

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 20, 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 Clerk Vicki Hackney, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Barbara Sklare, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Marco Coladipietro, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Deputy Police Chief Tony Rossetti, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert.

Absent were: Alderman Scott Dyke, City Administrator Heather McGuire, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Police Chief Ed Clark, Community Development Director Scott McMaster, Public Works Director Tom Migatz, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 6, 2020 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 6, 2020 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(57) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on July 13, 2020 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on July 13, 2020 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (74) Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara presented the Grievance Settlement Agreement per the memo dated July 20, 2020.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the Grievance Settlement Agreement per the memo dated July 20, 2020.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(114) Administrator/HR Director Fulara presented the Harassment Prevention and Awareness Training per the memo dated July 20, 2020. The link for the training was sent to the employees and elected officials. This is a pre-recorded training that takes roughly 1 hour to complete.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (130) Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert had no agenda items for discussion.

(142) Director Siefert informed the Council that hydrant painting will resume at the end of the week in Fox Meadows, Carillon Lakes and the Zausa subdivision. He explained the process that takes place to paint the hydrants.

(176) Director Siefert informed the Council that the painting of the Gaylord Road water tower will begin soon. The process will be different than the other towers due to the cellphone antennas. It will take roughly 3 to 4 months for the tank to be completed. Alderman Kubal questioned the snow guards on the fire hydrants in Carillon Lakes. Director Siefert explained why they are being removed and what technology the fire department has to locate the hydrants. Alderman Albert asked if we know what the temporary cell tower is going to look like and will we be liable for any damages to the equipment. Director Siefert explained that the wireless companies would be responsible for moving their own equipment. This is part of their lease agreement.

(380) Director Siefert informed the Council that we had four water main breaks along Rte. 30 over the weekend. He updated the Council on what could be causing them. This water line is something that can be looked into during discussions on capital improvements. The Mayor commended the Public Works Department for their hard work. Alderwoman Oberlin also commended the Public Works Department. Alderwoman Oberlin asked for an update on the Jasmine Creek grant. Director Siefert explained that we are tentatively approved for a grant but is not sure of the dollar amount. Alderwoman Gazal asked if there are any grants or loans that we can apply for to help with the water main on Rte. 30. Discussion followed on the IEPA loan process, the extent of the work and the timeline. Alderman Coladipietro also commended the Public Works Department. He asked if we can get the road evened out where the breaks occurred. Director Siefert explained that once the road has settled, then we would asphalt over it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (695) There were no agenda items for discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (720) Deputy Police Chief Tony Rossetti had no agenda items for discussion. Alderwoman Oberlin asked for an update on the solicitors that were at the 6-corner intersection. Solicitation or tag days are not allowed at this intersection.

MAYOR: (728) Mayor Soliman had no agenda items for discussion. Mayor Soliman encouraged everyone to wear their masks and maintain social distancing. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we can enforce the use of masks. The Mayor said that we are following the advice of the Governor and if it comes to it, we may have to enforce it. The Mayor reminded the residents to get their Census forms filled out and turned in. This is very important for the City. Alderman Vershay asked if we are allowing employees to take equipment home. The Mayor explained that employees have been taking the vehicles home since March for safety and health reasons. Alderman Vershay asked if we checked with the insurance company to see if this is permissible. Assistant Administrator/HR Director Fulara said that she would look into this. Alderman Albert asked for an update on 12 Handles. Mayor Soliman would like to discuss this at the next work session. Alderwoman Oberlin asked for an update on the Hookah Lounge. There was considerable damage from a recent fire. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we can revisit the temporary outdoor liquor license at the next work session. The Mayor said that we can. We have not received any complaints.

CITY CLERK: (1070) City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

(1074) Clerk Hackney announced that the annual City-wide garage sale would be August 13, 14, 15, 16, 2020. The last day to get a permit and get on the list will be Tuesday August 11, 2020. Maps and lists will be available starting August 12, 2020. She explained the various ways a permit can be obtained.

(1098) Clerk Hackney expressed condolences to the family of Laurie Thrasher on the loss of her mother, Shirley Bandosz who passed away this morning.

(1111) Clerk Hackney wished Alderwoman Oberlin a happy birthday.

CITY TREASURER: (1120) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from June 22, 2020 to July 5, 2020 in the amount of \$228,885.27.

(1131) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,223,657.81 for Council approval.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,223,657.81 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

(1137)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1155) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1157) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1160) Alderwoman Oberlin announced that due to the pandemic, we will not be holding the annual City picnic this year. St. Joes Park is closed for the season and no picnics were allowed this year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1181) Alderwoman Oberlin announced that Sally Johnson a long time resident recently passed away. She was a founding member of the Women's Civic League. She volunteered for many local organizations. Alderman Coladipietro wished Alderwoman Oberlin a happy birthday. He also offered condolences to Laurie Thrasher. Alderman Albert commended the Publics Works Department on a job well done with all of the recent water main breaks that have occurred. He spoke briefly about some of the capital improvements that are being done to the infrastructure in the City. Alderman Kubal announced that the park district is hosting a movie at Hassert park on July 30, 2020. The movie is Ferris Buellers day off and the cost is \$5.00 per car. Alderwoman Gazal offered condolences to Laurie Thrasher. She commended the Public Works Department for a job well done. She thanked the school district for everything they are doing regarding the upcoming school year. Alderwoman Sklare offered condolences to Laurie Thrasher. She also commended the Public Works Department for their hard work. Alderman Vershay reminded everyone to wear their masks, and social distance because every little bit helps. Mayor Soliman congratulated the grade school graduates. They had reduced ceremonies, but were very well done.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1436) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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

(#5) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to adjourn the July 20, 2020 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

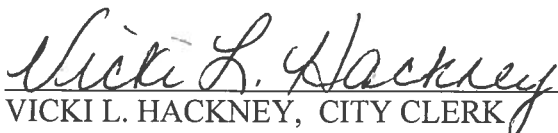
(1448)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of August, 2020

As presented ✓

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

  
VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR