

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
June 7, 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: Police Chief Ed Clark, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman.

Absent were City Administrator Heather McGuire, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 17, 2021, for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 17, 2021 as presented.

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.

(26)

(40) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on May 24, 2021 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 24, 2021 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.

(43)

(56) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for several presentations.

(61) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL T. PRICE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CREST HILL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Members of the Council read the resolution.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION HONORING DANIEL T. PRICE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CREST HILL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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.

Resolution. #1106

(159)

(183) Director Siefert gave a brief speech. He commended Danny for his many years with the City. Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech and presented Danny Price with a copy of the resolution. Danny Price gave a brief speech. Members of the Council commended Danny Price on his retirement.

(338) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN R. PRICE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CREST HILL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Members of the Council read the resolution.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN R. PRICE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CREST HILL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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 #1107

(412)

(431) Director Siefert gave a brief speech. He commended John for his many years with the City. Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech and presented John Price with a copy of the resolution. John Price gave a brief speech. Members of the Council commended John Price on his retirement.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (620) Mayor Soliman announced that there were no agenda items for discussion. The report is in the packet.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (627) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM. This was discussed at a previous work session. Director Siefert announced that we have been awarded \$800,000.00 in loan forgiveness for the program.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM.

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.

Ordinance #1866

(659)

(683) Director Siefert presented a request for the East Plant Phosphorus Removal IEPA Loan Authorized Signatory per the memo dated May 18, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve a request for the East Plant Phosphorus Removal IEPA Loan Authorized Signatory per the memo dated May 18, 2021.

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.

(696)

(718) Engineer Wiedeman presented a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services at 1906 Plainfield Road due to Floodway Violation per the letter from Robinson Engineering dated February 24, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve a request for a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services at 1906 Plainfield Road due to Floodway Violation per the letter from Robinson Engineering dated February 24, 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.

(732)

(752) Engineer Wiedeman presented an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State for the Maintenance and Energy Cost of Existing Traffic Signals per the letter from IDOT dated April 27, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State for the Maintenance and Energy Cost of Existing Traffic Signals per the letter from IDOT dated April 27, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(765)

(784) Engineer Wiedeman presented a request to approve the Public Works Salt and Brine Facility Award and Change Order #1 per the memo dated May 18, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#9) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the Public Works Salt and Brine Facility Award and Change Order #1 per the memo dated May 18, 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.

(795)

(812) Treasurer Conklin asked for the base bid. Engineer Wiedeman went over the figures.

(836) Engineer Wiedeman presented Change Order No. 1 for the Reduction in the Contract Amount from \$956,460.00 to \$553,265.00 per the letter dated May 17, 2020. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Reduction in the Contract Amount from \$956,460.00 to \$553,265.00 per the letter dated May 17, 2020.

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.

(850)

(872) Engineer Wiedeman presented A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.

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 #1108

(879)

(902) Alderman Vershay thanked Engineer Wiedeman for his quick attention on the Division Street traffic signals.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (917) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (922) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion.

The reports were on file. The Chief announced that we have two new officers starting on June 14, 2021.

(957) Alderman Dyke thanked the Chief for getting the “Lock it or Lose it” signs posted in the neighborhoods. The Chief informed the Council that we have more signs coming and will get them posted as quickly as possible.

MAYOR: (991) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the appointment of Cheryl Slabozeski to the Plan Commission per the application dated May 17, 2021. This appointment was discussed at a previous work session.

(#12) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to appoint Cheryl Slabozeski to the Plan Commission per the application 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.

(1001)

(1020) Mayor Soliman presented a Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Members of the Council read the proclamation.

(#13) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve a Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

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.

(1104)

(1117) Mayor Soliman thanked Clerk Vershay-Hall for bringing the proclamation to his attention.

(1125) Mayor Soliman presented a request for an Extension on Outdoor Dining Under Ordinance #1842 through September 6, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session. This extension can be reevaluated in the future.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve an Extension on Outdoor Dining Under Ordinance #1842 through September 6, 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.

(1178)

(1207) Mayor Soliman presented a request from the Will County Center for Community Concerns for a donation in the amount of \$100.00. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#15) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve a request from the Will County Center for Community Concerns for a donation in the amount of \$100.00.

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.

(1228)

(1246) Mayor Soliman thanked everyone who attended and participated in the Memorial Day program. He also thanked the volunteers who work on the garden.

(1310) Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that she would like to see discussion on economic development put on a future agenda. This is an important issue for the City and its growth.

(1358) Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that she was approached by a resident regarding the placement of garage sale signs in the parkway during the City wide garage sale event. The residents are requesting the ability to place signs in the parkway during the City wide sale only. Alderman Dyke would like to see this discussed at a future work session. Alderman Albert felt that we should have some type of signage announcing the garage sales. Alderman Vershay explained that if we allowed signage he would like to see wooden posts only due to a safety issue.

CITY CLERK: (1484) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (1491) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from May 10, 2021, through May 23, 2021 in the amount of \$225,200.09.

(1502) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$2,577,967.05 for Council approval.

(#16) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$2,577,967.05 as presented.

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.

(1510)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1530) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1533) There was no new business.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.  
(1510)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1530) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1533) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1534) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1538) Alderman Cipiti congratulated all of the recent graduates. Alderwoman Oberlin asked that everyone remember the Lidice tragedy. She wished her Mother a happy heavenly birthday. Alderwoman Gazal announced that Ward II will have the annual "Meet a Cop in the Park" on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 at the Renaissance park. The rain date will be on June 16, 2021 at the same time and location. Alderman Vershay congratulated Dan Price and John Price on their retirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1638) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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

(#17) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting.

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.  
(1648)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

As presented ✓

As amended \_\_\_\_\_

  
CHRISTINE VESHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR