

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 20, 2017

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Vicki Hackney, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Barbara Sklare, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderwoman Candi Thuringer, Alderman Charles Convery, Alderman Tom Inman.

Also present were: Interim City Administrator Heather McGuire, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Interim Police Chief Ed Clark, Public Works Director Tony Torres, Director of City Services Greg Koch.

Absent were: Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert, Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 6, 2017 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 6, 2017 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Thuringer, Convery, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CITY ATTORNEY: (43) Interim City Administrator Heather McGuire had no agenda items for discussion. Interim Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a work session on Monday February 27, 2017 for discussion on the budget and five-year plans.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (58) Director of Public Works Tony Torres had no agenda items for discussion. Director Torres announced that we will begin the grouting of the manholes with the weather permitting. Director Torres invited the Council to observe the process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (84) Mayor Soliman announced there were no agenda items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (90) Interim Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. He presented the reports on file. Alderman Dyke asked if there is a way we can better inform our residents of what is happening in the City. Discussion followed. Alderman Dyke asked if we can put information on the City website. Alderwoman Gazal asked about the Smart Messaging System. Discussion followed on a possible non-comment Facebook page for the City. Interim Administrator McGuire suggested discussing this at a work session.

MAYOR: (250) Mayor Soliman presented a request from the Chaney-Monge Foundation, Inc. for a \$100.00 donation for the 100th anniversary of the school district per the letter dated January 27, 2017. The Mayor went over the background of the request.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the request from the Chaney-Monge Foundation, Inc. for a \$100.00 donation for the 100th anniversary of the school district per the letter dated January 27, 2017.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Thuringer, Convery, Inman, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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CITY CLERK: (279) City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (287) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from January 23, 2017 through February 5, 2017 in the amount of \$189,854.22. Treasurer Conklin presented an additional payroll from February 8, 2016 through January 22, 2017 in the amount of \$873.34.

(303) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$366,108.98 for Council approval.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$366,108.98 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Thuringer, Convery.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (325) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (328) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (330) Lidice, Alderwoman Oberlin announced that there will be a ceremony on Saturday June 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the 75th anniversary of Lidice.

Veterans, (355) Mayor Soliman announced that there will be a meeting on Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (369) Alderwoman Oberlin thanked the residents who have started to clean up their properties. Alderwoman Thuringer thanked Interim Chief Clark and Interim Administrator McGuire for their help in getting a pole removed at a business in the City. Interim Administrator McGuire thanked the City staff that helped to get this pole fixed. Alderman Convery wished everyone a happy fake spring. Alderman Inman thanked the weatherman for the great weather. Alderwoman Gazal asked that everyone to please be careful while driving. With the nice weather there are more children playing outside.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (534) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman, to go into an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Thuringer, Convery, Inman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive session 7:18 p.m.

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(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman, to reconvene from the executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Convery, Thuringer, Oberlin, Gazal, Sklare, Vershay, Dyke, Inman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

There being no further business before the Council, and no action needed from the executive session a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the February 20, 2017 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Thuringer, Convery, Inman, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2017
As presented _____
As amended _____

VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR