

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 3, 2022

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.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing to honor the Police Officer from Bradley who lost her life in the line of duty and her partner who was wounded in the line of duty.

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, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Interim Management Consultant Steve Gulden, Deputy Police Chief Ryan Dobczyk.

Absent were: HR Director Renee Herbst, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Mayor Soliman announced that due to technical difficulties the meeting will not air on Channel 6 but can be seen on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 20, 2021 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held December 20, 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.

(109)

CITY ATTORNEY: (122) There were no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (125) City Administrator Jim Marino announced that this is his first meeting and is looking forward to working with the Council. He also thanked Management Consultant Gulden for his help. City Administrator Jim Marino presented A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WRITTEN COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL. He went over various points in the policy. Alderman Dyke felt that we should add that anyone who gets the vaccine and is ill the day after being afforded a day

off with pay. Alderman Vershay asked how can the employee prove they are ill from the vaccine and not just wanting a day off. Discussion followed.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WRITTEN COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Dyke.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #1129

(228)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (285) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES. He went over the background of the request for purchase of vehicles. This will be done through the State bid purchasing.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES.

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 #1130

(332)

(358) Mayor Soliman commended the Public Works Department on a job well done with the recent snowfall.

CITY ENGINEER: (370) There were no agenda items for discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (373) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (374) The reports were on file. Deputy Police Chief Ryan Dobczyk presented A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VENDOR/SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND BLUE LINE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS LLC. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VENDOR/SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND BLUE LINE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS LLC.

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 #1131

(403)

(433) Alderwoman Gazal asked that we begin the ticketing process for cars parked during a snowfall so that we can get the streets plowed curb to curb.

MAYOR: (446) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request for the LTHS 2022 Late Night Donation. We have done this for the high school for several years. The Mayor explained to the new Council members what the program is for.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the request for the LTHS 2022 Late Night Donation.

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.

(469)

(488) Mayor Soliman updated the Council on the liquor license renewals. Alderman Albert asked if we have any new restaurant liquor license. We did.

CITY CLERK: (553) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion.

(559) Clerk Vershay Hall congratulated Deputy Clerk Janet Serdar on her upcoming retirement on Friday January 7, 2022. Clerk Vershay Hall wished her the best and she will be missed in the Clerk's Office.

CITY TREASURER: (570) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from December 6, 2021 to December 19, 2021 in the amount of \$228,095.09.

(579) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$259,087.52 for Council approval.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$259,087.52 as presented.

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.

(584)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (601) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (603) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (606) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (609) Alderman Dyke congratulated Deputy Clerk Serdar on her retirement. Alderman Vershay wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. Alderman Jefferson wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. He also commended the Police and Public Works on a job well done. Alderwoman Gazal wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. Alderperson Oberlin wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. She welcomed Jim Marino good luck. Alderman Cipiti wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. Alderman Albert wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. Alderman Kubal wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement. Mayor Soliman wished everyone a Happy New year and wished Deputy Clerk Serdar good luck on her retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (744) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the January 3, 2022 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.

(753)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved this 17 day of January, 2022

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR