

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
June 21, 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, Alderperson Scott Dyke, Alderperson John Vershay, Alderperson Claudia Gazal, Alderperson Darrell Jefferson, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderperson Mark Cipiti, Alderperson Nate Albert, Alderperson 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 June 7, 2021 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderperson Dyke, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 7, 2021 as presented.

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.

(29)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (44) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE CITY CENTER (FLOORING). This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#2) Motion by Alderperson Cipiti, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to approve A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE CITY CENTER (FLOORING).

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.

Resolution #1109

(51)

(69) Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION WAIVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR K&D LANDSCAPING AT THE CITY CENTER (LANDSCAPING). This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Dyke, to approve A RESOLUTION WAIVING BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL FOR K&D LANDSCAPING AT THE CITY CENTER (LANDSCAPING).

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 #1110

(85)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (102) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented the Bidding and Construction Services-Strand and Associates-ESTP Phosphorus per the memo dated June 15, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Gazal, to approve the Bidding and Construction Services-Strand and Associates-ESTP Phosphorus per the memo dated June 15, 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.

(116)

(133) Director Siefert presented a Geotechnical Services Agreement with SEECO per the memo dated June 15, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#5) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Vershay, to approve a Geotechnical Services Agreement with SEECO per the memo dated June 15, 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.

(144)

(161) Director Siefert presented a RESOLUTION CANCELLING STATESVILLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT per the memo dated June 15, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Albert, seconded by Alderperson Dyke, to approve a RESOLUTION CANCELLING STATESVILLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

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.

Resolution #1111

(174)

(192) City Engineer Ron Wiedeman presented a request to Approve the Award and Authorize Mayor to Execute the Contract for and Replacement Program to J&J Newell Concrete Contractor per the letter dated May 27, 2021. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Gazal, seconded by Alderperson Albert, to Approve the Award and Authorize Mayor to Execute the Contract for and Replacement Program to J&J Newell Concrete Contractor per the letter dated May 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.

(200)

(224) Alderperson Albert asked if we had any damage from the storm on Sunday night. Director Siefert informed the Council that we had no reports of downed trees. We had one instance of a street flooding that was quickly addressed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (246) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file. Alderperson Dyke requested a “no truck” sign on Raynor Avenue when you turn off of Theodore Street. We do not have one currently in place. Chief Clark would look into the placement of the sign.

MAYOR: (279) Mayor Raymond Soliman had no agenda items for discussion. Mayor Soliman informed the residents that we will have extra patrols out during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Please remember that fireworks are illegal. Alderperson Gazal asked if we can post the cost of the fine for illegal fireworks on social media. Alderperson Dyke asked if we could get the fence and debris from a recent accident cleaned up on Broadway.

CITY CLERK: (360) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion. Clerk Vershay-Hall wished the Crest Hill Police good luck on behalf of her and the Clerk’s staff on the Annual Torch Run for Special Olympics. She also wished everyone a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.

CITY TREASURER: (372) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from May 24, 2021 through June 6, 2021 in the amount of \$243,568.96.

(381) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$170,355.29 for Council approval. Alderperson Cipiti questioned the legal services for the TIF. Treasurer Conklin explained that the report contains the bills that are submitted to the office. He asked if the Council has questions they contact him prior to the meeting so that we can look up the information and get an answer for them. Mayor Soliman gave a brief explanation of the charges. Alderperson Cipiti asked that we discuss this subject in an executive session or future work session.

(#8) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderperson Jefferson, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$170,355.29.

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.

(386)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (466) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (468) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (472) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (473) Alderperson Dyke wished everyone a happy first day of summer and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Alderperson Jefferson wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He informed the residents that he is visiting Ward II to meet as many homeowners and businesses as possible. Alderperson Gazal wished everyone a happy independence day. Alderperson Oberlin wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Alderperson Cipiti wished the residents a happy July 4<sup>th</sup>. Alderperson Kubal reminded the residents that Prairie Bluff Golf Course is doing their annual summer concerts on Wednesday and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (536) Mazar Shuaipak 2209 Plainfield Road informed the Council that he received a violation for work being performed without a permit. The Mayor asked that Mr. Shuaipak contact the Building Department to find out what type of permits are required for work being done. Discussion followed. Mr. Shuaipak commented that the Municipal Building was a little difficult to find. He also commended everyone on observing the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of the meeting. The Mayor informed Mr. Shuaipak that we will be moving to the new Municipal Center later this year.

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

(#9) Motion by Alderperson Dyke, seconded by Alderperson Vershay, to adjourn the June 21, 2021 City Council meeting.

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.

(746)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

As presented X

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

  
CHRISTINE VESHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

*Raymond R. Soliman*  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR