

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 29, 2018

The May 29, 2018 City Council work session 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 following Council members were 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, Police Chief Ed Clark, Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster, Interim Public Works Director James Eggen, Director of City Services Greg Koch, Engineer Dave Vandervelde.

TOPIC: Tiffany's Entertainment Inc. Liquor License, 1480 Cedarwood Drive.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that this business will be located next to Rosati's on Cedarwood Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Ali were in attendance. The necessary paperwork, background checks and fingerprints have come back and everything is in order. They will be opening a bistro style restaurant. Mrs. Ali went over the background of the restaurant and gaming machines that they would like to have. Mrs. Ali informed the Council that they have a background in food service, accounting and bookkeeping. Mayor Soliman informed the Council that their hours of operation for the proposed business would be Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Discussion followed on the menu. Mayor Soliman went over the requirements for operating the business.

TOPIC: Cable Room Payout Server Upgrade

Administrator McGuire announced that she would like to pull this item off the agenda so that we can seek other pricing on the equipment.

TOPIC: 2018-2019 PCC Concrete Repair.

Director of City Services Greg Koch presented the 2018-2019 Concrete repair program. Bids were opened on May 23, 2018. Director Koch went over the background of the program. This program that replaces concrete that was removed due to curb failure and water main breaks. We accepted bids seeking unit prices for concrete replacement. M&J Underground provided the lowest pricing per linear foot. The quantities in the contract are estimates. The quantities could go up as needed to complete the necessary work. Staff has done background checks on M&J Underground and have received positive feedback on the company. Alderwoman Oberlin asked how many breaks have occurred. Director Koch said there were roughly 17 breaks between the fall and spring. Alderwoman Oberlin asked if this was an average amount of breaks. Director Koch said that this was about average. It also depends on the winter weather. The colder weather causes more breaks. Another factor is the older infrastructure in the City. Administrator McGuire explained that we are addressing some of these issues and revamping our plans to address the areas where the major portion of the breaks are.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote. All members present were in agreement.

TOPIC: Engineering Agreement with Dave Vandervelde-MFT.

Administrator McGuire announced that there is a request to enter into an Engineering Agreement with Dave Vandervelde for the upcoming MFT projects. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the request. Alderwoman Oberlin questioned the costs associated with the agreement. Administrator McGuire informed the

Council that it is similar to what we have had in the past. Dave Vandervelde explained the contract and the MFT maintenance program. Discussion followed. Mayor Soliman recommended approval of the agreement.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote. All members present were in agreement.

TOPIC: Parking Fines.

Police Chief Ed Clark presented a request to update the current parking fine structure. The snow parking and handicapped parking are two violations that present the most issues. Chief Clark did a survey of surrounding communities and provided the information to the Council. Discussion followed on the proposed fee increase for the various parking violations. The Chief would like to see the handicapped penalty raised to \$500.00 and general parking violations to \$30.00. Discussion followed on parking in front of hydrants. Administrator McGuire would draft an ordinance for Council review.

Chief Clark presented a request to approve the hiring of two part-time Community Service Officers from the current list. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the request. The positions were approved last year, but no hiring was done. Discussion followed on the requirements.

TOPIC: Food Trucks.

Alderman Albert presented a request for a review of the food truck ordinance. We currently do not allow food trucks in the City. There are two events in the City where the organization has had food trucks. Alderman Inman is not in favor of allowing food trucks in the City and explained his reasoning. Alderwoman does not want to see them on the street, but would consider allowing them for special events with a limit. Manager McMaster felt that we could work with trucks for special events. It's hard to find an area in the city for the trucks because we do not have a designated downtown area. Discussion followed on how other Cities accommodate the food trucks and the regulations they would have to follow. Administrator McGuire explained that they are supposed to be paying sales tax to the state. Alderwoman Oberlin is not in favor of the trucks due to aesthetics and tracking of sales tax. She does not have a problem with trucks being provided for special events, but with a fee and sales tax collection. Treasurer Conklin is concerned about allowing a food truck in a permanent location where we don't collect real estate taxes, etc. Alderman Albert asked if we can more information from surrounding communities. Discussion followed on possible rules and regulations. Administrator McGuire suggested a special event permit with no fee. Each vendor that participates in the event would pay a fee with a limit on the number of permits per truck, per year. All of the necessary paperwork would have to be in order before the issuance of a permit. The Council would have to decide how many events we would allow per year, and how many trucks per event. Further discussion followed. Alderwoman asked what would happen if a neighborhood were to have a picnic. Administrator McGuire explained that if it is being catered and the provider is not charging it is allowed. If the vendor is selling the food to the public, it is currently not allowed. Under the new ordinance, you would have to get an event permit and each truck would have to obtain a permit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MAYORS UPDATES: Mayor Soliman announced that Keglers re-opened on May 25, 2018. They paid a violation fee of \$2,250.00 for a liquor violation. Mayor Soliman went over the changes and restrictions that have put in place by the management.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES: Alderwoman Oberlin announced that they have secured two port-a-potties for the upcoming Lidice ceremony. This is necessary due to the closure of Theodore Street Lutheran Church. We will also be providing port-a-potties for the picnic.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: Administrator McGuire updated the Council on the Renwick Road property. Mayor Soliman announced that the City was mentioned in Chicago Magazine. The article was in regards to the increase in home purchases in the City of Crest Hill.

Mayor Soliman announced that there is a need for an executive session on personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman, to go into an executive session on personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive session 8:03 p.m.

Reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of June, 2018

As presented ✓

As amended _____


VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR