

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 6, 2012

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 of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of Joe Powell a founding member of the Veterans Memorial Garden.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he was informed today of the passing of Bud Smolich a Crest Hill resident who recently received the congressional medal of honor from President Obama.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Joe Bobikiewicz, Alderman John Vershay, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderwoman Brenda Lelis, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Charles Convery, Alderman Tom Inman, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Neal Sternisha.

Also present were: City Attorney Heather McGuire, Police Chief Dwayne Wilkerson, STP John Roberts, Working Foreman Eric Newberry, Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski, City Administrator John Tomaszoski, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar.

Absent were: none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 17, 2012 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 17, 2012 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Vershay, Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(92) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the agenda to present outgoing Crest Hill Chamber president Michelle Payla with a resolution. The Council members read the resolution.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize a resolution honoring Michelle Payla.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #864

(179)

(190) Mayor Soliman presented Ms. Palya with the resolution and gave a brief speech. Ms. Palya thanked the Mayor and Council and gave a speech. Members of the Council and Economic Director Bryan Gay congratulated Ms. Palya and thanked her for all of her hard work with the chamber. Ms. Palya thanked her employer, First Midwest Bank for allowing her the flexibility to be involved with the chamber.

CITY ATTORNEY: (397) City Attorney Heather McGuire had no report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (407) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the council that there is a proposed resolution for improvement by a Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. This is for the intersection of Division and Gaylord Road.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize a resolution for improvement by a Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. (Gaylord and Division Street).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #865

(424)

(437) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a need for an executive session later in the meeting regarding Crest Hill versus Neumann for litigation.

(442) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a work session on Monday February 13, 2012 for discussion on Unlimited Graphix, special use request, PMA IEPA loan payoff analysis, 5 year Police plan and the garbage rates.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (461) Mayor Soliman welcomed our new Public Works Superintendent Brent Cann. Superintendent Cann had no report. He thanked the Council for their support on his new position with the city. Mayor Soliman thanked the Working Foreman for all of the hard work he has put into the Street Department for the last three years. Alderman Inman commended Eric Newberry and Danny Price for the hard work and dedication they put into their jobs.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (525) Mayor Soliman welcomed back STP John Roberts.

(531) STP Roberts informed the Council that bids were taken on February 1, 2012 for the Well #10 generator project. The low bidder was Excel Electric in the amount of \$81,989.00. There is \$92,878.36 budgeted for this project. This would be for a back up generator.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize award the bid for the Well #10 generator project (back up generator) to Excel Electric in the amount of \$81,989.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Vershay, Dyke, Gazal.

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(542)

(550) Alderman Sternisha asked if the generator was mobile and it was not. STP Roberts explained that it is a fixed unit with an iron filter and back up pump.

(589) Alderman Sternisha felt that we should get a couple portable generators that can go to the various well houses as needed.

(598) Mayor Soliman welcomed STP Roberts back after his recent surgery.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (615) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed the Council that there was a request for the publication of the 2012 Crest Hill Zoning Map.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Dyke to approve the 2012 Crest Hill Zoning Map.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke, Gazal, Lelis.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
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(630) Alderman Convery asked, when you have single family and multi-family in the same complex, do you go with the higher zoning. Commissioner Kuczkowski explained that it depends on the pud, but you would normally go with the higher zoning. Alderwoman Oberlin questioned the colors for the R-1A zoning. It is very similar in color to the R-2 zoning code. Commissioner Kuczkowski would look into it.

(682) Alderman Dyke thanked the Commissioner for taking care of the vacant building on Broadway and getting it torn down.

POLICE REPORT: (701) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file.

(705) Chief Wilkerson informed the Council that there is a request for approval of a resolution reallocating the monies that are available from ESTB to be used for additions or enhancement of the communication centers. (WESCOM).

(#6) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize a resolution reallocating the monies that are available from ESTB to be used for additions or enhancements of the communications center. (WESCOM).

On roll call, the vote was;

AYES: Ald. Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #866

(717)

MAYORS REPORT: (742) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that he received a thank you card from Linda Strysik and read it out loud.

(758) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that one of our long time employees David Marquardt who recently retired after 30 years of service to the City. The Mayor gave a brief speech.

(787) Mayor Soliman reminded the residents and Council that we have a program in place called the teen connection. Residents can call and obtain the names and numbers of teens that are willing to do yard work and snow removal at a small fee. The list is available from the Mayors Office.

(831) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he received a letter from Dave Hoover from NIMEC regarding the eclectic aggregation. The City's program is in place and the residents should see an annual savings of roughly \$175.00 per household. The Mayor read the letter. Mr. Hoover also commended City Administrator John Tomasoski for all of his work with NIMEC.

(922) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he will be going to Springfield on February 29, 2012 with the City Administrator to meet with several legislators and state organizations. Members of the Council are welcome to attend with him.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (933) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented the monies to report. Motor fuel tax for November and December of 2011 was \$91,519.50. Sales tax from November and December of 2011 and January of 2012 was \$483,593.26. Police fines for January of 2012 was \$5,667.85. Telecommunication franchise for November and December of 2011 was \$87,689.89. Personal property replacement tax from December of 2011 and January of 2012 was \$6,572.50. DUI fines from January of 2012 was \$200.00. State income tax from November and December of 2011 was \$271,987.35. Local use tax from November and December of 2011 and January of 2012 was \$65,808.55. Automobile rental tax from November and December of 2011 and January of 2012 was \$1,829.25 for a grand total of \$1,014,868.15.

(983) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the council that there is a request for the use of the Council Chambers on February 23, 2012 from the Crest Meadow Condominium Association.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Convery to authorize the use of the Council Chambers on February 23, 2012 per the request of the Crest Meadow Condominium Association.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(1001) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the council that there is a request for the use of the Council Chambers on March 15, 2012 from Nemanich Consulting.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize the use of the Council Chambers on March 15, 2012 per the request of Nemanich Consulting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1008)

(1010) Alderman Sternisha asked who the home owners association was, and it was not specified. Clerk Vershay-Hall would let the Council know who the association was for the next meeting.

(1052) Clerk Vershay-Hall reminded the residents that 2012 city stickers are on sale now through March 31, 2012 and can be purchase during regular business hours.

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (1076) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1080) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1084) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (1099) Beautification, No report.

Events, (1107) No report.

Economic Development, (1111) No report.

Cable, (1114) Alderwoman Oberlin thanked Ashley and Alexandra from Plainfield South High School who are interning with CHCTV.

Marketing, (1128) No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1135) Alderwoman Oberlin congratulated Ms. Palya. She welcomed Superintendent Cann as our new employee and also welcomed STP Roberts back after his recent surgery. She also commended Eric Newberry for a job well done. Alderman Inman congratulated Ms. Palya and welcomed Superintendent Cann to the city. Alderman Convery welcomed Superintendent Cann and the new interns for cable. He also congratulated Ms. Palya. Alderman Dyke wished Mr. Marquardt well on his retirement and welcomed STP Roberts back to work. Alderwoman Gazal wished Alderman Vershay happy birthday. Alderwoman Lelis wished Mr. Marquardt well on his retirement. She also commended Eric Newberry on a job well done and also welcomed Superintendent Cann to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1209) There was no one wishing to address the Council.

(1215) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on litigation. (2c-11).

(#9) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Convery to go into an executive session on litigation. (2c-11).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive session 7:37 p.m.

(1218)

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman to reconvene from the executive session on executive session on litigation. (2c-11).

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

(1256)

(1269) There being no further business before the Council, and no action needed from the executive session a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to adjourn the February 6, 2012 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Lelis, Convery, Inman, Oberlin, Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1273)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of February, 2012

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR