

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
May 2, 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.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remaining standing to honor Officer Nink and Sgt. Simenson who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: 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 18, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 18, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

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

(118)

(132) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 25, 2022 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 25, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was;

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

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

(136)

(150) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on April 28, 2022 for Council approval.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 28, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was;

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Dyke, Albert.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(153)

CITY ATTORNEY: (169) City Attorney Mike Stiff had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (175) City Administrator Jim Marino informed the Council that items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 would need to be deferred to the May 16, 2022 agenda so that we can publish and have a Public Hearing on the budget and appropriations ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (200) Public Works Director Mark Siefert had no agenda items for discussion. He thanked everyone for their support and patience during the spring hydrant flushing.

CITY ENGINEER: (220) Engineer Wiedeman presented the Illinois Rebuild-Contract 1 (Raynor, Fern, Grandview, and Brian Drive) per the memo dated April 27, 2022. (Austin Tyler Inc.).

(#4) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the Illinois Rebuild-Contract 1 (Raynor, Fern, Grandview, and Brian Drive) per the memo dated April 27, 2022 (Austin Tyler Inc.).

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.

(248)

(263) Engineer Wiedeman presented a request for a professional services agreement with Christopher Burke for the Illinois Rebuild-Contract 2.

(#5) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve a professional services agreement with Christopher Burke for the Illinois Rebuild-Contract 2.

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.

(269)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (289) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (295) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file. The Chief thanked everyone that participated in the recent “Pull a Plane” for Special Olympics. He will have a report on this event for the next meeting.

MAYOR: (313) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a Proclamation for National Police Week, May 15, through May 21, 2022. Members of the Council read the Proclamation.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve a Proclamation for National Police Week, May 15, through May 21, 2022.

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.

(403)

(416) Mayor Soliman thanked all of the men and women who serve as Police Officers. Police Chief Ed Clark gave a brief speech. Between May 15, 2022 and May 21, 2022 the officers will be wearing their mourning badges to honor those who officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Members of the Council gave brief speeches.

(497) Mayor Raymond Soliman presented a Proclamation for National Public Works Week, May 15, through May 21, 2022. Member of the Council read the proclamation.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve a Proclamation for National Public Works Week, May 15, through May 21, 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.

(574)

(589) Mayor Soliman thanked all of the Public Works employees for their hard work during the year. Members of the Council commended the Public Works employees. Director Siefert thanked the Council for the proclamation.

(699) Director Siefert announced that we will be hosting an open house at the Public Works facility on Saturday May 14, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a quiet time from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be touch a truck, various demonstrations, and games for children.

(761) Mayor Soliman presented a request for the Appointment of a Community and Economic Development Director per the memo dated May 2, 2022. This was discussed at a prior work session. Mayor Soliman recommends the appointment of Tony Budzikowski to the position of Community and Development Director.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Kubal to approve the Appointment of a Community and Economic Development Director (Tony Budzikowski) per the memo dated May 2, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Cipiti.

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

(806)

(825) Mr. Budzikowski gave a brief speech. Members of the Council welcomed Mr. Budzikowski to the City.

(900) Mayor Soliman announced that there will be a clean up of the Memorial garden on May 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcomed to volunteer for the cleanup. The annual ceremony will take place on Monday May 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. He went over the program.

CITY CLERK: (975) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented a request for the closure of University Street from Gaylord Road to Webb Street for a block party on May 21, 2022 per the memo dated May 2, 2022.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve the request for the closure of University Street from Gaylord Road to Webb Street for a block party on May 21, 2022 per the memo dated May 2, 2022.

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.

(985)

(1002) Clerk Vershay-Hall presented a request for the closure of Essex Ct. to Borio Drive for a block party on August 13, 2022 per the memo dated May 2, 2022.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the request for the closure of Essex Ct. to Borio Drive for a block party on August 13, 2022 per the memo dated May 2, 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.

(1008)

(1029) 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.

CITY TREASURER: (1050) City Treasurer Conklin apologized for not having the public hearing published in the paper.

(1066) Treasurer Conklin asked the Council's thoughts on the Comp Time buy back and if they would like to continue to see it on the agenda or removed since it does not require any action, it is informational only. Members of the Council would like to see it remain on the agenda.

(1093) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from April 11, 2022 through April 24, 2022 in the amount of \$247,982.65.

(1102) Treasurer Conklin presented the Comp Buy Back payroll in the amount of \$52,056.55.

(1117) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$2,545,138.72 for Council approval. Alderwoman Gazal said that the Comp Time buy back had two numbers transposed. It should be \$52,056.55.

(#11) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$2,545,138.72.

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.

(1126)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1176) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1177) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1178) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1181) Alderman Albert welcomed Mr. Budzikowski to the City. He thanked the Police and Public Works for their hard work. Alderperson Oberlin announced that the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lidice will be this year. The annual ceremony will take place on June 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Lidice Memorial Park. There will be a clean up at the park on Sunday May 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to volunteer. Alderwoman Gazal thanked the Police and Public Works. She also welcomed Mr. Budzikowski to the City. Alderman Jefferson also thanked the Police and Public Works. He also welcomed Mr. Budzikowski to the City. Alderman Vershay thanked the Police and Public Works. He also welcomed Mr. Budzikowski to the City. Alderman Dyke agreed with the previous comments. He also wished all of the Mom's a Happy Mother's Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1280) Mr. Soifer asked that we add something to the garage sale permit addressing cars parking during the sales.

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

(#12) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the May 2, 2022 City Council meeting.

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.

(1323)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved this 16 day of May, 2022

As presented ✓

As amended \_\_\_\_\_

  
CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR