

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
(VIRTUAL MEETING)  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
May 4, 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. Mayor Soliman indicated that the tonight's meeting will be via video conference with Council and Staff members attending from their homes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone observe a moment of silence to honor the Crest Hill Police Officers that were previously lost in the line of duty.

Roll call indicated the following 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 Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Police Chief Ed Clark, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka, Community Development Director Scott McMaster, Public Works Director Tom Migatz, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert.

Absent were: Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 20, 2020 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 20, 2020 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Dyke.

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: City Administrator Heather McGuire presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH MCSQUARE. Dave Hoover from NIMEC was also in attendance via video conference and gave a brief presentation on the electrical rates. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the resolution. Residents should be getting a letter in the mail explaining the program. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked City Staff for their work on the agreement. Alderman Coladipietro questioned the grant. Administrator McGuire addressed the question.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH MCSQUARE.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1077

Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a work session on Monday May 11, 2020 for discussion on the budget and other items being worked on.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Public Works Director Tom Migatz had no agenda items for discussion. He commended the Public Works and STP staff for their hard work during the last few weeks. Director Siefert also commended the staff. Alderman Dyke asked if staff could look into the light that is burned out on the train viaduct on northbound Rte. 53.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Community Development Director Scott McMaster had no agenda items for discussion. Director McMaster informed the Council that the City Inspectors have returned to work doing exterior inspections and code enforcement. No interior inspections will be done at this time.

Director McMaster informed the Council that we will be holding a virtual Plan Commission meeting on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. There will be two items on the agenda for discussion. Director McMaster would like to have the information to the Council for their meeting on May 18, 2020 so that we can get both of these essential businesses open. Alderman Dyke thanked City staff for taking care of some graffiti that was on a property along Rte. 53.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. Chief Clark commended staff in the Police Department for their hard work and efforts. Chief Clark gave the Council an update on the homicide that took place at a business on Plainfield Road. Alderman Vershay thanked the Police for their efforts in getting the graffiti taken care of. Alderwoman Gazal asked if the Chief could explain the Police Departments role in the drive by birthday parades. Chief Clark explained that he has been in contact with the State Police and they have discouraged Police Department participation in these types of events because of the non-essential travel rules that are currently in place. The Chief explained that if this rule changes then we can go from there. Alderwoman Gazal reminded the residents that emergency situations have to come first and take priority over anything else.

MAYOR: Mayor Soliman presented A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205 GIRLS BOWLING TEAM. Mayor Soliman asked Alderwoman Oberlin and Alderman Albert to read the resolution as they are graduates of Lockport High School. Members of the Council commended the bowling team on their achievements. Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205 GIRLS BOWLING TEAM.

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.

Resolution #1064

Mayor Soliman announced that the Lockport Park District is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have constructed a Field of Hope light display honoring the first responders on their property on Renwick Road from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Mayor encouraged everyone to drive by the display. Members of the Council commended the Park District.

Mayor Soliman reminded the residents to get the Census forms filled out and returned as this is important to the future of the City.

Mayor Soliman announced that the annual Memorial Day ceremony has been cancelled. This would have been the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Police Memorial. Mayor Soliman announced that we are looking into replaying a previous ceremony on cable on Memorial Day.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion. Clerk Hackney announced that due to the current stay at home order, the spring city wide garage sale has been cancelled. Clerk Hackney reminded the residents that even though you cannot access the municipal building, city personnel are there to answer the phone. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked City Staff for their hard work and effort during these difficult times.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll for the period of May 13, 2020 through May 26, 2020 in the amount of \$218,813.78.

Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills including the additional payroll (comp buy back) in the amount of \$1,407,418.78 for Council approval.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve the list of bills including the additional payroll (comp buy back) in the amount of \$1,407,418.78.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.



NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the annual Lidice ceremony has been cancelled. She also announced that the annual City picnic has been cancelled.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderman Dyke hoped that our residents are staying safe and healthy. Alderman Vershay concurred with Alderman Dyke. Alderman Vershay announced that he received a call from a resident asking if there is anywhere you can go to get a free face mask. The Mayor said that he was not aware of a place. He suggested looking in the paper or listening to the local radio station. Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that she was able to find a mask for the resident. Alderman Vershay said that there is a gas station in the area that is selling packages of them. Alderwoman Sklare thanked Glen Conklin for the first responder signs. Alderwoman Gazal thanked the residents for purchasing and displaying the signs supporting the first responders. Alderwoman Gazal congratulated her son on his graduation. She congratulated all of the 2020 graduates. Alderwoman Oberlin wished everyone a Happy Cinco De Mayo. She also thanked all of the essential business that are open and all the workers that go in every day to serve us. Alderman Coladipietro announced that this week is Nurses Week and commended all of them for the work they do. He also commended the Lockport Bowling team on their recent win. Alderman Albert wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He also commended the Lockport Park District on the light display. Alderman Kubal thanked the Public Works employees who have come out to fix the water main breaks.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no citizens that have filed questions or comments with the City via mail or email, per confirmation of the City Clerk.

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

(#5) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the May 4, 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 7:45 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of May, 2020

As presented ✓

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

Vicki L. Hackney  
VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

Raymond R. Soliman  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR