

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 20, 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 Michael Olivieri who was serving in Iraq.

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 Nick Sakaleriou, Police Chief Dwayne Wilkerson, STP John Roberts, Working Foreman Eric Newberry, Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski, City Administrator John Tomaszoski, Economic Development Director Bryan Gay.

Absent were: none.

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

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

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.

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(70) Mayor Soliman informed the Council and public that the first public hearing is for the plan of operation and governance regarding power aggregation.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Convery to open the public hearing on the plan of operation and governance regarding power aggregation.

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.

(76)

PUBLIC HEARING: (89) Mayor Soliman opened the public hearing on the plan of operation and governance regarding power aggregation at 7:04 p.m.

(91) The Mayor asked for comments and questions from the Council or audience and there were none.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderman Convery to close the public hearing on the plan of operation and governance regarding power aggregation.

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.

(109)

(118) The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

(120) Alderman Convery explained that he sent an article to the Administrator regarding the electrical aggregation. The article stated that an area that switched got hit with an electrical capacity charge and he wondered if the Administrator had a chance to look into this. The Administrator had not but would look into it before the work session.

(143) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a second public hearing regarding the IEPA loan no. L173405 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation. Dana Ludwig and Tom Nagle from Robinson Engineering were in attendance to answer any questions. The Mayor read a prepared statement regarding the loan. (Attachment "A").

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Convery to authorize a public hearing regarding the IEPA loan no. L173405 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(275)

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Soliman opened the public hearing regarding the IEPA loan no. L173405 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Soliman asked for comments and questions from the Council and audience and there were none.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Inman, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to close the public hearing on the IEPA loan no. L173405 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation.

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.

(304)

The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

(318) The Mayor informed the Council that Brian McDaniel, a resident from Crest Hill is helping out with the tornado relief in Tuscaloosa Alabama. The diocese in Joliet is

sponsoring a mission to bring help and aid to the area. There will be a meeting on Wednesday June 22, 2011 at the St. Charles center on Airport Road at 7:00 p.m. for anyone that would like to volunteer. The Diocese is also accepting monetary donations. Mr. McDaniels thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak and for helping him get this project publicized. Mr. McDaniel also thanked all of the people that have helped out with the clean up effort so far. There is a website that you can go on called angelsforalabama.org that you can get more information on. The Mayor commended Mr. McDaniel for all his efforts with this project.

(514) The Mayor informed the Council that Rita Facchina was in attendance from CASA. She explained to the Council CASA is a group that tries to make sure that every child has a chance to live in a safe environment. Ms. Facchina went over how the program works and how the volunteers interact with the children. The Mayor commended Ms. Facchina and CASA for what they are doing with the children. Alderman Convery also commended CASA for their efforts.

CITY ATTORNEY: (702) City Attorney Nick Sakaleriou informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution adopting the City of Crest Hill identity protection policy. The Attorney went over the resolution.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to authorize a resolution adopting the City of Crest Hill identity protection policy.

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 #851

(744)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (762) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a proposed ordinance adopting the electric power aggregation plan of operation and governance pursuant to ordinance #1565 for approval. This is the final step that would allow the city to join the other groups to receive bids on Thursday for electrical aggregation. Mr. Hoover from NIMEC went over the background of the group. We are currently looking at a \$125.00 savings per resident with the electrical bid. The Mayor explained that this item was voted on by the residents at the last election. He briefly went over the program. Alderman Convery explained that if there are any questions or complaints the residents would need to contact Com-Ed or NIMEC.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to authorize an ordinance adopting the electric power aggregation plan of operation and governance pursuant to ordinance #1565.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1567

(1000)

(1021) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a work session on Tuesday June 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for discussion on the recommendation for the Plan Commissioner, the Liquor license applicant at Theodore and Center and the 2011/2012 budget. There will be a work session on Thursday June 23, 2011 due to NIMEC taking bids for the electrical aggregation.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (1082) Working Foreman Eric Newberry had no report. Alderwoman Oberlin informed Foreman Newberry that a resident sent a thank you to the Public Works Department and Police Department for the placement of the speed limit signs.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (1100) STP John Roberts had no report. Alderman Dyke said that he received a call from some residents on Oakland that received back up in their basement that have never gotten it before. STP Roberts explained that they checked one of the property's and there was a large tree with the roots growing into the lines that caused a back up.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (1134) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed the Council that the we have received the building application for the proposed gas station at Rte 30 and Larkin Avenue.

POLICE REPORT: (1177) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file. The Chief informed the Council that there will be extra patrols during the 4th of July weekend. Alderman Dyke commended the Chief for the increase in citations.

MAYORS REPORT: (1196) Mayor Ray Soliman read a letter that was sent to the Mayor and Council from the "Footsteps for Friends" thanking the city for the use of the parking lot for their recent car wash to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The Mayor read a letter from the Czechoslovakian Council commending the City for the annual ceremony at the Lidice Monument. The Mayor thanked the events committee and CHCTV for their participation. Mayor Soliman informed the Council that Representative McCassey will be hosting a town hall meeting on July 20, 2011 in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (1308) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request for the closure of Elsie Avenue from Hoffman Street to Highland Avenue on Saturday August 6, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to authorize the closure Elsie Avenue from Hoffman Street to Highland Avenue on Saturday August 6, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party.

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.

(1321)

(1334) Clerk Vershay-Hall announced that the city wide fall garage sale would be August 18, 19, 20, 21, 2011.

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (1345) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$862,631.82 for Council approval. Alderman Vershay questioned a payment for July on the list of bills and this is only June. Alderman Convery explained they wanted the money prior to the event. Alderman Vershay asked if this monthly meeting/luncheon was necessary. Alderman Convery explained that this is where we meet and talk with people. Treasurer Bobikiewicz explained that at the July meeting the Governor will be in attendance.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$862,631.82 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1353)

(1420) Treasurer Bobikiweicz said that we see a capacity charge on our bills for electric. Discussion followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1510) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1514) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (1518) Beautification, Alderman Dyke had no report.

Events, (1526) Alderwoman Oberlin thanked Bill Curwick and Matt Brown for a job well done at the Lidice ceremony. She also thanked everyone that baked and provided refreshments after the ceremony and Rental Max for the donation of the tent. Alderman Inman reminded the residents that next year is the 70th anniversary of the Lidice tragedy and we would like to do something special for it.

Economic Development, (1601) No report.

Cable, (1607) No report.

Marketing, (1611) No report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1618) Alderwoman Gazal commended Mr. McDaniel on his efforts to help the residents in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked everyone that came to the fundraiser for Bob Goss. Alderman Convery thanked Mr. McDaniel for his efforts for the residents in Alabama. Alderman Inman also commended Mr. McDaniel.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1697) Joe Ward, 20923 River Road in Shorewood is the owner of seven buildings on Pioneer Road. The building owners are experiencing problems with residents drinking on the properties and being disorderly. He would like to set up a meeting with the Council members in that Ward and also the Chief of Police. Discussion followed. Chief Wilkerson said that he is unaware that Mr. Ward was experiencing problems and has not received a message that he was trying to contact him. The Police

have spent the last five weeks patrolling that area. The Chief would like to meet with Mr. Ward and the Council members. The Mayor said that he would like to sit in on the meeting also.

(1950) Janet Selloski, 13922 Royal Isle Circle, informed the Council that with the new redistricting the City will no longer have Representative McCCasey representing Crest Hill. She explained where the new boundaries will be. The Mayor explained that he spoke with Representative McCCasey a week ago and she indicated that she will still be our representative until the 2012 election. After the election she would represent the east side of Crest Hill and Jack McGuire would have the area south of Caton Farm and then there would be a new district on the west side of the city. Ms. Selloski said that she would share the map she has with the Mayor so he can see where the new district is.

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

(#10) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to adjourn the June 20, 2011 Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(2115)

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

Approved this 5th day of July, 2011

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR