

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
July 30, 2018

The July 30, 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, Public Works Director Tom Migatz.

TOPIC: White Oak Library-One Day Liquor License

Mayor Soliman presented a request for the issuance and waiver of the fee for a one-day liquor license for the White Oak Library. Scott Pointon from the library was in attendance. The library is hosting a murder mystery as a fund raiser. This will be a 21 and older event. Mr. Pointon gave a presentation on the event. The event will take place on August 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each. The library will be closing 2 hours early that night to prepare for the event. Anyone who buys a ticket for the fundraiser in August is guaranteed a seat for the author festival in October. Mayor Soliman went over the rules and regulations for the liquor license. Mayor Soliman asked for comments or questions from the Council. Alderwoman Oberlin commended Mr. Pointon and the library on the upcoming event.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote on the issuance of a one-day liquor license and waiver of the license fee. All members present were in agreement. Mayor Soliman gave Mr. Pointon the license and advised him that this would be formally voted on at the August 6, 2018 City Council meeting.

TOPIC: Community Service Officer Introduction

Police Chief Ed Clark introduced the new Community Service Officer Scott Phillips to the Council. Mr. Phillips has passed all of the required testing and background checks. Mr. Phillips began employment on Monday July 23, 2018. He will be working 16 hours per week. Mr. Phillips gave brief speech and went over his background. Members of the Council welcomed Mr. Phillips. Alderwoman Oberlin questioned an email that was sent to the City Staff regarding the new hire. Was this also sent to the Council. Administrator McGuire explained the Assistant Administrator H/R Director sends these to the City Staff to introduce the new hires. Alderwoman Oberlin asked that the Council also receive these emails in the future.

TOPIC: Fireworks Ordinance

Police Chief Ed Clark presented a request from Alderwoman Gazal for a possible increase in the fine for possession of or exploding of illegal fireworks. The Chief went over a breakdown of the fines charged by surrounding communities. The Chief discussed the tickets that were written during the July holiday. Alderwoman Gazal feels that this was one of the worse years we have had for fireworks. Her concern is the safety of the

residents, possible fire hazards and the affect that they have on pets, children and Veterans. Discussion followed on how the City can inform the residents of the fine and consequences. Administrator McGuire explained that if the resident goes to an administrative hearing, the hearing officer can charge them a fine up to \$750.00. Members of the Council questioned why only 8 citations were written. The Chief explained that there was a traffic accident that required extra Police and Fire personnel. Alderwoman Sklare felt a higher fine might be a deterrent for some residents. Discussion followed on the problems that arise from fireworks in our municipality and surrounding communities.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote on updating the fireworks ordinance. All members present were in agreement.

TOPIC: Stop Signs at Rose and Kelly

Police Chief Ed Clark presented a request for the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Kelly Avenue. Vehicles speed through the intersection and this is an area where busses are trying to pick up and drop off school children. The bus stop is on the west side of Kelly Avenue. The intersection is currently a two-way stop. A speed trailer was placed near the intersection and data collected. Discussion followed. Alderman Dyke would like to see the data on what time the increase in speed is taking place before a final decision on the placement of signs is made. Alderwoman Oberlin, Alderman Coladipietro, Alderman Albert, and Alderman Inman would also like to wait until this information is provided to the Council.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote on the placement of additional stop signs on Rose Avenue and Kelly Avenue. Alderman Dyke would like to see the data on what time the increase in speed is taking place before a final decision is made. Alderwoman Oberlin, Alderman Coladipietro, Alderman Albert, and Alderman Inman would also like to wait until this information is provided to the Council. The remaining members were in agreement with the request.

Chief Clark updated the Council on the eligibility list for the Police Department.

TOPIC: 2019 Crack Filling Program

Public Works Director Tom Migatz presented the 2019 Crack filling program. Bids were opened. The Engineers estimate was \$150,000.00. The low bidder was Patriot Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$109,000.00. This company recently completed the crack filling program in the City. Christopher Burke Engineering Ltd. recommended awarding the project to Patriot Pavement Maintenance Co. Alderman Vershay would like to see a list of the streets that will be included in the program.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote to award the bid to Patriot Pavement Maintenance Co. All members present were in agreement.

TOPIC: IML Conference

Administrator McGuire presented a request to allow all of the elected Officials and City Administrator to attend the annual IML Conference. The City would pay for the registration, hotel and parking expenses. Administrator McGuire requested permission for Assistant City Administrator H/R Director Fulara to attend the conference this year. Administrator McGuire explained she would only be attending the Attorney seminars.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote to allow the Council members and Assistant Administrator H/R Director Fulara to attend the IML Conference. All members present were in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comments.

MAYORS UPDATES: Mayor Soliman announced that 11 Neighborhood Hero Signs have been placed in the City. The recipients have been notified and several will be in attendance at the August 6, 2018 Council meeting for a presentation.

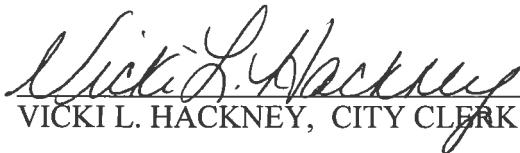
COMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES: Alderwoman Oberlin reminded the Council that the annual City picnic will be on Sunday August 5, 2018 from noon to 10:00 p.m. Alderman Albert is scheduling the volunteers if anyone would like to help.

Alderwoman Oberlin asked if a resident can be ticketed for not maintaining their bushes and shrubs if they are growing into a neighbor's yard. Administrator McGuire would have Code Enforcement take a look at the property in question.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: City Administrator McGuire informed the Council that we will have further discussion on the food truck ordinance at the work session in August. The Park District is looking to be completely exempt from the ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 4th day of August, 2018
As presented J
As amended _____


VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR