

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
January 18, 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.

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.

(15) Mayor Soliman asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives in the tragic shooting in Arizona.

Also present were: City Attorney Nick Sakellariou, 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: Alderman Scott Dyke, (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) .

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 3, 2011 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 3, 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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(80) Mayor Soliman introduced Dr. Raymond and Dr. Sevara from Lockport High School. He gave a presentation on the upcoming referendum for the building of a new high school building. (See attachment "A"). Mayor Soliman thanked Dr. Raymond and Dr. Sevara for the presentation and information on the referendum. Mayor Soliman said that it was an honor to work with everyone on the steering committee regarding the high school.

CITY ATTORNEY: (1234) City Attorney Nick Sakellariou had no report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (1239) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution waiving the bidding requirements for electricity purchase, authorization for the participation in NIMEC and to authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with the lowest responsible electricity provider. The first account to go to bid will be the treatment plants, with two other addresses to follow.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve a resolution waiving the bidding requirements for electricity purchase, authorization for the participation in NIMEC and to authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with the lowest responsible electricity provider.

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 #824

(1304)

(1320) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a proposed intergovernmental agreement between the City and Will County for a landscape median in the vicinity of the Weber Road and Renwick Road intersection. This project was discussed at a previous work session. Alderman Convery does not have a problem with the project, but is concerned over some of the costs.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to table the intergovernmental agreement between the City and Will County for a landscape median in the vicinity of the Weber Road and Renwick Road intersection.

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.

(1390)

(1413) Alderman Vershay asked that we find out how large of a median will be required. Do we really need one that is 22' wide. Administrator Tomasoski would follow up with Romeoville and the County and report back to the Council.

(1453) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that the next items on the agenda have to do with the storm water study that was conducted by the City. This matter was discussed at a Council meeting in December and at a work session in January. There is a CDBG grant program relating to the flooding in 2008 that is known as IKE. There are six agenda items, two per grant that deal with this project. The first is a grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 for the Root Street, Lincoln Street and Lynwood Street area. The second is for the area in Raynor Hills Estate Unit 2 including Waverly Ct. and Burry Circle Drive between Willow Ct. and Hosmer Lane in the amount of \$620,000.00. And the final is Elsie Avenue to the north, Rose Avenue to the south, including portions of Oakland Avenue, Clement Street and Highland Street in the amount of \$120,000.00. Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is need for the passage of a resolution meeting urgent need national objective, State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery "IKE" program public infrastructure grant application for Crestwood Estates Subdivision, Units 1 and 3 including Root Street, Lincoln Street, Lynwood Street, Crestwood Drive and Imperial Drive.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve a resolution meeting urgent need national objective, State of Illinois CDBG disaster

recovery “IKE” program public infrastructure grant application for Crestwood Estates Subdivision, Units 1 and 3 including Root Street, Lincoln Street, Lynwood Street, Crestwood Drive and Imperial Drive.

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.

Resolution #825

(1545)

(1560) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the approval of a resolution for the CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for Crestwood Estates Subdivision Units 1 and 3 including Root Street, Lincoln Street, Lynwood between Crestwood drive and Imperial Drive.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve a resolution for the CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for Crestwood Estates Subdivision Units 1 and 3 including Root Street, Lincoln Street, Lynwood between Crestwood drive and Imperial Drive.

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.

Resolution #826

(1575)

(1588) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the approval of a resolution meeting urgent need national objective State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for Raynor Hills Estates Unit 2 including Waverly Ct. and Burry Circle Drive between Willow Ct and Hosmer Lane.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize a resolution meeting urgent need national objective State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for Raynor Hills Estates Unit 2 including Waverly Ct. and Burry Circle Drive between Willow Ct and Hosmer Lane.

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.

Resolution #827

(1599)

(1635) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the approval of a resolution for the CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public

infrastructure grant application for Raynor Hills Estates Unit 2 including Waverly Ct and Burry Circle Drive between Willow Ct. and Hosmer Lane.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to authorize a resolution for the CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for Raynor Hills Estates Unit 2 including Waverly Ct and Burry Circle Drive between Willow Ct. and Hosmer Lane.

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 #828

(1647)

(1662) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is the need for the approval of a resolution for meeting urgent need national objective State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for the area described as Elsie Avenue to the north, Rose Avenue to the south and to include portions of Oakland Avenue, Clement Street, and Highland Avenue.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to authorize a resolution for meeting urgent need national objective State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application for the area described as Elsie Avenue to the north, Rose Avenue to the south and to include portions of Oakland Avenue, Clement Street, and Highland Avenue.

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.

Resolution #829

(1677)

(1682) Alderman Vershay asked what was going to be done on Highland Avenue. STP Roberts explained that there is a sewer line that runs between Highland and Nicholson in the alley that needs some work. The lines in the street have already been fixed.

(1733) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a need for the authorization of a resolution for the State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application the area described as Elsie Avenue to the north, Rose Avenue to the south and to include portions of Oakland Avenue, Clement Street and Highland Avenue.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize a resolution for the State of Illinois CDBG disaster recovery IKE program public infrastructure grant application the area described as Elsie Avenue to the north, Rose Avenue to the south and to include portions of Oakland Avenue, Clement Street and Highland Avenue.

