

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 2, 2020

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 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 Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Deputy Police Chief Tony Rossetti, Community Development Director Scott McMaster, Public Works Director Tom Migatz.

Absent were: City Clerk Vicki Hackney, Police Chief Ed Clark, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 17, 2020 for Council approval. Alderman Albert would like to make a clarification on a comment that was made regarding the neighborhood watch meeting. He did not take offense to the meeting but felt there was a lack of communication between the Mayor's Office, Administrators Office and Clerk's Office. He would like to discuss this further under New Business.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on February 17, 2020 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None,

ABSENT: None.

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

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(68) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on February 24, 2020 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the minutes from the work session held on February 24, 2020 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(86) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for a business presentation. He announced that National Cleaners on Larkin Avenue has re-opened. Heidi Park gave a presentation regarding the business located at 1708 Larkin Avenue. She thanked the first responder who assisted in an emergency that occurred at the business prior to her obtaining the facility. She went on to explain that they handle heirloom clothing, do regular dry cleaning and clothing alterations. Mayor Soliman informed Ms. Park that it was Officer Shea who assisted during the incident. The Mayor commended Ms. Park on the work that has been done to the facility. Members of the Council commended Ms. Park and wished her good luck with the business.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (254) City Administrator Heather McGuire had no agenda items for discussion. The report was on file.

(258) Administrator McGuire announced there will be a work session on Monday March 9, 2020 for discussion on the Budget Work Session #1, Park District Phase 2 City Center, and lighting at Kubinski Drive.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (267) Public Works Director Tom Migatz had no agenda items for discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (278) Community Development Director Scott McMaster presented a request for the approval of the Zoning Map Update for 2020 per the memo dated March 2, 2020. Director McMaster explained that we approve the updated zoning map before the end of March each year.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the Zoning Map Update for 2020 per the memo dated March 2, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin,, Coladipietro, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(311) Director McMaster presented a request for the hiring of an additional Clerk in the Community Development Department per the memo dated March 2, 2020. Alderwoman Oberlin asked Director McMaster to go over the background of the request and the necessity for the additional personnel. Alderman Albert asked who the employee would report to. Director McMaster explained that the current clerical and new hire will report to him. Administrator McGuire explained that this will be a union position and what the hourly rate would be.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the hiring of an additional Clerk in the Community Development Department per the memo dated March 2, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
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(390) Director McMaster and the Building Administration Clerk thanked the Council for their support.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (397) Deputy Police Chief Tony Rossetti had no agenda items for discussion. Alderwoman Gazal thanked the Deputy Chief and everyone who attended the community watch meeting. Alderwoman Sklare also thanked the Police Department for their participation.

MAYOR: (436) Mayor Soliman had no agenda items for discussion. Mayor Soliman congratulated the LTHS Girls Bowling team on their win at State. We will be honoring them at the meeting on April 6, 2020.

(461) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that the Census letters should be mailed on March 12, 2020. He is asking that everyone fill out the form and mail it back in. The Census is also currently hiring workers. Alderwoman Oberlin reminded the residents that according to the Census Bureau the information gathered is confidential.

(576) Mayor Soliman announced that the Veterans/Police Committee are seeking donations for an additional memorial stone for the Vietnam Conflict. The current Vietnam monument stone is almost full of names. The Committee recently sent out 480 letters asking for donations towards the purchase of the new stone. The Mayor read the donation letter.

CITY CLERK: (774) Deputy City Clerk Jan Serdar presented a request from the Remington Lakes HOA for the use of the Council Chambers on Wednesday March 25, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an association meeting per the memo dated March 2, 2020. The Council Chambers are available on that date.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve a request from the Remington Lakes HOA for the use of the Council Chambers on Wednesday March 25, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an association meeting per the memo dated March 2, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Gazal.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(788)

CITY TREASURER: (811) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from February 3, 2020 through February 16, 2020 in the amount of \$229,670.66.

(820) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$132,104.33 for Council approval.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$132,104.33 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (845) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (848) Alderman Albert would like to discuss a neighborhood watch meeting at a work session. The open meetings act limits the number of elected officials that can be at a meeting at the same time. He would like to see a meeting where all of the officials could attend and not be in violation of the meetings act. Mayor Soliman asked that we wait until budget sessions are over with so that we can devote more time to this subject. Alderwoman Oberlin explained that she did not attend the recent neighborhood watch meeting due to violating the open meetings act. Many residents are not aware that there are rules that govern how many Officials can attend a meeting without the correct posting. Alderwoman Gazal said that there are many comments that are made on social media without all the facts being looked into. The residents can contact the Council members any time they have a question or concern.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (960) Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the annual Lidice Memorial ceremony will take place on June 7th at 11:00 a.m.

(972) Alderman Coladipietro announced that there are several new businesses that opened on Renwick Road. They are Chicago Style Grill and Chicago Chicken Shack.

(994) Alderman Vershay announced that we had a resident turn 100 and roses were delivered to her.

(1001) Mayor Soliman announced that any funds left after purchasing the new monument stone for the Memorial Garden will be used to offset the cost of the Memorial Day program and engraving of the stone.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1032) Alderwoman Oberlin, Alderman Coladipietro, Alderman Albert, Alderman Kubal, Alderman Vershay, Alderman Dyke, Alderwoman Sklare and Alderwoman Gazal welcomed National Cleaners to the City. Alderwoman Gazal reminded everyone to wash their hands during the virus season. Alderman Albert announced that Chicago Style Grill has good food. Mayor Soliman informed the residents that there is information on the City website regarding the recent virus outbreak.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1108) There were no public comments.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

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

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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Executive session 7:34 p.m.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to reconvene from the executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

There being no further business before the Council, and no action needed from the executive session a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

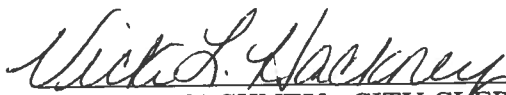
There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of March, 2020

As presented ✓

As amended _____


VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR