

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 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, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, 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, Community Development Director Scott McMaster, Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert, Financial Advisor Nick Narducci.

Absent were: City Clerk Vicki Hackney, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 19, 2020 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 19, 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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(45) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on October 26, 2020 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Coladipietro, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the work session held on October 26, 2020 as presented.

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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CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (66) City Administrator Heather McGuire presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BID AWARD TO D KERSEY FOR CITY CENTER PROJECT (DOORS AND WINDOWS). Administrator McGuire went over the background of the resolution and the bid results.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Sklare, to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BID AWARD TO D KERSEY FOR CITY CENTER PROJECT (DOORS AND WINDOWS).

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.

Resolution #1084

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(95) Administrator McGuire presented A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY FENCING. Administrator McGuire went over the background of the request.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY FENCING.

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.

Resolution #1085

(103)

(123) Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a work session on Monday November 9, 2020 for discussion on the Tax Levy, Weber and Division Development and additional items being finalized.

(128) Administrator McGuire announced that the City is accepting Civil Service applications for the Clerk position, Community Service Officer and Seasonal Laborer.

(138) Administrator McGuire announced that the property tax rebate forms are due back by December 1, 2020.

(144) Alderman Dyke asked if there are any updates for the property on Burry Circle Drive. Administrator McGuire informed the Council that the complaint is being finalized by the City Attorney's.

(165) Alderwoman Gazal asked if we have employees in our Public Works division that have tested positive for the virus. Administrator McGuire explained the protocol that we are following. The building is currently being sanitized. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we can get an update in the future if anyone else contracts the virus.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (197) Interim Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented the Salt Contract Award 2020-21 per the memo dated October 29, 2020. Director Siefert informed the Council that the City orders 1,300 tons of salt in order to keep the streets safe during winter storm events. Due to the application not being filed in April as part of the co-op through the State of Illinois Central Management Service (CMS) the City

had to bid out the purchase of salt on our own. Director Siefert is seeking Councils approval to accept a contract with Compass Minerals America at the cost of \$72,644.00 or \$55.88 per ton of salt. Director Siefert informed the Council that we are not required to purchase all 1,300 tons and can start with 1,200 tons. Alderman Dyke asked if we have any left from last year. Director Siefert explained we have roughly 1,100 ton. Alderman Vershay asked if we have gotten salt from this supplier before. Director Siefert was not aware that we had. Alderman Coladipietro asked what the cost for salt was last year. Director Siefert said roughly \$72.00 per ton. We acquired the salt at a lower price than if we had gone through the co-op.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the Salt Contract Award 2020-21 with Compass Minerals America at the cost of \$72,644.00 or \$55.88 per ton of salt per the memo dated October 29, 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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(301) Director Siefert updated the Council on the progress of the Gaylord Road water tower project. They are hoping to turn the tower back over to the City prior to Thanksgiving. At that point we can contact the telecommunications companies to get their infrastructure back up on the water tower.

(336) Director Siefert updated the Council on the Davis Concrete curb replacement program.

(343) Alderwoman Oberlin asked for an update on the water main break on Daisy. Boil order notifications were sent out and the main has been repaired. Alderwoman Oberlin passed on a thank you from a resident who was affected by the main break.

(360) Alderwoman Gazal questioned what area the concrete pouring is going to start in. Director Siefert would get a notification out. Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that she received a few complaints about residents not receiving door hangers. Director Siefert explained that they are put on all the doors of all properties affected, but with the wind they could blow away. She also questioned the post on Facebook regarding Com-Ed. Administrator McGuire explained that they do not give us all the details and you would have to call them at 1-800 EDISON-1. They do send postcards out to the residents that are going to be affected. Alderman Dyke thanked Public Works for taking care of the catch basin next to the City building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (423) Community Development Director Scott McMaster had no agenda items for discussion.

(430) Director McMaster informed the Council that Rides Unlimited is in the process of moving their car dealership located on Theodore Street and second location currently located outside the city limits on Rte. 30 to 1911 Plainfield Road. We have received the plans for the gas station on Broadway and Caton Farm Road. There is a company interested in the 39-acre property located at 2201 Center Street. Kafe De Kasa is now open at their

new location on Plainfield Road. Alderwoman Gazal thanked Director McMaster for the updated report. Alderman Coladipietro asked what would be stored at the Center Street location. Director McMaster went over the business plan for the property. Alderman Vershay suggested contacting them to see if there are any cabooses left on the property from the previous owner. This could be displayed at the new Public Works facility. There has been an active railroad in this area of the City for many years.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (557) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion.

(562) Chief Clark announced that there will be extra patrols on Tuesday November 3, 2020 for election day in case there are any problems. Alderwoman Gazal commented that there are several stores in Joliet that are boarding up their establishments. Alderman Coladipietro asked if there will be extra patrols near the polling places. There would be.

(606) Mayor Soliman commended the Police Department for the extra Halloween patrols. Alderman Albert also commended the Police Department. Alderman Vershay commended the Department for having the Police dog at Richland School so that the public could see him.

MAYOR: (652) Mayor Soliman had no agenda items for discussion. Mayor Soliman announced that November 11, 2020 is Veterans Day. He thanked all of the Veterans for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

(687) Mayor Soliman announced that there are grants available for small businesses through the State of Illinois. Information is available on the County and State websites. He asked that everyone continue to support our local businesses. Tomorrow is election day so please exercise your right to vote.

CITY CLERK: (755) Deputy City Clerk Jan Serdar had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (764) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll for the period of October 12, 2020 through October 25, 2020 in the amount of \$216,528.83. Treasurer Conklin presented the comp time buy back payroll in the amount of \$25,711.17.

(778) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$959,600.58 for Council approval.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$959,600.58 as presented.

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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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (804) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (807) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (811) Alderman Albert announced that applications for the annual Holiday Lights Contest are available in the Clerk's Office and on the website. Applications are due by December 11, 2020.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (850) Alderman Albert commended the Police Department on a job well done on Halloween. He also commended the Public Works Department on their efforts to repair the numerous water main breaks we have experienced. Alderman Coladipietro reminded everyone to vote. Alderwoman Oberlin encouraged everyone to vote and asked that we remember all our Veterans. She thanked her employer for purchasing lunches from local restaurants on a weekly basis. Alderwoman Gazal also encouraged everyone to vote. She announced that Sinibad Grill is closing and wished them well in the future. Alderwoman Sklare also reminded everyone to vote. Alderman Dyke thanked all our Veterans. Alderman Vershay thanked our Veterans for their service and reminded everyone to get out and vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (945) 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 November 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 7:34 p.m.

Approved this 16th day of November, 2020

As presented ✓

As amended _____


VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR