

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
May 16, 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 informed the residents that this is National Police Week and asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of the two officers we have lost in the line of duty, James Nink and Tim Simenson. We recently had a retiree from the Police Department, Wilma Clark pass away. The Mayor also asked that we remember the victims of the recent tornados.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Solima, City Treasurer Joe Bobikiewicz, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderwoman Brenda Lelis, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Tom Inman, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Neal Sternisha.

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

Absent were: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, Alderman John Vershay, Alderman Charles Convery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 2, 2011 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 2, 2011 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT; Ald. Vershay, Convery.

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

(102)

(112) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a resolution honoring Gus Tomac who is retiring as superintendent of Chaney-Monge School. The Mayor asked the Council members of Ward I, Ward II and Alderman Sternisha to read the resolution.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize a resolution honoring Gus Tomac who is retiring as superintendent of Chaney-Monge School.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

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

Resolution #845

(215)

(237) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that Mr. Tomac is also a member of the Lions Club and he has known him a long time. The Mayor congratulated Mr. Tomac on his retirement. Mr. Tomac gave a speech and thanked the Council. The Mayor informed the Council that Chaney-Monge will be holding its board meeting in the Council chambers on Tuesday May 17, 2011 so that it can be televised on cable and Mr. Tomac will be honored at that meeting. Alderwoman Oberlin congratulated Mr. Tomac on his retirement. Alderman Sternisha congratulated Mr. Tomac on his retirement and commended him for all that he has done for the school. Alderman Inman wished Mr. Tomac well on his retirement. Alderwoman Lelis wished Mr. Tomac the best of luck on his retirement. Alderman Dyke thanked Mr. Tomac for all he has done for Chaney-Monge and the city. Alderwoman Gazal thanked Mr. Tomac for all his help and congratulated him on his retirement.

(485) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that Noreen Ligino-Kubinski is in attendance from Comcast regarding a proclamation for Comcast Cares Day. The Mayor asked Alderwoman Oberlin to read the proclamation.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to authorize a proclamation for "Comcast Care Day".

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Vershay, Convery.

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

(563)

(576) The Mayor presented the proclamation to Noreen Ligino-Kubinski. Ms. Ligino-Kubinski thanked the Mayor and Council and gave a brief speech.

CITY ATTORNEY: (626) City Attorney Nick Sakaleriou had no report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (633) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a proposed confidentiality agreement in regards to the residential aggregation of electrical power that needs approval. This agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize approval of the confidentiality agreement in regards to the residential aggregation of electrical power.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

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

(663)

(686) Administrator Tomasoiski informed the public that there will be a work session on Monday May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion with Baxter & Woodman regarding the design of the new waste water treatment plant.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (696) Working Foreman Eric Newberry had no report. Alderwoman Gazal asked if Public Works could take a look at the pole on McGilvary and Weber that is leaning.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (719) STP John Roberts had no report.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (725) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed the Council that there was a memo in the packet regarding the property maintenance for the city The low bidder was J Hassert Landscaping.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize the property maintenance bid to J Hassert Landscaping.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Vershay, Convery.

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

(740)

(754) Commissioner Kuczkowski informed the Council that we did not have a quorum on Wednesday for the Plan Commission meeting so it is recessed until Tuesday May 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

(762) Alderman Sternisha asked if the Commissioner knew what caused the drop in price for the grass cutting. Commissioner Kuczkowski thought that since they are used to the area they could give us a better price. Commissioner Kuczkowski said that we have sent out over 30 weed notices already. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we can put a notice on the website to remind residents not to blow their leaves or grass onto the streets. Alderwoman Oberlin said that it is currently on cable.

POLICE REPORT: (830) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file.

MAYORS REPORT: (836) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that there is a resolution declaring the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup> National Police Week in the City. The Mayor asked Chief Wilkerson to read the resolution.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize a resolution declaring the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 21<sup>st</sup> National Police Week in the City.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

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

Resolution #846

(923)

(945) The Mayor said that we are proud of our past and present employees and are here tonight to honor our Police Officers. The Mayor presented the Chief with a copy of the resolution. The Chief thanked the Mayor and Council and gave a speech. Alderwoman Oberlin commended the Police Department for all of their hard work.

(1040) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a need for the re-appointment of James Kobe to the Civil Service for a three year term effective May 1, 2011.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to re-appoint James Kobe to the Civil Service for a three year term effective May 1, 2011.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Vershay, Convery.

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

(1062)

(1074) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a memo regarding the waiving of the fees for the placement of signage on the city property per the request of ABATE.

(#8) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize the waiving of the fees for the placement of signage on the city property per the request of ABATE.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

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

(1095)

(1108) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a proclamation for National Military Awareness months of May and June of 2011. The Mayor asked Alderman Inman who is a Veteran to read the proclamation. The Mayor reminded everyone that we have a Memorial Garden in front of City Hall where we honor our Veterans. The Mayor thanked everyone that has served in the military or is serving in the military. Alderman Inman gave a brief speech.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Sternisha, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize May and June 2011 as Military Awareness Months in the City.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Vershay, Convery.

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

(1297) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he is seeking for concurrence of a newly formed committee which will be the marketing committee. The Mayor read the mission statement. The forming of the committee was discussed at a work session and will consist of Alderman Convery and Alderwoman Gazal. Alderwoman Gazal read the mission statement.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Sternisha to approve the creation of the marketing committee. (Committee members Alderman Convery and Alderwoman Gazal).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Lelis.

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

(1360)

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (1377) Deputy City Clerk Jan Serdar presented the monies to report. Police fines from April of 2011 were \$10,151.54. DUI fines from April of 2011 were \$10.00. State income tax from January of 2011 was \$136,490.17 for a grand total of \$146,651.71.

(1395) Deputy Clerk Serdar informed the Council that there is a request from Chaston Faithful Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis for a donation towards their annual walk on May 21, 2011. Alderman Dyke asked if we had made a donation to this foundation before and we had not.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Sternisha to authorize a \$50.00 donation to the Chaston Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Vershay, Convery.

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

(1414)

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (1444) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,024,968.78 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,024,968.78 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

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

(1459)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1483) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1486) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (1492) Beautification, Alderman Dyke informed the Council that there will be a committee meeting on Monday May 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m for discussion on dumpsters in commercial and residential areas. Alderman Dyke explained that we will be announcing the winners of the "Keep it Green and Clean" program at the

first meeting in June. Alderman Dyke invited everyone to participate in the IDOT “Adopt a Highway” program. This program helps keep highways clean.

Events. (1544) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the public that the annual Lidice ceremony will take place on Saturday June 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked the Forest Preserve for hosting the “Ride the Rock” day.

Economic Development. (1580) Alderman Inman informed the Council that last Thursday the committee attended the Will County economic meeting and he went over the highlights of the meeting. The Committee attended an awards ceremony at Hendrickson Stamping on Caton Farm Road. Hendrickson received a safety award from Osha. Mayor Soliman commended the committee and Bryan Gay for all of their hard work.

Cable. (1721) Alderwoman Oberlin wished Mr. Murphy a member of CHCTV well on his upcoming surgery.

Veterans. (1733) Mayor Soliman thanked the volunteers who cleaned up the Memorial Garden last week. The Mayor invited everyone to the annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday May 30, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1805) Alderwoman Oberlin congratulated Gus Tomac on his retirement. She also commended Alderman Convery and Alderman Inman for their work on economic development. She also thanked Noreen Liginio-Kubinski for her work with Comcast. Alderwoman Oberlin reminded everyone of the Sids benefit that will be at Giovanns on Thursday May 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Inman said that all four proclamations were timely. He congratulated Mr. Tomac, Comcast, the Police and Military. Alderman Dyke thanked our Officers for their hard work and thanked Mr. Tomac for his hard work at Chaney-Monge. Alderman Dyke thanked the military for all they do and also Comcast for their work with the community. Alderwoman Lelis thanked Mr. Tomac for his years of service. She also commended Alderman Convery, Alderman Inman and Bryan Gay for their work with economic development. Alderwoman Gazal commended the Police, and congratulated Mr. Tomac.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1939) Maureen Denny 1837 Burry Circle explained that she recently purchased a pet and got a tag for it. She asked how many residents actually purchase the \$5.00 tags and enforcement of the ordinance could bring in extra revenue for the city. Also, residents should be required to show proof of rabies vaccines when the pet tags are purchased.

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

(#13) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Sternisha to adjourn the May 16, 2011 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery, Vershay.

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

(2056)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011

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

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

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CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

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RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR