

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 12, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Nancy Marincic.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council from November 28th.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, 'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated November 28, 2011 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yay.

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being no Nays.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to bring up a point of order. We've always had a Sergeant at Arms at our meetings and according to the Council Rules we need to appoint one and at this time I would like to make a motion that we appoint Mr. Bob Dobies as the Sergeant at Arms for our meetings. He did such a good job for two years.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I want to interject for a moment. If we're having Chief Sackett here perhaps he should?

CLMN SUSTER: I talked to Chief Sackett and he said this would be fine.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. I just didn't know. Have you discussed this with Mr. Dobies?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: And he's in favor? OK. There's a motion on the floor to make Mr. Dobies the Sergeant at Arms during City Council Meetings. All in favor say Yay.

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

All against say Nay. The Yays have it with seven Yes votes. Thank you, Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: You're welcome.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova, do you have a report this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. Yes, I have a few things to go over tonight. First off I want to start with a letter that I received from WOW.

“Dear Mayor Collova:

At WOW Internet Cable and Phone we continue to work diligently to provide competitive Internet cable, TV and phone services to the residents of Garfield Heights. Each of these services provides our customers with excellent value and exceptional customer service. We do our best to manage our costs very tightly whenever we have control to do so. Some of our operating costs are increasing due to things like higher gas prices. Our single largest expense is programming. Programming expenses are the license fees we must pay the broadcasting and cable networks for channels our customers view and they are going up dramatically. These costs have a direct impact on the rates we must charge customers for our services in order to keep pace with rising operating expenses. It is necessary to adjust monthly rates beginning with our January 1, 2012 billing cycle. Many of our customers are locked into guaranteed rates until 2013 or 2014 and will not be affected by these increases. For current customers whose rate guarantees will be ending this year, we have customized notices for specific customer groups based on their current level of service. A sampling of these notices is enclosed. To avoid confusion the rate increase will become effective on the first day of the customer’s January 1, 2012 billing cycle therefore it will take the entire month of January to roll out the increases to all customers. In addition while we will no longer be carrying WQHS effective December 31, 2011 as we were unable to reach terms that we believe to be reasonable in the best interests of our customers WOW customers will be notified through a number of communications including bill messaging, notification on the WOW portal page and weather channel crawl. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact 440-625-0301, Kirk Zirko, Vice President Service Manager.”

So that is something I just received and I wanted to share with you.

I have some sad news that we have an opportunity to make a little brighter. We have a young soldier in mid-November U.S. Army Sergeant Daniel Burgess was on patrol in Afghanistan when an IED detonated. Burgess suffered numerous injuries including the loss of his lower right leg. When not serving our country DB is a member of the Special Response Team at the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s office. A fundraiser is being held to show support for and to say thank you to Daniel, his wife and two children. Daniel is a resident of Garfield Heights. It’s sad when something like this comes along but we all know how important it is to help the families through these difficult times. They’re having a spaghetti dinner and they also have opened up a fund at Key Bank. If there’s anything anybody can do I would certainly appreciate it. It’s so sad when something like this happens, especially close to home. So keep him in your prayers and if there’s anything you can do financially to help, please do. I will be attending the spaghetti dinner. If anybody would like to join me, let me know.

We also have a little change of policy in the city. Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging has made some changes again this year and this is the Meals on Wheels and the meals that we have for Seniors here at the Senior Center. I want to go over a couple of these years so you know how drastically these changes have been made. In year 2009 there was 18,601 meals for that year served here and 11,161 homebound meals served to people that can't get out. That was a total of 29,762. That was in the year 2009. That's how many meals we were provided through Western Reserve. In year 2010 it went down to 25,000 from 29. In 2011 it went down to 16,000 meals and in 2012 we will be down to 14,500 meals which means we do not have enough meals to take care of the people that we have to take care of. So we're going to do something a little bit different. It's going to be a change. We are no longer going to do meals for the Seniors on Fridays. We're going to cut Fridays out altogether. This isn't a Garfield Heights problem. This is happening throughout most of the cities. They all got cut back and my understanding is Maple Heights stopped meals a couple months ago, back in September or October because they ran out of meals for the year so there's going to be some changes made about buses. On Friday we're going to have to change the hours and eliminate hours on Fridays. We'll have to do some adjusting. We'll try to make sure that the people that are most needy will continue to get their meals, but I wanted to report. Once again it's this economy that keeps beating us to death and more bad news from the State.

I want to talk about a couple of good things. Garfield Mall is in foreclosure as everybody knows and they have quite a few vacant areas in Garfield Mall. I've just been informed that two of those vacant areas--one being the old Slyder's--is going to be taken over by another bar/restaurant. It's going to be remodeling and moving in and next door there was the Top of the Hill restaurant and another restaurant is coming in there to replace that. It's going to be a restaurant and it's going to have a small bar but they're going to be a major restaurant. Those are two great things that are good because it helps fill up spaces; keep things active at Garfield Mall.

We also have something else that we're looking at in Garfield Heights and it sounds very promising. We put a lot of time and effort into checking this out and investigating what it was all about. For those of you who have heard about the Nautica Charity poker games, the Texas hold'em charity games at Nautica, they have been working in the city of Cleveland for probably five to seven years, maybe even longer, we have a proposal from a group that would like to put a charity poker into Garfield. The city rules as Nautica has. They are also looking at the Garfield Mall, the old BW-3. It's not solid yet. That's what they're looking at. We had the police department check into this. They checked with the Nautica people, the police down in Cleveland about the Nautica. They have no problems whatsoever. We checked with the Attorney General's office, myself along with the Law Department checked and talked with the Attorney General's office. Everything is perfectly legal and fine. The reason that makes this different than card games that are illegal is this is for charity only. Charity runs it. If a charity comes in like the Garfield Heights Booster Club, they're at Nautica right now. What they do is they come in and they provide all the workers, they provide everything and the proceeds after so much is paid for the hall and so much is paid for the equipment the proceeds go directly to the charity. So we have worked out an agreement that if this passes, if this happens that charities from Garfield Heights would get first pick at the dates. Any charity from Garfield would get to pick first at the dates. My understanding is there's quite a bit of money to be made at these. I forget what the exact numbers are but they make \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 in an event. These locations have no alcohol. It's all done by charity. We would look at the hours being from some time in the afternoon to midnight. We're still talking about the hours. I personally would not want to see it go past that. The money that would come into the city is not bad at all. It's very good. We have been very fortunate with the Internet cafes we have. The Internet cafes have supplied some

good funding for the city. This also will supply some good funding. Probably twice as much as the Internet cafes or something similar but a pretty good portion. Again, folks this is the way that we generate dollars for the city without having to cut services or raise taxes so Council has had discussions about it. We're going to talk a little bit more about it this week and I think at the next Council Meeting we'll put it up if everybody's in agreement.

The next thing I wanted to talk about was the Christmas Lighting Contest that we have going on, we're getting great response, there's many entries that have come in. Those entries will be opened up December 15th at 4:00 p.m. at which time we would then start the judging process but if you know anybody that wants to get involved in this contest, they have just a little bit more time to get them in. So we're looking forward to that. That's going to be fun.

Lastly I want to say once again thank you to the Holy Name Society of St. Monica's for the baby Jesus statue that they gave us for our Nativity Scene. As you may know or may not know last year baby Jesus was stolen so the Holy Name Society replaced that baby Jesus and we've put some Plexiglas over it to make it a little tougher now for anybody to go in there and do what we don't want them to do. That is my report.

I want to get a little bit into the legislation. Ordinance 74-2011. Appropriations for the current expenditures for the city of Garfield Heights during the fiscal year through December 31, 2012. Something we do every year. Council approves the appropriated money for the year.

Resolution 57 is very interesting. Many of the cities have the police chief attend the meetings and actually sit up on the panel so that they can answer questions. Everybody is concerned with safety. Some cities have the fire and police. We are looking at passing tonight if Council so chooses, to have our police chief (we want to start with our police chief) to actually sit on the panel with us, give a report and be open for questions just like anybody else. We're going to get that approval and we would start at the next Council Meeting which would be next Monday because of the change of the date. I'm sorry the first of the year. We think this is going to be good because when we go to the Block Watches where the police are talking to the groups everybody has questions for them because they want to know what's going on and he has quite a few tips and it's very interesting what he can bring out to the people about safety, so we're looking forward to that and I would urge Council to pass that. With that, Mme. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mayor. Any questions or comments for the Mayor on his report? There being none, I just want to remind Council Members that if you want to make a comment, address the Chair first. OK? Now we'll move on to Law Director Tim Riley. Do you have a report tonight?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Mme. President, I do not have a report tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Law Director? There being none, we'll move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Do you have a report this evening?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mme. President. The leaf program is done for this year. We finished last Friday. We've cleaned up the trailers and put them away and the two trucks that were pulling them are being gone through. One of them has some problems. We have to take it apart and they'll be getting ready to use them for snow. With the nice weather we're having there are some of the tickets that I had leftover that I was putting off till spring we're going to try to take care of this week as long as the weather holds out.

Speaking of snow, one of the problems that we faced last year was the private snow plowers. They're supposed to get a permit to operate in the city. Last year I think we had about nine of them get permits. We had problems everywhere with people pushing snow everywhere they wanted on private residences or parking lots. We had constant complaints about putting snow on the wrong properties and damage done. So far this year only five plow drivers have taken out the necessary permits with the insurance, etc. I'm going to be asking the police department and my foremen when they can to check these plow guys out because they come in from all over. They're in and out and we just need to rein it in a little bit. Last year was not a good time with private snow plowers so we're going to be trying to push it and make them come in and show their permit and insurance and we'll see what happens.

Jim Grenig, the owner of Aaron's Signs, he donated the new street signs for Davis Benjamin Way out here. He also did the ones at the Lighting Ceremony for the families and I just wanted to thank Jim for his generous gesture. Jim helps us out a lot of times with stuff and again it's Aaron's Signs on Turney Road. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions or comments for our Service Director? I only have one. Tim, could I have a list? Of those who pulled permits? Because I have residents call me frequently. I only like to give them the list of.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, some of the plow guys don't want new customers. They have enough. The list that we have, yeah, I can send you that. Usually somebody calls and asks but I think out of the five four of them don't want any new customers. They have enough.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Now we will move on to our Sergeant at Arms, Recreation Director Bob Dobies. Don't let the power go to your head please.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mme. President, Council Members, good evening. Thank you for your consideration and confidence in that appointment of Sergeant at Arms. The only thing I have this evening is I'd like to remind everybody on Saturday December 17th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. we will hold the 17th Annual Christmas Holiday Figure Skating Recital so folks, see you there. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That was a quick report. Any questions for our Recreation Director? There being none, we'll move on to City Engineer David Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Thank you, Council President. I want to talk about an issue we had about a week and a half ago on Granger Road Hill. In the evening we had some icy conditions out there. A couple things were causing that. I think we've got it under control now, but if you recall the old Nestaway Building? All those roof drains collected the water and went straight to the storm sewer? Now that water is draining across North Granger and it came down on to Granger Road as well. We've made some adjustments up there. There will probably be more coming in the spring but we hope we've taken care of that for the most part. We are working with the Service Department talking about some other ways to maybe deal with things along Granger Road.

The other thing we've been working with the Service Department is the County came through and did a manhole rehabilitation project on the South side. When they pulled some of the manhole lids off they don't always re-seat very well because they have not been pulled off in

years and so we're working with them now--Tim and his guys--trying to work with the County and the contractors trying to get some of those totally redone because they just won't sit down and they're concerned about hitting them with the plows. That's also something we've been working with. At next week's Council Meeting I'll have an annual report for you to show what we've been working on and what we're looking forward to next year. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Wonderful. Any questions for our City Engineer? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director, Ron Tomola. Do you have a report?

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Just real quick, I'd like to encourage the passage of 74-2011. This is the annual appropriations budget for the year 2012 and under the Financial Plan that was put in place we have to do this before the end of the year. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for the Finance Director? There being none, we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban, do you have a report, Noreen?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mme. Chairman. Briefly, I attended the CDBG meetings to discuss this year's 2012 grant applications. They will be due on April 3rd so if Council has any recommendations for projects please forward them to me and then in January/early February we'll be holding our public hearings. When I have dates set I will notify everyone.

Also I just wanted to make people aware that Cuyahoga Valley Career Center has impressive types of services available for adult education as well as job seeking services. So if you know anyone who is in the market for a job you should check out the Website. They have resume writing, assistance, monthly networking meetings. I just attended one last week just to see what it was like and then like I said they do have the adult education programs so I just wanted to keep everyone informed. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Economic Development Director? I just have one comment. You forwarded us a list of job openings? I forwarded that to several residents. Thank you very, very much.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, in the future we have to create a couple more columns on our Website but we'll have a link for that as well.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Even better.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Whenever I'm aware of people who are looking for jobs I forward that along. That comes out monthly.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Last but not least is Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mme. President. We're getting towards the end of the year. We're getting our database of our rental properties squared away and we will be doing the mailings for rental property registration for next year within the next couple weeks.

Noreen is organizing a Fair Housing Seminar to be held I believe in March and will be sending out a flyer regarding that with the mailings. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for the Building Commissioner? There being none.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Mme. President, I forgot one thing. I spoke to Mr. Riley and we are beginning to also compile another list of the rental property owners who have not complied with legislation regarding their rental registration for this year and we're looking at ways to prosecute those property owners without overwhelming the Court system.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Are there a lot of them?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: There's a lot.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for the Building Commissioner? There being none we will move on to Comments By Citizens on tonight's agenda.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: This is the portion of the meeting where residents are allowed to come up and speak on the two items that are on the agenda tonight. If you wish to speak raise your hand, I will call you to the microphone, give your name and your address and please spell your last name because our Clerk would really like it if you did and you will be timed for five minutes. I am asking Members of the Administration and Council if you wish to address whomever is speaking let's wait until they're done because it's making it hard on my people timing. Anyone wishing to speak tonight raise your hand?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I just have one comment about appointing these Sergeants of Arms. If you are having a police chief sitting on the panel normally in cities that have a police officer on the panel they are usually appointed sergeant of arms. That most cities have occurred. I don't know if Mr. Dobies would assume two responsibilities or official office like the Chief of Police? Just a comment. Thank you.

RESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to comment tonight? Anyone else? There being none we'll move on to Committee Reports. Are there any Committee Reports?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Our first ordinance on the agenda tonight is Ordinance 74-2011. Would the Clerk read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2011

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012. MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any discussion on this matter? At this point in time Council Members who wish to discuss can ask for the floor. No discussion?

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption by individual roll call beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 74-2011 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2011

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL.

MOVED BY VAUGHN TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We do not need to waive Rule 24 on this. We can move on to the suspension of the Three Reading Rule. All in favor say Yay. All against say Nay. The Yays have it.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption individually beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I think I'd be honored to have the Police Chief sitting up here with us. I look forward to it. I think it would be very informative for our citizens. I think it's something that we probably should have been doing in the past. I got this idea from the Fire Chief in Maple Heights. I passed it on to our Council Members. I am very much in favor of this. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I look forward to it because this is kind of ironic because me and him had this conversation a long time ago just before him becoming Chief. We had talked about it, but in the midst of everything it just slipped away. But I look forward to him. Chief, I saved you a chair right here. I vote yes.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I, too, am looking forward on having the Chief here. Residents come up occasionally with safety issues and it would be nice to have you right here to address them for us and I'm looking forward to serving with you. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Chief, welcome aboard and I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Welcome aboard, Chief. I sincerely hope you do a good job here. I hope the attendance of the residents here at Garfield will be up a little bit. I'm sure they will have a lot of questions for you. Good luck. Yes.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Resolution passes with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Now we will move on to comments by citizens that are not on the agenda. This is the portion of the meeting where residents can speak regarding an issue they have brought up either to someone in the Administration or to a Council Member before and the problem still remains. You could come to the microphone, you could speak for five minutes, give your name and address. Anybody wishing? Raise your hand.

David Mays, 8250 Green Drive. This is not on the agenda but I did speak to my Councilman about it. Last Friday there was a fire on my street. I had several people who were extremely pleased with how fast the fire department got the fire under control and out. This speaks very highly about the fire department. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mr. Mays. Anyone else wishing to say anything? Just raise your hand.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme. Chairman, if it's OK, we had a man who burglarized our St. Timothy Manor, St. Timothy Park. If the Chief didn't mind if he could just take a minute to come up to the mic and I'd rather for him to give a quick update so the residents would know what became of that fellow?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Chief, would you be willing to do that?

POLICE CHIEF BOB SACKETT: What Clmn Dudley is referring to is St. Tim's Manor, the apartments by St. Tim's. A few months ago, I think, it was broken into the main portion of the building and somebody broke into a couple washers and dryers and caused some damage and took off with probably a small amount of money but caused a lot of damage. The residents expressed their concern to me and a few days later the same thing happened. In between the second and the third incident (which was just last week) our detective bureau indentified the individual and they learned that he had warrants out for him in I believe four or five different cities for the exact same thing—Euclid, Cleveland Heights, and I believe, Lakewood was also victimized. All the same sort of thing. Senior citizen apartment buildings and he broke in at night and broke into the vending machines or laundry machines. Our detective bureau decided they would contact Crimestoppers. We all know who it was at this point. We just really couldn't get him. He was homeless for the most part and there was no real place to look for him. They contacted Crimestoppers last week. Our detectives went down and did a TV spot. It's my understanding I learned this evening that Sunday they got a tip. I'm not sure which city that tip was in. Sunday they got a tip and whatever city the tipster led the police to he was apprehended. He's now in jail so hopefully that will stop that for a while at least.

One interesting note. Maple Heights had this guy last year I'll say about a year ago. They had him for nine counts. He got sent down to County on nine felony counts and he got community control sanctions which is basically probation so hopefully this time he'll get a little more and we won't see him back here.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Chief.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Chief. Thank you, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: You're welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Let's begin our Miscellaneous Business. Mr. Dudley, you want to start first?

CLMN DUDLEY: We put the best first. I did want to mention to everybody it's not that I get lonely down here and people ask why I don't move down a seat. I just got so used to this seat going into my third term I'm just really comfortable sitting here. Now that we got Chief I have a neighbor to my left now. Before this year's out I want to thank all the individuals who come here. You come here night out and night out. You don't have to be here. You could be somewhere else and I never stop to thank each and everyone of you all especially Ms. Whitmore who comes from our Ward herself. She's here as much as the Council Members and so many of you all. I'd like to encourage the residents of the city if you do nothing else you should make one Council Meeting in a year. Just show up one time a year and come down here and after you see how we operate besides seeing it on TV or by word of mouth. I'm looking forward to that.

For some reason we never know what is promised to us but I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and for you all who are doing a little better to help some of the less fortunate individuals out there. That's my comments for tonight. Merry Christmas to everybody.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Tim, I want to thank you for that little comment you made about the snow plowers. I know it was getting out of hand last year and I did call the police several times about people just pushing snow in the street and letting the traffic take care of it. With the police and Service Department keeping track of it we'll keep a good handle on it this year.

Also I want to ask the citizens in my Ward and in all the Wards for that matter. Street lights. I'm trying to keep track of this. I go down there and I watch them and they're on. Sometimes they blink out. I do report them when they blink out. They are cycling. I've got about eight or nine on Garfield Blvd. that I'm keeping track of. Some of them didn't get repaired. I do turn them in but I can't be everywhere at once, especially the back streets. The only park that doesn't have street lights is Cherie, Summerdale and the back streets over in that area. They don't have street lights there. They got post lights. But if you hear of anything please call me. I can't be in every one of them at all times. So let me know and I will try to keep tabs on them myself too.

Again, Tim, our Mayor, Aaron Signs, thank you to the Aaron Sign Company. Let Jim know and when I see him I'll thank him.

A long battle that we had in our Ward over Warner Road area Bill, Noreen, myself, Vince. Vince started it. We finally got this one house that was infested with fleas and other varmints finally torn down. The place was irreparable. It was in very, very bad shape and it's the first house in Garfield on Rosewood—7609 was the address. That's down to the ground now and the people next door are interested in purchasing the property so it will be part of Garfield still.

Last but not least I want to thank as always remember the Vets. A classic example we have one of our soldiers hurt. We can't forget him. They're doing one hell of a job over there so we could live like we are. With that, I have nothing else.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clmn. Clmn Glenn, do you have a report?

CLMN GLENN: I do. I want to thank Tim, the Service Director, for we had some good weather. I know the crews were short. They did one heck of a job getting the leaves up off the ground. I'd like to ask the residents if there's any sewers that have leaves in them, we're short of help so if you can clear them up it would help.

In regards to the soldier here, this young man here, this is the price we pay for our freedom. Freedom is not free. This is the price we pay. With that, that concludes my comments.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. All I have tonight is I would just like to encourage all residents to take a drive around town in the evening. Some of the Christmas light displays on residents' homes this year are extraordinary. You're missing a lot if you don't take the time to go out. That's all I have. So I'll move on to Clmn Suster. Do you have anything?

CLMN SUSTER: I have nothing this evening, thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clmn. Clwn Mahoney?

CLWN MAHONEY: I have nothing either. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Last but not least, Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. Tim, I want to thank you for that letter you sent out to us. It was very informative. It was good to be updated on everything. Thank you.

Joe, I'm glad to see that you're back. I hope you're feeling better. That's about all I have to say. Mme. Chairman, how about we adjourn this meeting?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Are you making a motion?

CLMN VAUGHN: I am making a motion.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC All in favor say Yay. All against say Nay.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: The Yays have it. Thank you very much.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Interim Clerk of Council