

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 16, 2022

The May 16, 2022 Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:20 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, 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 Jason Opiola, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Community and Economic Development Director Tony Budzikowski.

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

PRESENTATION: (23) Mayor Soliman announced the Presentation of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget. City Administrator Jim Marino presented the budget which was discussed at several work sessions in depth. The budget is as follows: General Fund revenue \$10,842,907.00, expenditures \$10,751,127.00. Motor Fuel tax revenue \$872,154.00, expenditures \$1,495,000.00. Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Fund \$1,700,000.00, expenditures \$1,700,000.00. Water & Sewer Fund \$13,672,711.00. Capital Replacement program has no funds budgeted at this time. Capital Projects (City Center) \$2,417,160.00, with expenditures of \$5,367,260.00. TIF-Larkin/30 \$35,000.00, expenditure \$35,000.00. Debt Service Fund-WS \$1,757,735.00, expenditures \$1,757,735.00. General Debt Service-City Center \$773,350.00, expenditure \$773,350.00. West Plant Rehab \$6,137,000.00, expenditures \$6,137,000.00. Garbage \$1,373,937.00, expenditures \$1,348,514.00. Police Pension fund \$1,502,000.00, expenditure \$1,502,000.00. Police Special Assets \$8,500.00, expenditures \$8,500.00. The surplus in the General Fund of \$3,455,844.00 will cover the deficit. Administrator Marino addressed the changes that were made between tonight's budget and the one that was previously presented. Alderwoman Gazal asked what we have in reserves. We have \$10,000,000.00 reserve in the General Fund. Treasurer Conklin gave a brief presentation. Finance Director Banovetz thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. Administrator Marino commended Director Banovetz on her work with the budget. Mayor Soliman gave a brief speech.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (721) Mayor Soliman asked for comments from the audience. There were no public comments.

(739) Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions from the Council. Alderwoman Gazal thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. She does have a concern when we access the reserve funds. Also one of her concerns is the condition of the streets and how they are deteriorating. She would like to see more streets have repairs done to them. One of the questions she brought up was the hiring of additional employees and do we have the funds for this. She has yet to receive an answer. Alderperson Oberlin agreed with some of the points that Alderwoman Gazal mentioned. Alderman Albert felt that it's tough to

decide what takes priority and there are a number of roads that need attention. He commended those who worked on the budget

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved this 6 day of JUNE, 2022

As presented ✓

As amended _____


CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK


RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR