

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING DATE: MONDAY, 03/22/93 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. ROLL CALL:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 03/08/93; Recommend: Approval as presented.
- B. Resolution No. WR93-10; Directing a Survey for Road Paving (Southside); Recommend: Adoption
- C. Resolution No. WR93-11; Welcoming and Supporting Wal-Mart; Recommend: Adoption
- D. Resolution No. WR93-09; Urging Legislative Action on reforming the National Health Care System; Recommend: Adoption
- E. Restaurant Designation Permit Application; Royal Peking Restaurant; Recommend: Approval

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 93-12; Amending the FY-93 Budget for General and Vehicle Funds for Police Personnel Costs and Equipment Acquisition

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)

- A. Laura Chase; Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

~~B. William Boyle; Sales Tax Commission~~

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Sewer Treatment Plant Report:
 - 1. Letter expressing Council concern on schedule
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09; Amending Chapter 3.20 (Personnel) (Adoption)
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Substitute)
 - 2. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Carney Substitute)
 - 3. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Mayor's Substitute)
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 93-11; Amending Chapter 6.50 (Sales Tax) (Adoption)
 - 1. CM. No. 93-09
 - 2. CM. No. 93-13

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CM. No. 93-17; Senior Citizen Housing Project
- B. CM. No. 93-18; Water Supply for Senior Citizens Center Complex
 - 1. IM. No. 93-13; Possible purchase of Matanuska Utility Company
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 93-13; FY-93 Budget Amendment; Museum Grant (Introduction)
- D. CM. No. 93-19; East Parks Highway Water
- E. CM. No. 93-20; Storage Vault Construction Documents
- F. Resolution WR93-12 Honoring Rose Palmquist
- G. CM 93-21 Develop Code

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Resolution No. WC93-02; Supporting the City of Wasilla Police Department and the Hiring Policy of Police Chief Irl Stambaugh
- B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Ordinance Serial No. 93-027; Authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into an inter-governmental cooperation agreement for Parks and Recreational Activities within the City of Wasilla
- C. Central Mat-Su Fire Department; ISO Evaluation
- D. Sheri Weinberger; Employee/Council Meeting
- E. IM. No. 93-14; 1993 Conflict of Interest Statements

11. CITY REPORTS:

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

14. ADJOURNMENT:



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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DATE: 03/22/93 TIME: 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
COUNCILMEN:
Mr. Carney
Mr. Carson
Mr. Erickson
Ms. Hjellen
Mr. McCarthy
Mrs. Palin

STAFF:
Mayor Stein
Mr. Baugh-Senior Accountant
Mr. Cooper-Museum Director
Mr. Deuser-Attorney
Mrs. Emmons-Library Director
Mr. Harris-Deputy Administrator
Mrs. Harris-Deputy Clerk
Mr. Nelson-City Clerk
Mr. Stambaugh-Police Chief

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following additions: New Business Item F. Resolution No. WR93-12; Joint Resolution with the City of Palmer Honoring Rose Palmquist, Recipient of the Denali Award; and Item G. CM. No. 93-21; Wasilla Development Code 17.43.202 "Structures" amendment.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 03/08/93; Recommend: Approval as presented.
 - B. Resolution No. WR93-10; Directing a Survey for Road Paving (Southside); Recommend: Adoption
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 - E. Restaurant Designation Permit Application; Royal Peking Restaurant; Recommend: Approval
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Carson

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations as therein contained. Motion passed.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
- A. Ordinance Serial No. 93-12; Amending the FY-93 Budget for General and Vehicle Funds for Police Personnel Costs and Equipment Acquisition;
Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Mike Chryst: Commented that he felt the police department budget was pretty high. Mr. Chryst displayed a nylon holster and utility belt he owns, which he felt would be cheaper for the City to purchase, would last longer and would not be as heavy to wear. Mr. Chryst stated he also does not agree with giving the police officers special status in Ordinance Serial No. 93-09, feels they should be

treated the same as all employees.

Minnie Fisher: Stated that her department will be working with the police department on retrieving animals when a person may be arrested, and requested that a K-9 be assigned to officers on nightshift.

Mike Slezak: Stated he felt Wasilla does not need commando type images of its officers, feels the nylon utility belts promotes this type of image. Mr. Slezak stated he felt the leather utility belts presents the image of a top notch force and this is what Wasilla should be promoting.

No other comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

6. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)**

A. Laura Chase; Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Chase introduced Mika Weinstein as the new Chamber of Commerce President, and gave Council an overview of accomplishments the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce has done over the past year.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Sewer Treatment Plant Report;

1. 03/09/93 Letter expressing Council concern on schedule

Written report submitted by Polarconsult.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09; Amending Chapter 3.20 (Personnel) (Adoption)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Substitute)
2. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Carney Substitute)
3. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Mayor's Substitute)

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Mayor's Substitute) and amend by deleting the following "An employee's probationary status may be reduced by substitution of temporary or seasonal work with the City on a month to month basis. An employee's probationary status may be reduced by substitution of professional certification or experience but not to exceed 3 months reduction. " from the second paragraph. Motion passed.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 93-11; Amending Chapter 6.50 (Sales Tax)(Adoption)

1. CM. No. 93-09;
2. CM. No. 93-13;

Motion/Second: McCarthy/Erickson

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 93-11.

Motion/Second: Erickson/McCarthy

To amend Ordinance Serial No. 93-11 by adding Section 6.50.050(X) Self propelled rental equipment that is driven out of the yard and is to be used outside of the City limits. Motion failed with Mr. Erickson and Ms. Hjellen assenting.

There was no objection from Council to add ", owner's name," to the second paragraph of 6.50.060, so ordered.

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The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 93-11 passed as amended with Mr. Carson and Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. CM. No. 93-17; Senior Citizen Housing Project
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Carson

To approve CM. No. 93-17, authorizing Administration to proceed with the re-plat and sale of property in an expeditious manner. Motion passed.

B. CM. No. 93-18; Water Supply for Senior Citizens Center Complex
1. IM. No. 93-13; Possible purchase of Matanuska Utility Company
Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To approve CM. No. 93-18, authorizing Administration to continue negotiations with M.U.C. and to establish a final bottom line price to be reviewed by Council as soon as possible. Motion passed.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 93-13; FY-93 Budget Amendment; Museum Grant (Introduction)
Motion/Second: Carney/Palin

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 93-13 and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 04/12/93. *Motion PASSED.*

D. CM. No. 93-19; East Parks Highway Water
Motion/Second: Carney/McCarthy

To consider the East Parks Highway Water Extension as part of the budget process. Motion passed with Mr. Carson dissenting.

INTERMISSION: 9:03-9:18 PM

E. CM. No. 93-20; Storage Vault Construction Documents
Motion/Second: Carney/McCarthy

To approve CM. No. 93-20, awarding an architectural services contract to Archimage for \$10,125 to develop the construction documents for the Storage Vault. Motion passed with Mr. Carson and Mrs. Palin dissenting.

F. Resolution No. WR93-12; A Joint Resolution of the Cities of Palmer and Wasilla Honoring Rose Palmquist as Recipient of the Denali Award;
Motion/Second: Carney/McCarthy

To adopt Resolution No. WR93-12. Motion passed.

Motion/Second: Carson/Erickson

To reimburse Mr. McCarthy the \$80.00 cost of the tickets for the awards dinner. Motion failed with Mr. Carson, Mr. Erickson and Mrs. Palin assenting, and Mr. McCarthy abstaining.

Councilman Carson stated for the record that Mayor Stein should handle this reimbursement administratively.

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Councilman Palin stated for the record that she honestly didn't know how reimbursements were handled.

G. CM. No. 93-21; Wasilla Development Code 17.43.202, Structures;
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Hjellen

To approve CM. No. 93-21, concurring with Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 93-03 amending the definition of Structures under MSB 17.43.202. Motion passed.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

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CITY REPORTS:

Bob Harris: Reported on the Shop repairs, that a California CPA Firm was hired by EPA to accomplish the Sewer Audit, that breakup season is beginning, the personnel shortage in Public Works and that he is working on a new softball field agreement.

Richard Deuser: Reported on the O'Neill/Boyer Suit, a settlement has not been arrived upon, Scheduled for summary judgement this Friday and should have written response at the next Council meeting.

Chief Stambaugh: Has received approximately 150 applications for police officers and will begin testing Wednesday evening.

Dean Baugh: Reported that the February sales tax are coming in and are still receiving January taxes, so have not sent late notices yet.

John Cooper: Reported that an Architect has completed and donated drawings of the Museum addition.

Mary Ellen Emmons: Reported that she and the Palmer Library Director has been invited to Juneau this Thursday and Friday to meet with the State Library on Library Computer Shared Services.

Vic Kohring: Planning Commission Chairman, Reported on the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening and animal control worksession Thursday.

Erling Nelson: Report on Council Contingency balance of \$4,000.00 and that his microphone is not working again.

Mayor Stein: Reported on meeting with the Borough and the Contract Planner on the ISTEPA Program,

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Borough Budget proposes funding of a rewrite on the Wasilla Development Code, the first meeting of the Senior Advisory Commission, currently advertising for Parks & Recreation Commission applications, the Sister City meeting with Mirny and he will be out of town Wednesday through Friday for AML/JIA.


12. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

13. **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**


There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

APPROVED:


A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Stein", is written over a horizontal line.

JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erling P. Nelson", is written over a horizontal line.
ERLING P. NELSON, CMC
City Clerk

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Mayor Stein: "Audience comments."

Mary Brasie: "I'm Mary Brasie, I live in the City. Uh, to begin with on the police department, I feel very strongly that the probation period should not include the time they are at school cause that shows you nothing whatsoever as to what they do on the job. And as for Polarconsult, I made a statement a couple three months ago, and I haven't seen them do a damn thing to change my mind. Its still a case of screwups and the mule we came in on."

Mayor Stein: "Thank you, Mary. Audience comments."

Mike Chryst: "I concur with Mary."

Councilman Carney: "You won't get any argument out of me, Mike."

Mike Chryst: "I thought you worked on this deal, you know, yea. I was suspicious of these guys from the very beginning, I've worked in the engineering field a long time and uh, just their mannerisms I could tell they were going to screw stuff up. Well, my name is Mike Chryst, uh, I think maybe I was misunderstood about the equipment belts and stuff that I would like to see the police department get. I, I'm not in favor of them running around with those long, slow holsters. But they do make equipment belts out of that rip soft nylon just like they do the other equipment belts, they're great, its great stuff, but no I don't want to see any low slung shoulders from assault teams. And I wish Mike was still here, I was going to offer up some of his pay checks to pay the extra expense seeings how he lives off government anyhow. He's also said that the seniors like to see the chrome, there, they thought they were safe when they seen all that chrome and shiny stuff. I wished all the seniors hadn'ta left I'd kind like to know how impressed they are with chrome and shiny things. If it is something shiny that we need, I'll go to the junk yard and get some hubcaps and polish em up and hang them on these guys necks, if its shininess and in vogue dress that we need. I think what we need is something that is practical, its durable and that we can afford. Now since this tax thing has gone in everybody's gone crazy with buying stuff, its still my money. Also I think there was a misunderstanding on what I had said about the 93-09, you said there wasn't any special treatment of officers. The very last sentence exempts police officers from, it doesn't exempt excuse me, but makes an exception for police officers to be included into this retirement program. We have a class of systems, we have these people who are feeding at the trough, the ones that stole my hundred and thirty eight million dollars last year are trough feeding pigs. Now we're hiring more trough feeders making another class, we have civilian class, we have the trough feeding class, now we have people that are exempt from even the regular trough feeding stuff. This is three classes of citizens, I say these police officers need to be in touch with the community, with the rest of the employees of this city. We don't need any special class of citizens running around here with guns and equipment belts on, they should be just like the rest of us. They claim to be. That's it on that issue. Moving down to this Matanuska Utility Company, I said I'd worked in the engineering field before. I worked for a private company doing inspections on Mr. Thompson's work, I've gone to court to testify against this guy from his shoddy work. This system that he has over here at Century, I believe the name of it is Century Park Estates, is a screwed up system. You talk to anybody around here they'll say its a bag of worms, we should not have it and I would agree that we should avoid getting anything from Mr. Thompson and the way

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of his construction of his water systems. He's probably still got law suits pending against him for that stuff. Uh, on down on the new business budget amendment for museum grants. Correct me if I'm wrong but uh, I would guess that the framers of the constitution, the people that died for the constitution, one of them being my father and uncle, people that have gone to war for this constitution, one of them being myself, with bullet holes in my back and my legs, I don't believe I went to war to have government support museums, recreation, medicine, agriculture or any of these things. I have a hard time imagining the framers of our constitution saying, we're going to build a country and a government to support recreation and museums, I think this country was formed for personal freedoms to escape oppressive governments, oppressive taxation. And a government that uh, uh gets into all these strange projects that they have no business doing, are supposed to protect our borders, protect our constitution period. We'll take care of our own recreation, our own museums. Uh, that's what I have, excuse me, I do have something else. As president of S.A.G.E. I need to give a S.A.G.E. report. From the gun show we had great reception at the Palmer Gun Show, probably nine out of ten of those gun toters that came by us were in total agreement with all the issues we have up uh, uh, and discussed during these things. This weekend down at the uh, uh mall, probably eight out of ten people that came by and listened to our literature and talked to us were in favor of our positions on this sales tax, and S.A.G.E. has no pay check coming from the government so we don't have to pat our statements or anything. So if we're getting eighty to ninety percent of the people complaining against this tax and in favor of our stand, I don't know how these trough feeders come up here and say that uh, everybody is just tickled to death about these taxes. I got people ready to beat me up down there because of your tax just out of pure anger. So that's the S.A.G.E. report, I thank you folks for listening."

June Robinette: "And what kind of citizen do you consider yourself?"

Mike Chryst: "Unemployed by government, not feeding at the trough. A tax payer, a person that actually produces something other than paperwork, I can take a board and make it worth something more, trough feeders can not do that."

Mayor Stein: "Thank you."

Mike Chryst: "I'm just clarifying."

Hugh Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I am not a resident of the City, I'm a resident of the Wasilla area, I respect what the City is trying to do in providing services for most of the citizens of the City and of the community. I was not going to say anything tonight, but I object strenuously to Mr. Chryst's characterizations of the seniors, our love of chrome and the show and whatnot, that is just utter nonsense that irritates me the back of my, the hairs on the back of my head rise. We have been there, some of the seniors also have served, they have been wounded and whatnot. We have more senior women then we have men and they are fearful for their lives and for their property and for their characters. This idea of his using the chrome, Mike did not say a word about chrome. Um, the seniors don't care about the show, they don't care how many medals a police officer would have. They do care about neatness and character and a sense of responsibility being shown by the officers and they care very much about a sense of, of, um, safety. That is the main thing. You would be surprised how many of our seniors are frightened

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and I'm in hopes that a police department would help to improve that. I don't like the characterization that Mr. Chryst made of Mike Slezak. Mike is one of the most upstanding young people in the community, he is working his guts out of the seniors and for the community. And I don't like to see him attacked. The seniors respect freedom, but they also recognize that freedom comes at a cost. Mr. Chryst does not seem to recognize that. I wonder what he would do if we removed the public services that he gets through taxation. How would he get from his residents anywhere, without using the public roads. How would he educate his children, how would he have been educated without the school system and taxes to support it. And again, how would he exist in a community without public safety, which I don't care whether it calls for guns or not. I don't have a gun in my house and probably never will have, but that's beside the point. He, he raises points that are, are completely extraneous and irritating and denigrating. I thank you."

Mayor Stein: "Mike is, I'm sorry Mike is next. I think one comment too Mike, you'll have to come back next week. Yes, Mika."

Mika Weinstein: "I've just got a brief note Councilmembers, and Mr. Mayor. I just want to touch base real quick on that, uh, something that was touched off real quick here tonight which was the East Parks Highway Water Extension. I am the general manager of Nye Frontier Ford on top of the hill and we currently have three facilities up there with three separate wells and this is the first I'd ever heard of the possible extension being thought of and I don't know about anybody else on the hill but we've got a tremendous amount of silt problems and there are other reasons that go along with that even for sewer which is why we tied into the City sewer system. And I guess my only thought would be I would like to see some further cost projections or users fees or what have you that would determine whether or not that would actually be feasible for a business. Uh, there's a lot of things that would make it uh, very beneficial for us and uh, I also see this as another positive development and promoting commercial growth to the east. Thank you."

Councilman Carson: "Mr. Mayor, I missed what business he's with."

Mayor Stein: "Nye Ford."

Sally Chryst: "Hi, my name is Sally Chryst, and I was sitting over there when Mike mentioned that police officers look more professional if they have chrome on it, on their uniform and he did say that. As he,"

Hugh Johnson: "He did not say chrome, I did not hear him,"

Mike Chryst: "He did to, he was right back here."

Sally Chryst: "He did say chrome and anyway that was not the point of it being chrome, being protective, um, I forgot where I was after that. Sorry, but um, he did say that a nice shiny uniform that looks very professional and even though its going to cost more would make you feel like you would be protected better. And the uniform does not give you a sense of security, the police officer being in the area should give you a sense of security. The uniform as long as its a uniform that shows its a police officer, it shouldn't have to be a leather holster, it shouldn't have to be nice

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chrome all over the uniform. Uh, as far as public service, I have lived in the lower 48 and I have paid for our streets being paved, the City where I lived did not pay for the streets, the community where I lived did not pay for our streets, we paid for our streets right outside of our door. Um, and the point is that we need to be responsible for the services that we want and pay for the services that we want and not tax people outside of the community to pay for our services, and now that I'm here I wasn't going to say anything about Wal-Mart, I was not here at the presentation I guess its wonderful that Wal-Mart is going to be in our City, I disagree though I think that Wal-Mart is going to hurt a lot of the small businesses and I voiced my opinion to that to a um member of this community and they said well, those businesses will just have to become more efficient so they can compete. And I thought that was an odd statement from a government employee that I was speaking with, so if the small businesses will have to become more efficient and better at what they sell to compete with Wal-Mart, I think government also should be efficient and be able to better provide for the community on the funds that they have available."

Mayor Stein: "Audience comments."

Mike Chryst: "Yea, I do have a comment. I don't see any,"

Councilman Carney: "Mayor please, we've heard from him once."

Mike Chryst: "I don't see anything down here that says that you can't make more than one comment you seem to make yours."

Mayor Stein: "We're not, Mr. Chryst, we are not also going to engage in a debate."

Mike Chryst: "I did not attack Mr. Johnson or the seniors, my, my insinuation was that chrome was not going to make them any safer, a good policeman will make them safer."

Councilman Carney: "Do we have anybody else that wants to speak?"

Councilman Carson: "Mr. Mayor, I don't think we should have to put up with this."

Mayor Stein: "Okay, I think we got your point. Anybody else who would like to speak under audience comments? Seeing and hearing none, council comments, Mike."

Councilman Carson: "No comment but, I'm a firm believer in letting the audience have an opportunity to express themselves, but I think its real obvious that we could be here till midnight so we better put a time limit and a number of times limit on it, uh, I say like three minutes would be very very ample to get any kind of a message across. Uh, this is not a forum for debating its, uh, its simply an opportunity to make some comments. So I think we aught to put a time limit on it."

Mayor Stein: "Ken."

Councilman Erickson: "Yea, I got an easy one, I was going to ask Dean, you said that we've been

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taking revenues for the month of January yet, have we su, could you give me a ball park figure have we surpassed the two hundred thousand dollar mark. You didn't mention any actual dollar amount."

Dean Baugh: "For January,"

Councilman Erickson: "For January."

Dean Baugh: "We were at two hundred and five thousand last week."

Councilman Erickson: "Thank you."

Mayor Stein: "Sarah."

Councilman Palin: "I would hate to see us have to have legislation uh, limiting uh, public comment to three minutes or whatever, I just wish adults would be mature and polite and professional and courteous enough to make your comments concise and polite and respectable, we could get out of here earlier."

Councilman Hjellen: "Mine are short and concise, thank you."

Mayor Stein: "Okay, great. Ray."

Councilman McCarthy: "I have a question Bob. One of the people that lives near me which is a pretty high water table down in that area, has got a sewer problem. They've got their own sewer system in there not hooked up to the City's system. They have been paying their assessment right along. Can they put, improve their system that they have or are they, are there rules that they have to hook up to the City now. Where do we stand on that?"

Bob Harris: "I think the way our rules read is normally DEC will support that and in fact they will enforce that and if their system fails and they have to reconstruct, they will probably require them to hook onto our system."

Councilman McCarthy: "Which would mean probably a concrete vault, because that's what all those down there are, its the one thing they can make stay down."

Bob Harris: "That's correct."

Councilman McCarthy: "Thank you."

Councilman Carney: "I would like to endorse what Sarah about the comments and I would like to add one more thing, I would like to see them be positive on what we could do or should do rather than constantly be negative."

Mayor Stein: "Thank you, any other business? Seeing and hearing none. Meeting adjourned."