

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 14, 2022

The February 14, 2022 City Council work session 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 following Council members were present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: Administrator Jim Marino, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, Mike Ott (Strand & Associates).

Absent were:, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Assistant Public Works Director Blaine Kline, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, HR Director Renee Herbst, Economic Developer Steve Gulden.

West Plant Design Change Order #2:

Mayor Soliman presented the West Plant Design Change Order #2 per the memo dated January 26, 2022. Director Siefert informed the Council that we have been working with Strand & Associates for the past year with the design. There has been an increase in the cost of the construction and also the design fee. The original design fee of \$1,893,000.00 which is 6% of the OPCC when the project was \$31.4 million. Our OPCC is looking be right around the \$39 million dollar mark. We have been cutting back, but we have to make sure that we meet the design criteria of the EPA and also design a plant that is going to last. We are getting close to the end of the funding and will need to do a change order #2 for an additional \$200,000 due to the chlorine requirement. Alderperson questioned the existing control building. The current control building will be demolished and become a parking lot. The new building will be towards the back of the property. There will be new bathrooms, locker rooms, and a new lab. Attached to the new building will be a garage for the trucks. Also, the sludge that is removed will be taken down to 19% to 20% solid. Director Siefert gave a brief explanation of the sludge process. Treasurer Conklin asked if we are still looking into a cake building. There are requirements that the sludge has to be held for 150 days. It would be more cost effective to construct a building at west plant versus east plant. Once it has been held for the required amount of time, the sludge has the consistency of wet black dirt. This type of sludge is not resalable. It will be hauled to Stateville at the proposed cost of 5.2 cents per gallon.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote on the West Plant Design Change Order #2. All members present were in agreement.

Director Siefert informed the Council that we are anticipating a rain/snow event later this week. We will get a message out to the residents.

2022 MFT Resurfacing Contract Award:

Mayor Soliman presented the 2022 MFT Resurfacing Contract Award per the memo dated January 25, 2022. Engineer Ron Wiedeman that we have been working with Burke Engineering for street resurfacing on Arbor Lane, Marlboro, Rock Run, Bicentennial. Bids

were received on January 20, 2022. Engineer Wiedeman is seeking approval to award the project to PT Ferro who was the low bidder in the amount \$433,468.24. All of the bids came in under the Engineers estimate of cost.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote on the 2022 MFT Resurfacing Contract Award (PT Ferro). All members present were in agreement.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if we have a tentative start date. Engineer Wiedeman said sometime in the spring once the plants re-open. Engineer Wiedeman gave a brief presentation on the work to be done. We also have the Build Illinois projects coming up which should be bid out in the spring, with tentative construction starting sometime in the late summer. This would be for Grandview, Fern, and the alley. Alderman Vershay questioned a property on Caton Farm Road. Engineer Wiedeman did not have an update on this as of yet. Mayor Soliman asked if we can look into the dip in Division Street just west of Weber Road.

Joliet Township Animal Control Contract:

Mayor Soliman presented the Intergovernmental agreement for the Control, Collection, and Sheltering of Stray Animals. Chief Clark stated that we have an updated contract with the Joliet Twp Animal Control with an increase in price. This updated contract will allow for the officers from Joliet Animal Control enforce stray animal ordinance and issue citations. The contract will also have a hold harmless agreement. The Chief said that he does not recall a fee increase since he has been on staff. Alderman Vershay asked how many animals do they pick up per year on average. The Chief was not sure of the number. Alderman Cipiti asked if residents can call Joliet Animal Control directly. They can. If the resident calls the Police Department we in turn contact animal control.

Contractor Registration Ordinance Update:

Mayor Soliman presented the Contractor Registration Ordinance Update per the memo dated February 10, 2022. Administrator Marino commented this update will basically cleanup the current language and bring the code up to date. Administrator Marino went over the list of the proposed changes.

Mayor Soliman asked for an informal vote on the Contractor Registration Ordinance Update. All members present were in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

MAYORS UPDATES: Mayor Soliman had no updates for the Council.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES: There were no committee updates.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Administrator Marino updated the Council on the work at the City Center. The furniture is starting to be installed. The audio and video is also ready to be installed. Alderman Vershay asked if the microphones for the Council will be live. They will. Alderwoman Gazal said that one of the complaints she has received from some of the seniors is that when someone is speaking, you can't see their face, so they know who it is. Alderwoman Gazal would like to see Mr. Romero involved with the cable equipment since he is the one who oversees it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved this 22 day of FEBRUARY, 2022

As presented _____

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR