

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
March 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Crest Hill was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence to honor Lester Smith, a Crest Hill resident who was instrumental in the Crest Hill Pony Baseball teams. Mr. Smith also coached basketball at Richland School.

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, Alderman Marco Coladipietro, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

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

Absent were: Deputy City Clerk Jan Serdar, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

(143) Mayor Soliman announced that the meeting was delayed due to a minor technical problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the virtual meeting held on March 1, 2021 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the virtual meeting held on March 1, 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.

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(161) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on March 8, 2021 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the work session held on March 8, 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.  
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(180) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for presentation. The Mayor presented the proclamation honoring the Daughters of the American Revolution. He read two paragraphs of the proclamation and announced that April 3, 2021 will be observed as the Lewis Joliet Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Day. This will be their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Members of the organization accepted the proclamation and gave a brief speech. Members of the Council commended the Daughters of the American Revolution.

(401) Mayor Soliman introduced Trevor Black the owner of the Chicken Shack, 20641 Renwick Road. Mr. Black gave a business presentation on the Chicken Shack. Members of the Council welcomed Mr. Black and his business The Chicken Shack to the City.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (564) City Administrator Heather McGuire presented a request for the GovHR Finance Director Recruitment Proposal per the paperwork dated March 5, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the GovHR Finance Director Recruitment Proposal per the paperwork dated March 5, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(576)

(591) Administrator McGuire presented a request for the Approval of the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for the Interim Finance Director. This was discussed at a previous work session. The candidate that the City approached declined the offer. Alderwoman Oberlin asked that the Council be made aware of any potential candidates. Treasurer Conklin asked that he also be kept aware of the potential candidate.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to authorize the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for the Interim Finance Director.

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.

(609)

(635) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Alderman Albert asked if the Council could get a list of the updated special uses.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1090

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(670) Administrator McGuire announced that we have received some additional applications for the small business grant for a total of 20. This can be discussed at the next work session. There will be a work session on March 22, 2021 for Budget Work Session #1 (Capital, MFT, Non-Home Rule, Technology, Water/Sewer/Debt, West Plant Design, Garbage, Revenues), and the City Center Security Presentation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (689) Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented the 2524 Fox Meadow Storm Sewer Installation-Easement per the memo dated March 2, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the 2524 Fox Meadow Storm Sewer Installation-Easement per the memo dated March 2, 2021.

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.

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(725) Interim Director Siefert informed the Council that we have started the street sweeping program. The mailbox replacement work is being finalized and we are also working on getting debris cleaned up from last weeks storm. Alderwoman Oberlin asked if the City damages a mailbox, do we fix or replace it. The City does both. Alderwoman Gazal thanked the Public Works Department for taking care of a recent problem.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (794) Mayor Soliman announced that the report was on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (800) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion.

(804) Chief Clark gave a presentation on the Flock Safety License Plate Reader Camera System per a memo dated March 10, 2021. The cameras are currently being installed and we can use them as part of a pilot program for 60 days. There are other agencies using this camera system and are very pleased with the program. The Chief would like to discuss this further during the budget process. Alderwoman Oberlin asked the Chief to explain the purpose of the cameras. The cameras would read license plates. They would not be in place to catch speeders. The information they collect could help solve a crime by alerting the Police of a stolen vehicle, or an amber alert.

(900) Chief Clark informed the Council that they are going to be doing the distracted driving campaign through April 30, 2021.

(926) Alderwoman Gazal announced that they will be doing an outreach program in the park again this year. They will be announcing when the event is going to take place. Chief Clark said that as the State continues to open up, he would like to schedule more community events. Alderwoman Sklare said that she is very proud of the program that was started.

MAYOR: (977) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request from Crest Hill Pony Baseball for an ad donation for their annual yearbook per the letter dated February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$65.00. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve a request from Crest Hill Pony Baseball for an ad donation for their annual yearbook per the letter dated February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$65.00.

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.

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(1004) Mayor Soliman informed the public that the baseball games will begin again in April with State rules to be followed.

(1019) Mayor Soliman announced that the tax rebate checks will be going out in the mail by the end of the week. The check is for 25% of the municipal portion of the real estate taxes.

CITY CLERK: (1082) City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (1090) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from February 15, 2021 through February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$219,735.89.

(1101) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$614,913.49 for Council approval.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$614,913.49 as presented.

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.

(1107)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1127) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1130) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1132) Mayor Soliman announced that there will be a Veterans Committee meeting on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of a Veterans Day program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1175) Alderwoman Oberlin, Alderman Coladipietro and Alderman Dyke wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Alderwoman Gazal wished everyone a Happy Easter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1215) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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 March 15, 2021 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1229)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

As presented ✓

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VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR