budget meeting. As directed by Council, staff eliminated the 1% Home Rule Sales Tax, restored the \$1.1 million transfer from the general fund to the business district fund, eliminated the additional \$500,000 transfer from the general fund to the business district fund, and reduced public safety pension funding by \$629,144. Additionally, Council requested further examination of expenses and proposed a reduction to the property tax levy to reduce the increase to under 3.0%. Staff prepared a property tax levy with a 2.95% recommended rate increase. The proposed changes will be incorporated into the budget and formally introduced at the public hearing during the November 19th Council meeting.

Village Manager Rob Bahan confirms that staff continues to make progress in the capital fund, public safety, continue to work on sustaining the business district fund, and ensuring the financial position of the Village remains strong.

Trustee Dalman states that the annual Red Invitation Sale will begin December 6th and has 77 participating merchants.

9) New Business. None.

10) Appointments: None.

11) Closed Session None.

12) Adjournment. President Rintz asks for call to adjourn. Trustee Dearborn, seconded by Trustee Dalman, moved to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

/s/ Berina Gradjan, Deputy Village Clerk

Recording Secretary