

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 21, 2018

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.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing to honor those who lost their lives in the Texas school shooting. Mayor Soliman announced that May is Police week. He asked that we remember Officer Nink and Sergeant Simenson who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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 Tom Inman.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Police Chief Ed Clark, Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster, Interim Public Works Director James Eggen, City Engineer Dana Ludwig.

Absent were: 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 May 7, 2018 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 7, 2018 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(106) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on May 14, 2018 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 14, 2018 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(110)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (125) City Administrator Heather McGuire presented A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. Administrator McGuire thanked Assistant Administrator H/R Director Megan Fulara for her work on the handbook.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderman Inman, to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1006

(148)

(163) Administrator McGuire presented a request for the approval of AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE. Administrator McGuire announced that the zoning ordinance was reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission at their regular meeting on May 9, 2018. Dana Ludwig and Maura Rigoni were in attendance and went over the revisions and updates that were made to the zoning ordinance. Discussion followed. Members of the Council commended Ms. Ludwig and Ms. Rigoni on the work they put into the zoning book.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1778

(415)

(431) Administrator McGuire announced that the finalized copy of the zoning ordinance would be put on the website. Mayor Soliman commended everyone for their hard work on the updated zoning ordinance.

(482) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE (NIMEC) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR A PERIOD UP TO 36 MONTHS. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the ordinance. Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech. Administrator McGuire explained that everyone who has Com-Ed as their electric provider will be switched. Anyone who has a provider other than Com-Ed will not be included in the program. If a residents chooses to opt out of the program they can do so.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE (NIMEC) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR A PERIOD UP TO 36 MONTHS.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1007

(619)

(640) Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a work session on May 29, 2018 for discussion on Police Fines, the City Sign, the Cleaning Services RFP, and Food Trucks. The work session will be on Tuesday due to Monday May 28, 2018 being the Memorial Day Holiday.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (659) Interim Public Works Director Jim Eggen presented A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (MFT) 2019. Interim Director Eggen went over the background of the resolution.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (MFT) 2019.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1008

(681)

(699) Interim Director Eggen presented a PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK. Interim Director Eggen read the proclamation.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(804)

(820) Interim Director Eggen presented a request for a contract with Virtek for the replacement and consolidation of the servers and for the replacement of the ASA Firewall per the memo dated May 16, 2018. He went over the background of the request.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve a request for a contract with Virtek for the replacement and consolidation of the servers and for the replacement of the ASA Firewall per the memo dated May 16, 2018.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(888) Mayor Soliman commended the Public Works employees for their hard work throughout the year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (928) Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster presented a request for the approval of the vegetation cutting contract with Hawthorne Landscaping per the memo dated May 8, 2017. Manager McMaster went over the background of the request. Bid requests were sent out to nine companies. Hawthorne Landscaping has worked as the vegetation cutting company in the past.

(#9) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve a request for the approval of the vegetation cutting contract with Hawthorne Landscaping per the memo dated May 8, 2017.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT: (976) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion.

(981) Chief Clark thanked the Crest Hill Police Officers who participated in the Cop on a Rooftop on May 18, 2018 at Dunkin Donuts in Crest Hill. They raised just under \$2,000.00 for Special Olympics. The Chief also thanked Laurie Thrasher and Jim Brown from the Crest Hill Lions Club for volunteering their time to help out with the event.

(1023) Alderman Dyke asked for an update on the signs on Caton Farm and Weber Road. They are not properly placed. Chief Clark will look into this. Alderman Albert agreed, and feels there is a problem with the striping on the roadway. Administrator McGuire explained that the Engineer was consulted and the striping is allowable by IDOT standards. Mayor Soliman informed the Chief that he had a request for a stop sign at Rose and Kelly. The Chief would look into the request and do a traffic study. Alderman Dyke questioned the study on Cowing Lane, Alma Drive and Raynor Avenue. Chief Clark explained that extra patrols were put in place in regards to speeding in the area, but can do a traffic study at this intersection also.

MAYOR: (1110) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the approval of a Class A Liquor License for 20631-20635 Renwick Road. The background check and paperwork is in order. Mayor Soliman went over the background of the request. Mayor Soliman informed the Council that the petitioner for Beer Belly Saloon on Plainfield Road withdrew his request for a liquor license so there is no need to create an additional Class A License. He is asking that the additional license be issued to the establishment at 20631-20635 Renwick Road.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the request for a Class A Liquor License at 20631-20635 Renwick Road.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(1200) Mr. Porro from Village Pub thanked the Council for the approval of the liquor license. He went over the background of the business and the type of menu he is proposing. Members of the Council welcomed Mr. Porro to the City.

(1343) Mayor Soliman presented a request from the Will County Center for Community Concerns for a donation per their letter dated April 23, 2018. Mayor Soliman went over the background of the request.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve a request from the Will County Center for Community Concerns for a donation per their letter dated April 23, 2018 in the amount of \$100.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(1379) Mayor Soliman announced that there is an AARP driving class on June 5th and 6th, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. The cost for AARP members is \$15.00. The cost for non-members would be \$20.00.

(1414) Mayor Soliman informed the residents that the current city newsletter is enclosed with the water bill.

CITY CLERK: (1434) City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

(1439) Clerk Hackney announced that we had 37 participants in the spring city-wide garage sale.

(1444) Clerk Hackney announced that the City Clerk's Office would be hosting the annual shred day to be held on June 30, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Reza Automotive is this year's sponsor.

CITY TREASURER: (1469) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from April 30, 2018 through May 13, 2018 in the amount of \$191,762.56.

Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,404,779.56 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,404,779.56 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1505) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1508) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1510) Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the Lidice ceremony will take place on Sunday June 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

(1540) Mayor Soliman announced that the annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place on Monday May 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. He thanked all of the volunteers who cleaned up the garden. In case of rain the ceremony will take place at St. Anne Church Hall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1689) Alderman Albert announced that the Crest Hill Lion's Club will be hosting movies in the park. On June 9, 2018 they will be showing "Coco" and on July 28, they will be showing "Cars 3". The movies will take place near Lion's Park north of Chaney Pool. Alderman Inman invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day ceremony. Alderman Coladipietro congratulated the class of 2018 graduates. Alderwoman Oberlin reminded everyone the Lidice ceremony will take place on Sunday June 10, at 11:00 a.m. The annual City picnic will be on August 5, 2018 from noon to 10:00 p.m. She reminded the residents that school will be getting out soon and to watch for the children playing in the neighborhoods. Alderwoman Sklare welcomed Village Pub to the City. Alderman Vershay wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. Alderman Dyke thanked all of the Vets for their service to our Country.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1816) Tony Bathis from Mickey's Gyros explained that there were recently two water main breaks in the Hillcrest Shopping Center. He asked why was there a heavy bleach smell in the air and why are we having so many main breaks. Interim Director Eggen explained that we actually had three main breaks and what happened to cause the breaks in the shopping center. As far as the chlorine smell, it could have been caused by the large amount of water rushing through the break. Interim Director Eggen explained if the smell continues we can follow up on it.

(1998) Ric Pabst from Hillcrest Shopping Center commended the Public Works employees on a job well done. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Pabst explained that they have numerous shopping centers in various municipalities that he deals with. He commended the City Staff on their professionalism and friendliness.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

(#13) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman, to go into an executive session on litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive session 7:59 p.m.

(2164)

Tape #2 begins.

(#14) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman, to reconvene from the executive session on litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Reconvened at 8:52 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.

(#15) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the May 21, 2018 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.


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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Approved this 4 day of June, 2018

As presented _____

As amended _____


VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR