

September 14, 2009



City of
Evanston

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CLOSED SESSION
ALDERMANIC LIBRARY
2ND FLOOR
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

PRESENT:

Aldermen Fiske	Alderman Tendam
Alderman Jean-Baptiste	Alderman Grover
Alderman Wynne	Alderman Rainey
Alderman Wilson	Alderman Burrus
Alderman Holmes	

STAFF:

Wally Bobkiewicz City Manager, Elke Purze Interim First Assistant Corporate Counsel, Chief Eddington, Martin Lyons Assistant City Manager, Robert Gustafson, HR Specialist

GUEST:

Iain Johnston, (Johnston/Greene/LLC Attorneys), Richard L. Jones, Attorney

PRESIDING:

Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

START:

9:38 p.m.

Litigation

The case of Jason Powell and his arrest was presented to Council by Attorney Iain Johnston. After all the pertinent information had been presented to Council by Attorney Johnston, the Council members had their moments of input as well. When all had been discussed the final conclusion was to make an offer of \$500.00, and with that Attorney Johnston had clear directions from the Council.

Ms. Purze then introduced the case of Sadie Gerbic v. City of Evanston. Attorney Richard Jones proceeded with an update of the case. He stated the trial was set for

October 21, 2009. Once Attorney Jones presented his facts and the Council members gave their suggestions to the matter, the final decision was to give Attorney Jones the authority to offer up to \$50,000.00 and then come back after the offer is made.

Ms. Purze finally presented an update on the Dianne Benjamin case. She stated that Judge Flanagan has scheduled a status date on September 30, 2009. Ms. Purze will then give an update to the Council after hearing the Judges' decision.

Personnel

Mr. Bobkiewicz then announced the presentation of some Worker's comp cases that were presented by Mr. Gustafson. The first was Richard Brower who suffered a left rotator cuff tear. He recommended \$52,307.43 and it was moved By Alderman Rainey for approval and seconded by Alderman Grover with a unanimous voice vote from the Council members.

Second case was of Dale Fochs a Fire Captain who suffered a knee injury. The recommended settlement was for \$36,658.83. Alderman Rainey motioned for approval with a second from Alderman Grover. A voice vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Minutes

Minutes from June 8th were approved, and the minutes of June 22nd and July 13th were not approved, because Alderman Wilson stated he had a lot of corrections on the June 22nd set of minutes, and he hadn't had a chance to review the July 13th set. As a result he moved to not accept the June or July minutes and asked Mr. Bobkiewicz to get him a copy of the minutes in a Microsoft format.

The meeting was called to adjournment at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Greene / City Clerk