

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 7, 2022

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 Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Interim Management Consultant Steve Gulden, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: HR Director Renee Herbst, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 17, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 17, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was;

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(34)

(46) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on January 24, 2022 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the work session held on January 24, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was;

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(50)

CITY ATTORNEY: (63) City Attorney Mike Stiff presented A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF WILL COUNTY CASES NOS. 20 CH 755

AND 21 MR 2343. This was discussed at a previous meeting. Alderperson Oberlin asked that the changes she requested be made to the document. They would.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF WILL COUNTY CASES NOS. 20 CH 755 AND 21 MR 2343 with the changes as requested.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1135

(102)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (139) City Administrator Jim Marino presented A RESOLUTION FOR A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT. This was discussed at a previous work session. Administrator Marino went over the agreement.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, second by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION FOR A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1136

(161)

(190) Administrator Marino presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) TO ADD CHAPTER 2.27 (DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY), INCLUDING SECTIONS 2.27.010 (CREATION OF POSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERM), 2.27.020 (QUALIFICATIONS), 2.27.030 (GENERAL DUTIES), AND 2.27.040 (SALARY) OF THE CREST HILL, CITY CODE. This was discussed at a previous meeting. Alderperson Oberlin thanked the Administrator for putting this together so quickly.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) TO ADD CHAPTER 2.27 (DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY), INCLUDING SECTIONS 2.27.010 (CREATION OF POSITION; APPOINTMENT; TERM), 2.27.020 (QUALIFICATIONS), 2.27.030 (GENERAL DUTIES), AND 2.27.040 (SALARY) OF THE CREST HILL, CITY CODE.

On roll call, the vote was;

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(209)

(245) Administrator Marino presented A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 4.4 (LONGEVITY INCENTIVE) AND SECTION 8.1 (HOLIDAYS) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 4.4 (LONGEVITY INCENTIVE) AND SECTION 8.1 (HOLIDAYS) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1137

(263)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (291) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM. Director Siefert went over the background of the request.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Cipiti, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM.

On roll call, the vote was;

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1890

(320)

(340) Alderwoman Gazal commended the Administrator for updating the City Facebook.

CITY ENGINEER: (353) There were no agenda items for discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (359) Management Consultant Steve Gulden presented A RESOLUTION FOR THE HIRING OF KANE, MCKENNA & ASSOCIATES INC.-TIF DISTRICT. This was discussed at a previous meeting.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve A RESOLUTION FOR THE HIRING OF KANE, MCKENNA & ASSOCIATES INC.-TIF DISTRICT.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1138

(397)

(426) Consultant Gulden presented the reports on file. The City has received one proposal for the purchase of the current City Hall property. This will be presented at a future meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (454) Police Chief Ed Clark presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.01-618 OF DIVISION VI (PARKING REGULATIONS), ARTICLE 10 (SPECIAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL), CHAPTER 10.01 (CREST HILL VEHICLE CODE), TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES. This was discussed at a previous meeting.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.01-618 OF DIVISION VI (PARKING REGULATIONS), ARTICLE 10 (SPECIAL PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL), CHAPTER 10.01 (CREST HILL VEHICLE CODE), TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES.

On roll call; the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

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

Ordinance #1891

(475)

(491) The reports were on file.

MAYOR: (502) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a request from Crest Hill Pony Baseball for a donation for an ad in the annual baseball yearbook per the letter dated January 15, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Kubal, to approve a request from Crest Hill Pony Baseball for a donation for an ad in the annual baseball yearbook per the letter dated January 15, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(506)

(522) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the appointment of a Director of Information Technology (IT) per the memo dated February 3, 2022. Mayor Soliman recommended the hiring of Timothy Stinnett as Information Technology Service Director.

(#11) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the request for the appointment of Timothy Stinnett as Director of Information Technology per the memo dated February 3, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(568)

(580) Mayor Soliman welcomed Mr. Stinnett to the City. Mr. Stinnett gave a brief speech. Members of the Council welcomed Mr. Stinnett to the Council.

(616) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that in the past we had a Teen Connection program that was started by former Mayor Churnovic. Unfortunately, we no longer have an active list. If teenager is interested in shoveling snow or helping with yard work please contact the Mayor's Office. Mayor Soliman announced that we received nearly 12 inches of snow last week. He commended everyone in Public Works who worked to clear the streets. Unfortunately during the snowstorm we also experienced a severe water main break. He thanked the Police Department for all of their hard work also. Mayor Soliman announced that due to the severe weather, the garbage was not collected on Wednesday or Thursday. This was a decision of the garbage contractor, not the City.

(728) Mayor Soliman announced that the Memorial Committee will be meeting on February 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony in May. We are anticipating that the ceremony will be taking place this year. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we could send information to the schools in regard to the Teen Connection. Alderman Albert asked if this could a student for community service hours. Mayor Soliman explained how the program works.

CITY CLERK: (806) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion. Clerk Vershay-Hall reminded the Council and residents that the next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday February 22, 2022. This is due to the City Offices being closed on Monday February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents Day. Clerk Vershay-Hall thanked Director Siefert for taking the time to pick up Administration Clerk Thrasher so that she could be in the office to answer the phones and take care of the daily office tasks.

CITY TREASURER: (829) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from January 3, 2022 through January 16, 2022 in the amount of \$247,261.98.

(841) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$324,412.79 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$324,412.79.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(846)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (865) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (867) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (869) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (872) Alderman Dyke thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their hard work during the snowstorm. He also welcomed Tim to the city. He also wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day. Alderman Vershay welcomed Tim to the city. Alderwoman Gazal wished our cable director, Ron Romero a happy birthday. She also announced that there will be a pop up food pantry on March 5, 2022 in the library parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Alderperson Oberlin wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day. She welcomed Tim to the city. Alderman Cipiti thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work with the snowstorm and water main breaks. He welcomed Tim to the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (948) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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

(#13) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the February 7, 2022 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(959)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved this 27 day of February, 2022

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR