

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 28, 2020

The September 28, 2020 City Council work session was called to order by City Clerk Vicki Hackney at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The following Council members were present: 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, Police Chief Ed Clark.

Absent were: Mayor Raymond Soliman, Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Community Development Director Scott McMaster, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

Clerk Vicki Hackney advised that Mayor would be absent and a motion would be in order to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to appoint Alderman John Vershay as Mayor Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Vershay

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

TOPIC: Stop Sign Recommendation: Jared and Eldorado

Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay presented the stop sign request for Jared at Eldorado per the memo dated September 25, 2020. Chief Clark informed the Council that he was approached by Alderman Albert regarding the intersection of Jared and Eldorado. At the time of the memo they were having difficulties downloading data from the speed cart. The Chief looked at crash data and speed data. 10% of the vehicles are speeding. Discussion followed on the existing stop signs in the area. Alderman Albert explained that this is a "T" intersection with no signs. Chief Clark explained that he reviewed the engineering plans for the subdivision but was unable to locate the necessary paperwork.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay asked for an informal vote on the stop sign recommendation for Jared at Eldorado. All members present were in agreement.

TOPIC: "Lock It or Lose It" Signs

Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay presented a request for the lock it or lose it signs per the memo dated May 21, 2020. Chief Clark informed the Council that he was approached by Alderman Dyke regarding signs that read "lock it or lose it". This is to basically remind residents to lock their doors and make sure you do not leave anything in your car that

could be stolen. There are three different size signs we can purchase which are 30", 36" and 48". Chief Clark feels that this would be a good idea for the City. Administrator McGuire said we will have to decide if we want to do the project this year or wait until the next budget year. Alderwoman Oberlin would like to see them affixed permanently to existing signs. Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay asked what color the signs are. Chief Clark explained we can get them in any color we want however would recommend a bright color for visibility. Alderman Coladipietro asked how many would be ordered. The Chief said we could order between five and ten to start out with. Mayor Pro-Tem asked what size does the Chief suggest. Chief Clark thought the larger ones would be the best. Discussion followed on the location of the signs. The Council chose to go with the 36" signs permanently affixed.

Mayor Pro Tem asked for an informal vote on the "lock it or lose it" signage (36" signs with a quantity of 10). All members present were in agreement.

Administrator McGuire said that we can work this into the budget for next year. Alderwoman Gazal asked if the signs can be placed in private subdivisions. Administrator McGuire said that as long as we affix them to stop signs or traffic control signs there should be no problem. Alderman Albert asked if we had any updates on the recent vandalism to vehicles. The Chief did not have an update as of yet but will keep the Council informed.

TOPIC: Computer Replacements-CARES Act

Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay presented a request for the computer replacements-Care Act per the memo dated September 25, 2020. The City has available grant funding from Will County through the CARES Act. She is recommending the replacement of the desktop computers with laptops as the replacement cycle dictates. This will give the employees the ability to work remotely if necessary, in the future. All expenditures must be completed by December 31, 2020. She went over the computers that have recently been replaced. There are 22 computers that were not replaced this year. We received a quote from Virtek, and they were able to by the price on the mid-grade models by \$56.05 and \$82.22 for the base model. The recommendation is for the replacement of 7 mid-grade and 15 base-model laptops and docking stations. Alderwoman Oberlin would like a list of who would be receiving the laptops. Administrator McGuire said that we have a technology list of who would be receiving the computers. Alderman Albert asked about providing the Council with computers in the future. Administrator McGuire said that this is something that this has previously been discussed with the City Clerk and they will work in conjunction in light of funds from CARES Act. Pro-Tem Vershay asked if we would trade in the old computers. Administrator McGuire explained that it is difficult to wipe out all of the information on them and we actually utilized them some of them during the quarantine. Clerk Hackney informed the Council that during the shutdown we experienced numerous problems with the old laptops we had in storage. Discussion followed on the proposed laptops and the technology.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for an informal vote on the computer replacements-CARES Act. All members present were in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MAYORS UPDATES: Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay had no updates.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES: Alderman Albert said that he was contacted by a resident on Plainfield Road and Greengold. The alley is deteriorating, and this is their only access. Administrator McGuire said that she can look into the situation and get back to Alderman Albert.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: Administrator McGuire informed that the Council was provided with the Halloween signage that can be downloaded off of the website. There are larger ones available in the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Pro-Tem Vershay announced that there is a need for an executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to go into an executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation.

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.

The executive session began at 7:27 p.m.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to reconvene from an executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) litigation.

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.

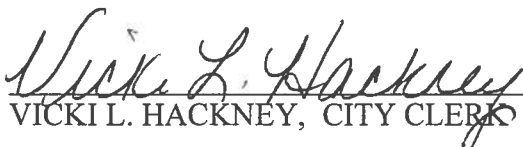
The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of October, 2020

As presented ✓

As amended _____


VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK


JOHN VERSHAY, MAYOR PRO TEM