

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 6, 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 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, Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster.

Absent were: City Clerk Vicki Hackney, Director of City Services Greg Koch, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 20, 2017 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Thuringer, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2017 Council meeting as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(41) Mayor Soliman announced that the Lockport Township High School Wrestling Team was in attendance. We will be honoring the team with a resolution for being the State Wrestling Champs.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CITY ATTORNEY: (60) Interim City Administrator Heather McGuire presented the ComEd Recreation Lease agreement for Council approval. Interim Administrator McGuire went over the background of the lease agreement.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman, to approve the ComEd Lease agreement.

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.
(80)

(93) Interim Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a Council work session on Monday March 13, 2107 for discussion on the storm water presentation, technology proposal, Public Works building update, banquet facility on Knapp Drive, and Rialto Square Theater meetings.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (107) Director of Public Works Tony Torres had no agenda items for discussion.

(112) Director Torres presented the report on file. Director Torres announced that this is National Weather Week. Director Torres informed the Council that we had a significant rainfall last week, which caused some flooding. City Staff responded to several complaints. Director Torres asked residents to help out by keeping their storm drains near their homes free of debris to help alleviate flooding. Director Torres announced that the manhole sealing has been delayed due to the weather. He will notify the Council of the new date. Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council she received some complaints regarding work being done on an apron. The residents were not notified that the work was going to begin. She also expressed displeasure with Director Koch's attitude towards the residents. Director Torres updated the Council on this project. Discussion followed. Alderman Convery questioned the flooding at the intersection of Crestwood and Root. Director Torres explained it was due to debris in the street. Mayor Soliman commended City Staff for their hard work. Alderwoman Sklare and Alderwoman Gazal also commended the City Staff on a job well done during the storm.

(508) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for the presentation of the resolution honoring the Lockport Township High School Varsity Wrestling Team. Members of the Council read the resolution.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman, to approve a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the Lockport Township High School District 205 Varsity Wrestling Team.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #988

(645)

(661) Mayor Soliman commended the team and the coaches. He presented each member and coach with a copy of the resolution. Members of the Council commended the team and coaches.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (1490) Economic Development and Zoning Manager McMaster presented a request for the approval of the 2017 City of Crest Hill Zoning Map per the memo dated March 6, 2107. Manager McMaster went over the background of the request.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the 2017 City of Crest Hill Zoning Map per the memo dated March 6, 2107.

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.

(1511)

(1530) Manager McMaster announced that Friaco's Mexican Restaurant will be opening a restaurant in the City along Renwick Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (1585) Interim Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. Interim Chief Clark announced that members of the Crest Hill Police Department did the Polar Plunge in Yorkville. The team members raised over \$3,000.00 for Special Olympics. Interim Chief Clark thanked everyone who attended the event.

MAYOR: (1624) Mayor Soliman presented a request for a \$100.00 donation from Senior Services of Will County per the letter dated February 13, 2017. Mayor Soliman went over the background of the request.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the request for a \$100.00 donation from Senior Services of Will County per the letter dated February 13, 2017.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1634)

CITY CLERK: (1661) Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (1668) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from February 6, 2017 through February 19, 2017 in the amount of \$192,866.27. Treasurer Conklin presented the regular payroll adjustment for February 27, 2017 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

(1686) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$574,175.98 for Council approval.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$574,175.98 as presented.

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.
(1692)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1718) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1721) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: Events, (1724) Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the annual Lidice ceremony will be on Saturday June 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. This will be the 75th anniversary. Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the annual City picnic will be on Sunday August 6, 2017 at St. Joes Park.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1751) Alderwoman Oberlin wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Alderwoman Thuringer congratulated the Lockport Wrestling Team on their championship. She also wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Alderman Convery congratulated the Lockport Wrestling Team on their championship. He also wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Alderman Convery commended the Police Department on their participation in the Polar Plunge. Alderman Inman commended the Police Department on their participation in the Polar Plunge. He congratulated the wrestling team. Alderwoman Gazal wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She would like to see the City promote the Smart Message System which alerts residents in case of emergencies. She would like to see the City have a "no post" Facebook page where we can put alerts out. Alderwoman Sklare wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She commended the wrestling team on their win. Alderman Vershay wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She commended the wrestling team on their win. He also commended the Police on the Polar Plunge. Alderman Dyke agreed with the previous Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1938) Ophelia Smith Evans is the owner of the proposed banquet facility on Knapp Drive. She filled out the necessary paperwork required by the City. She received a call from the Mayor and was not happy with his attitude and demeanor. He talked about the problems that occurred with a previous business at the location that Ms. Smith was interested in. Ms. Smith explained that the Mayor contacted her the next day and informed her that there was a concern over the lack of parking spaces for the facility. The Mayor informed Ms. Smith that she could open if a liquor license was not involved. Discussion followed on the parking issue and liquor license. Alderwoman Gazal explained that when this matter was brought before the Council for discussion, we did not know what the persons ethnic background was and this offends her. Discussion followed. Ms. Smith explained that she does not have an issue with the City Officials, she has a problem with the treatment she received from the Mayor. Mayor Soliman explained that Ms. Smith is scheduled to appear at a work session on Monday March 13, 2017 and this subject can be discussed in further detail. The meeting is opened to the public. Alderwoman Oberlin explained that when we did a "straw vote" prior to this meeting, it is not an official vote. The Council can only take an official vote at a Council meeting. Alderwoman Sklare said she would like to wait until after the work session before she makes any comments.

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

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the March 6, 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 8:05 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2017

As presented _____

As amended _____

VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR