

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
(VIRTUAL MEETING)
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Crest Hill was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois. Mayor Soliman indicated that tonight's meeting will be via video conference with Council and Staff members attending from their homes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman reminded everyone that today is Martin Luther King Day and asked that we take a minute to reflect on the good that he did. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to honor Dr. King.

Roll call indicated the following present via a video conference: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Vicki Hackney, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman John Vershay, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderwoman Barbara Sklare, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Marco Coladipietro, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Police Chief Ed Clark, Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert, City Engineer Ron Weideman.

Absent were: Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

Mayor Soliman announced that he is conducting the meeting remotely from the City Council Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on January 4, 2021 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 4, 2021 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the City Council work session held on January 11, 2021 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the City Council work session held on January 11, 2021 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: City Administrator Heather McGuire presented two requests for Council approval. City Engineer Ron Weideman presented a request for the approval of the Rich Products Corporation/Cloverleaf Cold Storage Letter of Credit Release per the memo dated December 18, 2020.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve the request for the release of the Rich Products Corporation/Cloverleaf Cold Storage Letter of Credit per the memo dated December 18, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer Weideman presented a request for the Amazon-Electric Vehicle Charging Station for Fleet Vehicles-Easement Request Permit No. 20-09-0048 per the memo dated December 18, 2020.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the request for the Amazon-Electric Vehicle Charging Station for Fleet Vehicles-Easement Request Permit No. 20-09-0048 per the memo dated December 18, 2020 and for the Mayor to affix his signature to the necessary documents.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

City Administrator Heather McGuire gave the Council an update on the construction of the City Center.

Alderman Dyke asked for an update on some bills he had previously had a question on. He is looking for more information than what he was provided with. Administrator McGuire said that she misunderstood what the Alderman was asking for and would get him the additional information. Alderman Dyke asked if we could add discussion on a deer crossing sign to the work session agenda. There are numerous deer in the area of Oakland Avenue and Caton Farm Road. Administrator McGuire informed the Council that a staff member brought this to her attention. She felt that since this does not alter traffic control we can go ahead and place the signage.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert had no agenda items for discussion.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: There were no agenda items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Ed Clark presented a request for the placement of a Stop Sign at Longmeadow Drive at Siegel Drive per the memo dated January 14, 2021. This was discussed at a prior work session.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the request for the placement of a Stop Sign at Longmeadow Drive at Siegel Drive per the memo dated January 14, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Clark announced that we had a new officer start today, Andrew Trnka. Chief Clark went over Mr. Trnka's background. We also have a second officer getting ready to start. The Chief will bring the new officers before the Council when it is permissible.

MAYOR: Mayor Soliman presented a proclamation for the Louis Joliet Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Alderwoman Oberlin read the proclamation.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve a Proclamation for the Louis Joliet Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Coladipietro, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Soliman presented a Proclamation Commemorating the City of Crest Hill School Choice Week.

Alderwoman Gazal read the proclamation.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve a Proclamation Commemorating the City of Crest Hill School Choice Week.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll for the period of December 21, 2020 through January 3, 2021 in the amount of \$245,230.36.

Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$334,810.94 for Council approval.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$334,810.94.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderman Coladipietro welcomed the new Police Officer to the City. Alderwoman Oberlin welcomed the new officer and asked that we reflect on Martin Luther King Day and what it means. It is also the 50 anniversary of the Vietnam war. Alderwoman Gazal welcomed the new officer. Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that Glen and her volunteer at the Family Outreach pantry on Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. She informed the Council that they are still in need of more volunteers. Alderwoman Sklare welcomed the new officer. Alderman Dyke also welcomed the new officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no citizens that have filed questions or comments with the City via mail or email per confirmation of the City Clerk. Mayor Soliman asked if anyone had joined the meeting remotely. No one had joined the meeting remotely.

Mayor Soliman asked if there was a need for an executive session. Administrator McGuire announced there was no need for an executive session.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the January 18, 2021 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of February, 2021.

As presented _____

As amended _____



VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK



RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR