

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 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 honor of two Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Officer Nink lost his life in 1967 and Sergeant Simenson lost his life in 1994.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Joe Bobikiewicz, Alderman John Vershay, 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, Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski, City Administrator John Tomasoski, Economic Development Director Bryan Gay, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar.

Absent were: Alderman Scott Dyke, STP John Roberts, Working Foreman Eric Newberry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 6, 2011 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 6, 2011 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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CITY ATTORNEY: (88) City Attorney Heather McGuire had no report. Alderman Convery asked if the Attorney had reviewed all of the documents that were before the Council tonight and she had.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (97) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there was a need for approval of the contractual bids for the proposed quiet zone median. There were four bids accepted and the low bidder was D Construction in the amount of \$89,195.60.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Vershay to approve the bid in the amount of \$89,195.60 from D Construction for the quiet zone median.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(125) Administrator Tomasoski explained that we have worked with Canadian National on this project. They will fund all but the concrete on the south side of Gaylord.

(140) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the approval of the intergovernmental agreement between the City and Plainfield Township. This is to split the cost of the additional work with Plainfield Township. The approximate cost to the City would be \$15,000.00.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the City and Plainfield Township.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(181) Alderwoman Oberlin commended Plainfield Township for paying for half of the cost. The Mayor thanked Plainfield Township for their cooperation regarding the quiet zones. He also commended Baxter and Woodman for all of their work on this project.

(243) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that bids were taken for the east sewage treatment plant improvements for the administration building. The low bidder was R. Berti & Son Contractor Inc. in the amount of \$760,500.00. Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the passage of the engineering services agreement for the east sewage treatment plant improvements for the administration building in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to award the bid for the east sewage treatment plant improvements for the administration building to R. Berti and Son Contractor Inc. in the amount of \$760,500.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(275) Alderman Convery asked the Building Commissioner if everything was in order and it was. The Mayor went over the background of the project.

(318) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the passage of the engineering services agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the east sewage treatment plant improvements for the administration building in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize the passage of the engineering services agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the east sewage treatment plant improvements for the administration building in the amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
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(335) Mayor Soliman commended R. Berti for being the low bidder as they are a local company. He also commended Baxter and Woodman for their work on the project.

(362) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a work session on Monday September 26, 2011 for discussion on the 2010/2011 audit.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (378) Working Foreman Eric Newberry was not in attendance.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (381) STP John Roberts was not in attendance. Mayor Soliman informed the public that hydrant flushing will begin on October 4, 2011. Flushing will begin on the east side of the city.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (410) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution approving a variance to the fire code sprinkler output requirements for 2365 Plainfield Road. Mayor Soliman explained that this was discussed at a previous work session.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve a resolution approving a variance to the fire code sprinkler output requirements for 2365 Plainfield Road.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution #857

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POLICE REPORT: (467) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file. The Chief thanked the Mayor for the moment of silence in honor of our two Police Officers.

MAYORS REPORT: (478) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that there is a request from Chaney-Monge School for certain road closures for the annual K-5 Halloween parade. They are also requesting Police and Public Works assistance for safety and traffic control. The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday October 31, 2011.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Sternisha to authorize the road closure and Police and Public Works assistance on Monday October 31, 2011 for the annual Chaney-Monge K-5 Halloween parade.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(534) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there will be an open house on Sunday October 9, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to commemorate Fire Prevention Month at Fire Station Six, 19623 Renwick Road. The public is invited to attend.

(564) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he attended a 911 program at Lockport East High School on September 11, 2011. He commended the School District for a job well done. The Mayor thanked the City of Lockport and the School District for including Crest Hill in the program.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (604) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no report. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked the Clerk's Office for holding her packet until Sunday.

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (618) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$700,497.00 for Council approval.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$700,497.00 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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(630) Alderman Vershay questioned a portion of the bills. The Mayor explained that the items in question were for the upcoming ICSC conference. Alderman Vershay asked when this expenditure was approved. The Mayor explained that this was approved during the budget talks. Alderman Vershay felt that the expenditure should be voted on before we pay it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (678) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (681) There was no new business. Alderwoman Oberlin asked to meet with the Building Commissioner to go over the problem the residents are experiencing with the retention pond. Commissioner Kuczkowski explained that the ponds belong to the home owners association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (731) Beautification, Alderwoman Gazal had no report.

Events, (733) Alderwoman Oberlin had no report.

Economic Development, (736) Alderman Convery had no report.

Cable, (739) Alderwoman Oberlin had no report.

Marketing, (741) Alderwoman Gazal had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (747) Alderwoman Lelis said her thoughts and prayers are with the families of our fallen Police Officers. Alderman Inman thanked the Mayor for the moment of silence for our fallen Officers. Alderman Convery thanked Baxter and Woodman and STP Roberts for their work on the treatment plant. Alderwoman Oberlin wished her son a happy 21st birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (805) Bob Roth 803 Rosel asked how the City is preparing for the upcoming winter season with snowfalls. The Mayor informed the public that we have already ordered salt for the upcoming season.

(873) Tom Larson 1704 Root Street informed the Council that there are two patches on Root Street that were dug up. Is the City being billed for this. Administrator Tomasoski said that we will not be paying for this repair, the contractor would be responsible for it. Mayor Soliman went over the street repairs that have been going on in the city.

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

(#9) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderman Sternisha to adjourn the September 19, 2011 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Dyke.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of October, 2011

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR

