

**Observer Report
Administration and Public Works
January 14, 2008**

Observer: Sue Brenner

Aldermen Absent/Present: All Present

Staff Present: Staff representatives from most departments

Media Present: Evanston Review

Citizens Present: Representatives from Wingstop (wanted liquor license)

Meeting Began: 5:40 PM

Meeting Ended: 6:40 PM

Significant Discussion, Action Taken:

Minutes Approved

All items on the agenda were approved for the consent agenda. The bills were approved with many questions about the bills. Aldermen send in their questions ahead of time and usually get answers before the meeting, sent to them by e-mail. But Gavin was on vacation and the newish head of the finance department has left and so Judy Aiello was in charge of trying to get the answers. Aldermen Rainey felt they were dreadful answers. Many of the questions that Aldermen Wollin had were to be answered at a later date. This was an unusual problem. The only interesting item was passage of the an item for the consent agenda to additional money transferred from Noyes Cultural Arts Center and Fleetwood Jordain budgets (from vacant positions) to pay for additional security on "snow days" at James Park to stop people from sledding. The liability issues are great.

No items for us to watch at this moment. Fire and Police pensions are always an issue.