

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 17, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

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

Absent was: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 3, 2021 for Council approval. Alderman Albert asked that the spelling of Father Prodehl's name be corrected in the minutes.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 3, 2021 with the corrections as noted.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(29)

(57) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on May 10, 2021 for Council approval. Alderwoman Gazal asked that a correction be made under the Regional Water Presentation adding that she would like a study done. Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there was also a correction made on the roll call.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 10, 2021 with the corrections as noted.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(61)

(98) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for a presentation of A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH L. PESAVENTO ON HIS RETIREMENT AS

SERGEANT FROM THE CITY OF CREST HILL POLICE DEPT. Members of the Council read the resolution.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH L. PESAVENTO ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SERGEANT FROM THE CITY OF CREST HILL POLICE DEPT.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1103

(193)

(209) Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech and presented a copy of the resolution to Joseph Pesavento. Police Chief Clark presented Joseph Pesavento with a years of service pin, ID and retirement badge. Mr. Pesavento gave a brief speech. Members of the Council commended Joseph Pesavento for his years of service.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (561) City Administrator Heather McGuire presented A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE TO SWORN POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve A RESOLUTION EXTENDING RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE TO SWORN POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1104

(598)

(615) Administrator McGuire presented a request for approval of the City Center Flooring Purchase through Flooring First per the memo dated May 17, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session. This is for materials only. The installation of the flooring will be bid out at a future date.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve the City Center Flooring Purchase through Flooring First per the memo dated May 17, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(626)

(644) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION WAIVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR MILESTONE VIDEO

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT THE CITY CENTER (Video Surveillance). This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve A RESOLUTION WAIVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR MILESTONE VIDEO MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT THE CITY CENTER (Video Surveillance).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1105

(654)

(673) Administrator McGuire presented a request for Cost of Living Adjustment and Merit Increase for Non-Union Staff per the memo dated May 14, 2021. This was previously approved as part of the budget.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the request for Cost of Living Adjustment and Merit Increase for Non-Union Staff per the memo dated May 14, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None.

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

(685)

(702) Administrator McGuire announced that we have hired two of the three Public Works employees to replace the recent and upcoming retirements.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (717) Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented a request for Approval of the Agreement for General Services regarding Alternative Water Supply Evaluations per the memo dated May 13, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session. The study would be done by Strand & Associates at the cost of \$49,190.00.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve an Agreement for General Services regarding Alternative Water Supply Evaluations per the memo dated May 13, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(743)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (767) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (778) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. The report was on file. Chief Clark updated the Council on the hiring process for the Police Department.

MAYOR: (799) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented an Employment Agreement Between the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, and Heather M. McGuire. This agreement would expire in May of 2025. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve an Employment Agreement Between the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, and Heather M. McGuire. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(827)

(844) Mayor Soliman presented an Employment Agreement Between the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, and Edward L. Clark III. This agreement would expire in May of 2025. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve an Employment Agreement Between the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, and Edward L. Clark III. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(874)

(890) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the appointment of Mark Siefert as Public Works Director per the memo dated May 13, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the appointment of Mark Siefert as Public Works Director per the memo dated May 13, 2021. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(991)

(1014) Director Siefert gave a brief speech. He thanked his family for their support. Members of the Council commended Director Siefert on his appointment.

(1092) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the appointment of Jeff Peterson to the Plan Commission to fill a term that would expire May 1, 2022 per the memo dated May 13, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#12) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the appointment of Jeff Peterson to the Plan Commission to fill a term that would expire May 1, 2022 per the memo dated May 13, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1111)

CITY CLERK: (1130) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented a request for a block party on Saturday August 14, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 11:00 p.m. per the memo dated May 17, 2021. They are asking for the closure of Essex Ct. to the intersection of Borio Drive.

(#13) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve a request for a block party on Saturday August 14, 2021 from noon until 11:00 p.m. per the memo dated May 17, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None.

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

(1144)

(1163) Clerk Vershay-Hall reminded the residents that the city wide garage sale will be May 20, 21, 22, 23, 2021. Permits are \$5.00. The last day to purchase a permit will be Tuesday May 18, 2021. Lists will be available starting on Wednesday May 19, 2021.

CITY TREASURER: (1181) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from April 26, 2021 through May 9, 2021 in the amount of \$234,559.94.

(1195) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$611,430.89 for Council approval.

(#14) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$611,430.89 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1197)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1215) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1217) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1219) Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the annual Lidice ceremony has been cancelled for this year. Mayor Soliman announced that the annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place on Monday May 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The Mayor went over the agenda for the ceremony. We will follow State protocol for Covid. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be cancelled. The Mayor thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the spring clean up of the garden.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1363) Alderman Kubal announced that starting June 2, 2021 Prairie Bluff will have their outdoor patio open and will be hosting concerts on Wednesday nights. This will continue through August. Alderman Albert congratulated Joe Pesavento on his retirement and also congratulated Mark Siefert on his appointment as Director of Public Works. Alderman Cipiti also congratulated Joe Pesavento. Alderwoman Oberlin commended Joe Pesavento on his retirement and Mark Siefert on his appointment. Alderwoman Gazal commended Joe Pesavento on his retirement and Mark Siefert on his appointment. Alderwoman Gazal announced that on June 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting a “Meet a Cop” in the Zausa Park on Renaissance Drive. Alderman Jefferson congratulated Joe Pesavento on his retirement and also Mark Siefert, Administrator McGuire, and Chief Clark on their appointments. Alderman Vershay congratulated Joe Pesavento on his retirement. Alderman Dyke congratulated Joe Pesavento on his years of service with the City. He congratulated Mark Siefert on his appointment. Alderman Dyke reminded everyone to thank a Veteran for the sacrifices that they have made for our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1496) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council. Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that she received a text from Mr. George from the food pantry. He thanked the Council for their continued support of the pantry. The pantry will continue to follow the CDC guidelines that are in place.

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

(#15) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the May 17, 2021 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1568)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of June, 2021.

As presented ✓

As amended _____



CHRISTINE VESHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK



RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR