

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 9, 2018

The July 9, 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:

**TOPIC: Will County Governmental League-CREW.**

Mr. O'Hara and Mr. Kwasneski gave a presentation on CREW, which is Communities for Responsible and Efficient Waterways. The US Army Corp of Engineers has been working for several years on a proposal for improvements at the Brandon Road Locks to help stop invasive species from migrating north in the Great Lakes and to modernize the decades old locks. Some of the surrounding States would like to see the Brandon Road Lock closed to stop the migration of the invasive fish. The Corp. of Engineers does not want to see this happen for a number of reasons. Discussion followed. What CREW is proposing to do is to bring together the Municipalities and businesses to work on a solution to this problem. They are asking for \$5,000.00 from each Municipality to get this program started. The area that would be affected would be from the split in the Calumet River south to Grundy County. Alderwoman Oberlin asked what Municipalities have been contacted. Discussion followed. Alderman Vershay asked if they were going to contact the City of Chicago. The Municipal League was not. They are going to reach out to the Water Reclamation District in regards to this project. Mayor Soliman would like to see the City join the coalition and work with the lobbyists on this project. Alderwoman Oberlin asked if the City of Joliet is going to provide financial support. They are still in discussion with Joliet and this still needs to be presented to the Council. Alderman Albert asked if this body of water is the only way the Asian Carp can access the Great Lakes. This is one of very few avenues that the fish travel through. Discussion followed on the various ways the invasive species can be kept out of the waterways. Mayor Soliman announced that there is a request to join the coalition and for a \$5,000.00 fee. Alderman Vershay asked if the fee was based on the size of a Municipality. It was not. Everyone is being asked for the same fee.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote. Alderwoman Oberlin was in favor, but would like verification that the other Municipalities are providing financial support. It was explained that no communities will be invoiced the fee until all are in agreement to move forward. All members present were in agreement.

**TOPIC: Pretreatment Ordinance.**

Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert presented a request for a Pretreatment Program Professional Services Contract with Robinson Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$74,000.00 per the memo dated July 3, 2018. Director Siefert explained that we will need to prepare a pretreatment ordinance and local limits ordinance. The completion and assessment of the industrial user survey and the preparation of an enforcement

response plan. Alderman Coladipietro asked if this agreement is something that could go out to bid. Director Siefert explained that this is basically a continuation of a project that Robinson has been involved with for a while. Administrator McGuire explained that this is an item that we don't go out to bid on. We have a list of contractors that we work with and can negotiate a fee.

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

**TOPIC: Sewer Rehab Contract, Manhole Rehabilitation Design Engineering.**

Director Siefert presented a request for the 2018 Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation Project-Design and Construction Contract with Robinson Engineering not to exceed a cost of \$37,000.00 per the memo dated July 3, 2018. Alderwoman Oberlin asked if these are going to be added to the master list. Director Siefert said that it would. We did find three manholes along Broadway that we were unaware of, so they are being added to the list. There are some manholes that have sunk that we are finding. This project has been accounted for in the budget.

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

**TOPIC: Award of Contract for the Marlboro Lane Water Main Improvement Project.**

Interim Public Works Director Eggen presented a request for the awarding of the contract for the Marlboro Lane Water Main Improvement Project per the memo dated July 9, 2018. This project will replace an existing 6" water main with a new 8" main from Fredrick Street to Inner Circle Drive. This project was advertised in the IDOT construction Bulletin on June 7, 2018. Five bids were received and the low bidder was P.T. Ferro Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$895,730.83.

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

**TOPIC: Tinley Park Training Facility Agreement**

Director of City Services Greg Koch presented the request for the approval of the Tinley Park Training Facility Agreement per the memo dated July 3, 2018. This is where the agility testing would be done for the Public Works candidates. The training facility contains most of the required equipment for the physical testing. This is the same agreement that was approved in May of 2015 for the testing. Alderman Vershay questioned the fee. Director Koch explained that the only fee required is the ambulance fee which is \$800.00. Administrator McGuire explained that we used this facility in the past to test the applicants to make sure they have the basic skills needed to do the job. The testing takes place on a Saturday July 28, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m..

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

**TOPIC: Cops & Fire Physical Agility Testing Agreement.**

Director Koch presented a request for the approval of the Cops & Fire Physical Agility Testing Agreement per the memo dated July 3, 2018. This company would do the actual testing of the Public Works applicants. The cost per applicant is \$35.00 with a minimum fee of \$1050.00. There are currently 109 applicants. Alderwoman Oberlin asked who pays the fee. Director Koch explained that the City will pay the fee.

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

**TOPIC: Director of Public Works Recommendation.**

Mayor Soliman presented a request for the approval for the hiring of a Public Works Director. This would be discussed in executive session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**MAYORS UPDATES:** Mayor Soliman presented a letter from the Disability Resource Center thanking the Council for waiving the fees for the entertainment license for their upcoming fundraiser on July 12, 2018.

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES:** Alderwoman Oberlin announced that they are adding a marionette puppet show to the City picnic schedule on August 5, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:** The City Administrator had no updates.

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

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.

Executive session 7:34 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 8:49 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018

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VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR