

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
December 19, 2011

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 memory of Christopher Bannon, Jim Vacek, and Jenna Bianco, who recently lost their lives due to an auto accident.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, 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, Deputy Police Chief Ed Clark, Working Foreman Eric Newberry, Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski, City Administrator John Tomasoski, Reception Clerk Laurie Thrasher.

Absent were: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, STP John Roberts, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Chief Dwayne Wilkerson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 5, 2011 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 5, 2011 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Sternisha.

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

(70)

(81) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for a presentation from Mike Chiodo from Family Fun Zone at 2333 Theodore Street. Mr. Chiodo went over the background of the business. Mr. Chiodo commended the city staff and fire department for all of their help in getting his business up and running. Mr. Chiodo introduced his son Mike who is the general manager of the facility. Mr. Chiodo informed the Council that some of the activities include, skating, laser tag, video games, and a restaurant. This facility is geared towards families and small children. Mr. Chiodo introduced Araceli who is the group sales coordinator. Araceli explained that you can host a birthday party or group event at this facility. The Mayor commended the Chiodo's for the improvements that they have made and also thanked them for the compliments to the city staff.

Alderwoman Oberlin also commended the Chiodo's for the improvements that have been made.

(301) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that we have Courtney Fran in attendance from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Ms. Fran went over the background of the organization. She informed the Council that they recently had an event called the big finale. Mayor Soliman attended as a celebrity judge for dessert tasting along with his partner Andrew. Andrew is a child from Crest Hill who was waiting for about a year to be matched with someone. He was matched with the Mayor. They got to spend the day tasting different types of desserts. Ms. Fran presented the Mayor with a plaque. The Mayor informed the Council that the dessert tasting was a fun event. The Mayor told the Council that he attended the carnival that was hosted by the park district with his wife and Andrew. The Mayor plans on doing other activities with this young man in the future.

(444) Alderwoman Oberlin and Alderman Inman presented the awards to the winners of the Holiday Lights contest. The fifth place winner was Amelia Sloan at 20500 Kingsbrook. The fourth place winner was Don Sarnecki at 2023 Watertower. The third place winner was Mike and Bonnie Nichols. The second place winner was Scott and Chris Milkeris. The first place winner was Ron Ziembra at 16350 Montclare.

(626) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that the events committee purchased 30 special first aid kits that are designed for Police Officers. She presented the paid receipt to Deputy Chief Clark. Deputy Clark thanked the events committee on behalf of the Police Department.

(661) The Mayor congratulated all of the Holiday Lights winners and commended all of the residents that decorated their homes for the holidays.

PUBLIC HEARING: (676) The Mayor opened the public hearing for the tax levy at 7:22 p.m.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Sternisha to open the public hearing for the tax levy.

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.

(682)

(684) Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions on the tax levy, and there were none. The Mayor then closed the public hearing on the tax levy at 7:24 p.m.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to close the public hearing on the tax levy at 7:24 p.m.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(710)

CITY ATTORNEY: (723) City Attorney Heather McGuire had no report. She informed the Council that she reviewed the paperwork that is being presented by the City Administrator and everything was in order.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (734) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the approval of the invoice in the amount of \$5,572.00 for the city's contribution to the Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition. This was discussed at 2 prior work sessions.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Convery to authorize payment in the amount of \$5,572.00 for the city's contribution to the Lower DuPage River Watershed Coalition.

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.

(755)

(767) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is the need for the approval of a proposal for the maintenance of the traffic signal at the intersection of Gaylord & Theodore for the cost of \$200.00 per location per month for a grand total of \$2400.00 per year. Administrator Tomasoski thanked Ken Carroll for his attendance at the meetings on behalf of the city.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to authorize the proposal for the maintenance of the traffic signal at the intersection of Gaylord & Theodore for the cost of \$200.00 per location per month for a grand total of \$2400.00 per year. (Effective January 1, 2012).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(788)

(802) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a memo regarding the estimate for technology for the new east administration building and sewer plant. Attached to this is a contract from B & W Control Systems for a total amount of \$106,610.00.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize a contract with B & W Control Systems for a total amount of \$106,610.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha.

ABSENT: None.

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

(818)

(831) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that we recently accepted bids for the water main extension to the east STP. J.S. Alberico was the low bidder in the amount of \$517,522.00. Currently there is no potable water for this property.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to award the bid for the water main extension for the east sewage treatment to J. S. Alberico in the amount of \$517,522.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke.

ABSENT: None.

There being five (5) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(848)

(853) Alderman Dyke said that this project has been talked about for a long, but is concerned about the cost to bring water to the plant. We brought water to the city building and we are still using bottled water. He is concerned that the same thing will happen with the treatment plant. It was stated that the water could also be used for some one to take a shower at the plant. He explained that he works in a shop and has only seen the water used three times. Alderman Sternisha had asked what the justification for the extension was. Assuming that they give up the bottled water it would take 500 years to re-coup the money expended. Alderman Vershay would like to see a recapture agreement on this for the future in case some one else would want to tap onto the main. Attorney McGuire explained that a recapture agreement would only pertain to a development agreement or an annexation agreement. A tap on fee would recapture certain funds for the city. Alderman Vershay asked what would happen if Toyal wanted to get water from us. Attorney McGuire explained that if they are not part of the city then this would be subject to an annexation agreement. Alderman Vershay said that we have had recapture agreements in the past. Administrator Tomasoski explained the last one the city was a part of was with Crest Hill Land Development. Mayor Soliman said that many years ago when Rte 53 was reconstructed the city chose to run a sleeve under the roadway for the future water extension to the plant. This was done for future annexations that could occur in that area. There is currently no potable water at the east plant. We are building a new administration building and new plant. These employees are not working in the most sanitary conditions and currently have no water in order to clean themselves up. Also there is a the matter of fire suppression. The city passed an ordinance that every new building has to have a fire suppression system and we need to follow our own ordinances and put one in the plant. The Mayor asked Derrick Wold from Baxter and Woodman to address the Council. Mr. Wold explained that the new plant is designed to have potable water for the fire suppression system and also for the lab. Alderman Vershay asked if there is currently a well at the plant and there is. Mr. Wold explained that it does not have potable water. Alderman Sternisha said that last Monday night we were talking about which contractor we were going to select. One of the questions that came up was the reason why we needed water at the plant and the response was for human consumption. Alderman Sternisha said at that time he had commented that this was a good idea, but does not make sense because of the expense. Alderman Sternisha went over a few points. As far as economic development, are there any developers coming in for water. What about Alcan Toyo? As far as chemical exposure, there are plenty of vendors that offer portable equipment such as safety

showers. As far as fire suppression, this was never discussed. We should get the fire department to discuss this with the Council before a decision is made. As far as engineering, he felt that we could do something with the slipstream. Alderman Sternisha is concerned about the engineering fees. The Mayor said that we had discussion on fire suppression, future annexation and for a portion of the plant to have potable water.

(1300) Roll call then followed on motion #7.

(1322) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution authorizing execution of an engineering services agreement for Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Consulting Engineers. This is for the new water main to the east treatment plant.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to approve a resolution authorizing execution of an engineering services agreement for Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Consulting Engineers.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha, Vershay, Dyke.

ABSENT: None.

There being five (5) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #861

(1337)

(1360) Administrator Tomasoski wished everyone Happy Holidays from him and the city staff.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (1376) Working Foreman Eric Newberry informed the Council that in regards to the multiple main breaks that we have experienced on Rte 30, we will have the roadway opened back up by Thursday or Friday with some temporary patches. Foreman Newberry has been in contact with Austin Tyler Construction and they are willing to open their plant and come in and do some patchwork to get us through. Alderman Convery commended Public Works for all of their hard work with this main break. Foreman Newberry commented that this was one of the worst breaks that we have had. Even the locator company that we use had a hard time determining where the breaks were.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (1455) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that STP John Roberts had back surgery and is recovering.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (1467) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski had no report. Commissioner Kuczkowski informed the council that HOB0 had a fire line main break. They had to run a 218 water line to their building. The new 7-11 also installed a line to their business. Commissioner Kuczkowski said that the old El Tapatio restaurant will also be running a new fire line, and we should also see some things going on with that building. Alderman Dyke asked the Commissioner if we can take a look at the property at 1906 Nicholson. There is a red tag on the home. The Commissioner would look into it.

POLICE REPORT: (1549) Deputy Chief Clark informed the Council of the report on file. He also informed the Council that we will have a DUI detail that will continue through the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. Deputy Chief Clark informed the Council that we will have two new

officers starting on January 9, 2012. One candidate has previous police training and will start right away and the other will be going for the 12 week training.

MAYORS REPORT: (1584) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that there is a proposed ordinance for the increase in Class E liquor license (packaged liquor) from 7 to 8. Tom Climer from Speedway Gas Station was in attendance. They currently have a Class C license (beer & wine) and they are asking for a Class E license to sell a bigger variety of liquor. Mr. Climer informed the Council that they currently have to turn customers away because they do not sell anything other than beer and wine. He would like to be able to sell a bigger variety and keep the sales in the city. Mayor Soliman informed the Council that they have had the class C license for two years and have only had 1 incident in two years. The staff has gone through training in regards to carding.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve an ordinance increasing the number of Class E liquor license from 7 to 8.

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.

Ordinance #1584

(1676)

(1703) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a request from Lockport High School for their annual 'Late Night 2012'. This is a post graduation celebration that is alcohol free. We have donated to this in the past.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Sternisha, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize a \$100.00 donation to Lockport High School 'Late Night 2012'.

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.

(1718)

(1734) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a proposed ordinance regarding the number of Alderman subsequent to the 2010 federal decennial census. This was discussed at a prior work session. This deal with house bill 2069. This bill gives the various cities the right to choose how many Council members they want. The Council has decided to remain at four wards with two members per ward.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize an ordinance regarding the number of Alderman subsequent to the 2010 Federal Decennial Census.

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.

Ordinance #1585

(1803)

(1835) Mayor Soliman informed the residents that the 2012 Crest Hill calendar went out in the mail and should be receiving them soon. He thanked everyone who worked on this calendar.

(1879) Mayor Soliman welcomed resident Tom Larson back to the meetings.

(1892) Mayor Soliman said that the City had a great 2011 and thanked the Council and staff for all their help during the year. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (1929) Reception Clerk Laurie Thrasher presented the monies to report. Motor fuel tax for September of 2011 was \$4,710.29. Motor fuel tax for October of 2011 was \$40,056.03. Sales tax for October of 2011 was \$159,805.55. Sales tax for November of 2011 was \$152,384.26. Police fines for November of 2011 was \$2,896.28. Telecommunication franchise for October of 2011 was \$44,743.86. Telecommunication franchise for November of 2011 was \$44,425.76. Personal property replacement tax for November of 2011 was \$8,647.62. Local use tax for September of 2011 was \$24,485.25. Local use tax for October of 2011 was \$27,054.56. Local use tax for November of 2011 was \$25,789.11. Automobile rental tax for October of 2011 was \$703.80. Automobile rental tax for November of 2011 was \$647.30 for a grand total of \$576,349.67.

(2013) Reception Clerk Thrasher reminded the residents that 2012 city stickers and animal tags go on sale Tuesday January 3, 2012 and will be on sale through March 31, 2012.

(2021) Reception Clerk Thrasher informed the Council and audience that there will be punch and cookies after the end of tonight's meeting.

(2026) Reception Clerk Thrasher wished everyone Happy Holidays from the City Clerk and her staff.

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (2048) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,231,972.38 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,231,972.38 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

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

(2057)

(2077) Mayor Soliman presented the proposed ordinance for the tax levy. He went over the levy.

(#13) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize an ordinance for the tax levy.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1586

(2136)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (2179) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (2185) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (2190) Beautification, No report

Events, (2199) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that they are moving ahead with events for 2012. We will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lidice. We will also be having another picnic in the summer.

Economic Development, (2233) No report.

Cable, (2238) No report.

Marketing, (2240) No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (2251) Alderman Vershay wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Alderman Dyke wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Alderwoman Gazal wished the residents and Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Alderwoman Lelis wished everyone Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. Alderman Sternisha thanked those who wished him well during his recent illness. He also wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Alderwoman Oberlin wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy 2012. If you see someone not having such a good year, try and lend them a helping hand. Alderman Inman welcomed the Family Fun Zone to the city. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday season. Alderman Convery wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also thanked the city staff for everything that they do.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (2405) Tom McGann from Timm Electric commended the Building Department for a job well done. They were the electrical contractor for the Family Fun Zone and thanked Commissioner Kuczkowski for a job well done.

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

(#14) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to adjourn the December 19, 2011 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(2482)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012

As presented \_\_\_\_\_

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

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CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

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RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR