

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 18, 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, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Deputy Chief Ryan Dobczyk, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: Police Chief Ed Clark Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, Interim Economic Development Director Steve Gulden, Director of Information Technology Service Timothy Stinnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 4, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting held on April 4, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(30)

(47) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 5, 2022 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 5, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Oberlin.

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

(51)

(67) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 11, 2022 for Council approval.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 11, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Kubal.

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

(70)

(83) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 12, 2022 for Council approval.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 12, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Kubal.

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

(86)

(100) Mayor Soliman announced that Super Catfish was scheduled to do a business presentation on the opening of their 2nd location in the City. This would be rescheduled for another meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY: (119) There were no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (126) City Administrator Jim Marino presented A RESOLUTION AWARDED CERTAIN WORK FOR THE CITY CENTER AUDIO/VISUAL PROJECT TO LOW VOLTAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., AND AWARDED CERTAIN WORK FOR THE CITY CENTER AUDIO/VISUAL PROJECT TO AVI SYSTEMS, INC. per the memo dated April 18, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson to approve A RESOLUTION AWARDED CERTAIN WORK FOR THE CITY CENTER AUDIO/VISUAL PROJECT TO LOW VOLTAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., AND AWARDED CERTAIN WORK FOR THE CITY CENTER AUDIO/VISUAL PROJECT TO AVI SYSTEMS, INC.

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.

Resolution #1152

(154)

(185) Alderwoman Gazal asked that the Council be included in the final interviews for the Economic Development Director. Administrator Marino explained that he had not planned to have the candidates do presentations. There would be two rounds of interviews. Alderwoman Gazal would like the Council to be involved in the final decision. All of the candidates should be asked the same questions. The Council should be able to listen to the answers they give and visions the candidates have for the City before a final decision is made.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (292) Public Works Director Mark Siefert had no agenda items for discussion.

(297) Director Siefert announced that hydrant flushing will begin tonight at 9:00 p.m. and continue through 6:00 a.m. the following morning. Information is posted on the City website. We will post on social media each morning which zones are done, and which ones will be done next.

CITY ENGINEER: (333) City Engineer Ron Wiedeman presented A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE: 2022/2023 MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AGREEMENT AND ESTIMATES per the memo dated April 13, 2022. The only change is that we added Division Street for patching.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE: 2022/2023 MFT GENERAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AGREEMENT AND ESTIMATES.

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 #1153

(352)

(374) Engineer Wiedeman presented the American Rescue Funds-Chaney and Center Water Main Improvement Professional Services Agreement per the memo dated April 13, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the American Rescue Funds-Chaney and Center Water Main Improvement Professional Services Agreement per the memo dated April 13, 2022.

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.

(391)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (413) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (416) Deputy Police Chief Ryan Dobczyk had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

MAYOR: (428) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. This was discussed at a previous work session. The request is for the Old Pueblo Grocery Store and is a package liquor license.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1901

(454)

(472) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the re-appointment of Frank Blaskey to a three year term on the Civil Service Commissioner per the memo dated April 11, 2022. Mr. Blaskey has agreed to serve another 3yr. term, which will expire on May 1, 2025.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the request for the re-appointment of Frank Blaskey to a three year term on the Civil Service Commissioner per the memo dated April 11, 2022. Mr. Blaskey has agreed to serve another 3yr. term, which will expire on May 1, 2025.

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.

(490)

(503) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the re-appointment of John Stanton to the Plan Commission per the memo dated April 11, 2022. Mr. Stanton has agreed to serve another 3yr. term, which will expire on May 1, 2025.

(#10) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve the re-appointment of John Stanton to the Plan Commission per the memo dated April 11, 2022. Mr. Stanton has agreed to serve another 3yr. term, which will expire on May 1, 2025.

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.

(517)

(531) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the re-appointment of Jeff Peterson to the Plan Commission per the memo dated April 11, 2022. Mr. Peterson has agreed to serve another 3yr. term, which will expire on May 1, 2025.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve the re-appointment of Jeff Peterson to the Plan Commission per the memo dated April 11, 2022. Mr. Peterson has agreed to serve another 3yr. term, which will expire on May 1, 2025.

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.

(543)

(559) Mayor Soliman announced that we are seeking applications for a vacancy in the Police Pension Board. This is a non-paid position. If any one is interested please fill out an application and submit it to the Mayor Office. The board meets 4 times a year during the day.

(594) Mayor Soliman announced the annual Memorial Day program will take place at the current municipal building on May 30, 2022. He went over the program for the day.

CITY CLERK: (644) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced that the spring city wide garage sale would take place from May 19, 2022 through May 22, 2022. The cost for a permit is \$5.00 and the deadline to get on the list is Tuesday May 17, 2022.

(669) Clerk Vershay-Hall announced that the Crest Hill Police Department and City Staff would be participating in the Pull a Plane at Lewis Airport to benefit Special Olympics on April 30, 2022 at noon.

CITY TREASURER: (689) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from March 28, 2022 through April 10, 2022 in the amount of \$231,026.65.

(699) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$940,164.75 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$940,164.75 as presented.

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.

(703)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (720) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (721) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (724) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (725) Alderwoman Gaza wished the Richland Band good luck on their upcoming competition. Alderperson Oberlin announced that the Czech Republic will be cleaning up Lidice park on Sunday May 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to volunteer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (770) 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 April 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(777)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Approved this 7 day of May, 2022

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR