

LWV-OBSERVER REPORT
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL
September 10, 2008

MEETING: Elgin City Council
DATE: Sept., 10, 2008
LEAGUE MEMBER OBSERVING: Sigi Psimenos
OFFICIALS ATTENDING: Council Members, City Manager
ABSENT: None
PRESS IN ATTENDANCE: Yes
PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: Yes and No

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

A Proclamation Recognizing Elgin Voter Registration Day as September 27, 2008 was submitted to the Council by the League of Women Voters-Elgin, and unanimously acclaimed by all present.

The issue of Ryland Homes development of the Villa Olivia sight was before the Council. Veering away from the standard format-of allowing people present to peak for only 3 minutes & only on items not on the agenda-Mr. Kaptain asked for homeowners of Tuscan Woods & Castle Creek to voice the issues they've had with this particular developer who is now planning similar developments at the Villa Olivia site. Items discussed were no accounting to date from Ryland as to expenditures; re: north retention pond - Ryland sent a letter saying they would add native plantings but not fix the pond; no maintenance plan in effect for the communities; \$14,000 is due them as overpayment in taxes; and Ryland's Management Company can never be reached. The Council tabled any further discussion with Ryland for 30 days to allow City Staff to meet with both sides in an effort to resolve these issues.

Residents still voiced their concerns regarding the Special Events Sound Ordinance verbiage needing to be clear and concise.

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2008

Respectfully Submitted: Sigi Psimenos