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 #830

(1744)

(1759) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that the city staff will continue to work with Robinson Engineering on these projects.

(1766) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there are some items that were inadvertently left off agenda. The first is for the website design proposal. After reviewing the bids city staff recommended to discuss this at an upcoming work session and award a two month extension with the Gad Group to allow this to happen. Alderman Vershay asked if all of the companies bid on all of the items as specified. Administrator Tomasoski said that they all had the same paperwork, but bid on different services. Alderwoman Oberlin said that some of the bids showed that the city would maintain the site. Is this something that we want. Administrator Tomasoski explained that there are some items that he would like city staff to have access to.

(1896) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that included in the packet was the terms and objectives for tax engagement services with the city.

(1911) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a status update from the Economic Development Director.

(1916) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a work session on Monday January 24, 2011 regarding PMA Securities, Inc. there will be a work session on Monday January 31, 2011 with the topics to be determined. Mayor Soliman explained that the resolutions that were passed are to seek funds to do infrastructure work in various areas of the city.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (1965) Working Foreman Eric Newberry informed the Council of the report on file.

(1974) Working Foreman Newberry informed the Council that the traffic signal at the intersection of Caton Farm Road and Perinar Drive will be activated and put into use on Tuesday January 25, 2011.

(2013) Working Foreman Newberry thanked the Public Works and STP employees for a job well done plowing snow. Mayor Soliman also commended the city crews for a job well done.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (2067) STP John Roberts had no report.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (2076) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed council that he had one thing to report on the Renaissance Crossing receivership. We do have a court date that has been assigned, which is the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Hopefully, if all things go well the receiver will be appointed.

(2101) Commissioner Kuczkowski informed the Council that work is progressing on the office that will house the building and engineering drawings. There will also be a small area for conferences when the Council chambers are in use.

(2127) Commissioner Kuczkowski informed the Council that he will be having surgery on his knee on January 25 and he could be off from two weeks to six weeks depending on his recovery. Alderwoman Oberlin, Alderman Convery and Alderman Inman wished him a speedy recovery.

POLICE REPORT: (2181) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file. Alderwoman Oberlin presented the Chief with a check from the events committee for the purchase of hazmat suits for all of the squad cars in the city. Chief Wilkerson thanked Alderwoman Oberlin.

MAYORS REPORT: (2220) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution in support of Weber Road and Renwick Road intersection improvements. Per discussion earlier in the meeting the Mayor asked that this subject be tabled.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke to table the proposed resolution in support of Weber Road and Renwick Road intersection improvements.

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.

(2231)

(2245) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there is a proposed ordinance amending the code of ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages. This would decrease the number of class A liquor license from 12 to 11. The Mayor gave a brief report on tobacco license and liquor license. Porky's chose not to renew their license for 2011 and El Tapatio closed in 2010. We also changed the golf course from a class A license to the newly created class G license.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize an ordinance amending the code of ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages. (reduce class A license from 12 to 11).

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.

Ordinance #1556

(2332)

(2357) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that the Goglanian Bakery has signed the lease for their facility on Division Street. They plan to start out employing roughly 200 people and would like to increase that to 400 within two years. The Mayor commended

Brian Gay, Alderman Convery, Alderman Inman and Building Commissioner Kuczkowski for all of their hard work on this project.

(2450) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that State Representative McCassey or members of her staff would like to use the lobby on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to be able to meet with the residents to address their concerns. This will begin in February.

(2502) Mayor Soliman informed the residents that there will be a referendum going before the voters regarding purchase of electricity. Mayor Soliman explained that we are seeking to purchase electric for a lower rate than what Com-Ed can provide. The Mayor explained that there will be a letter enclosed with the next water bill that will explain the referendum in detail.

(2651) Alderwoman Gazal asked if we are going to have any type of brochures or flyers that we can pass out. The Mayor explained that we will be sending the flyer out with the water bill.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (2680) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented the monies to report. Sales tax from January of 2011 was \$153,684.96. Police fines from January of 2011 was \$3,442.64. Telecommunication franchise from January of 2011 was \$46,509.56. Personal property replacement tax from January of 2011 was \$3,867.46. DUI fines from January of 2011 was \$105.00. State income tax from January of 2011 was \$147,199.28. Local use tax from January of 2011 was \$22,897.54. Automobile rental tax from January of 2011 was \$541.20 for a grand total of \$378,247.64.

(2726) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request from Crest Hill Pony Baseball for a donation for their annual yearbook. Alderman Dyke asked what was placed in last years book. Clerk Vershay-Hall thought that we took out a full page ad.

(#12) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to authorize a full page ad in the Crest Hill Pony Baseball yearbook in the amount of \$65.00.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha.

ABSENT: None.

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

(2747)

(2770) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request from Prestwick Management for the use of the Council chambers on February 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for the annual meeting of the Crest Meadow Condominium Association.

(#13) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize the use of the Council chambers on February 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for the annual meeting of the Crest Meadow Condominium Association.

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.

(2778)

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (2799) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$486,060.62 for Council approval.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$486,060.62 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

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

(2810)

(2831) Alderman Convery asked if the Treasurer had any idea on how far behind the State is on payments to us. Treasurer Bobikiweicz did not know how far behind they are.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (2853) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (2858) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (2866) Beautification, Alderman Dyke informed the Council that there is a draft of the updated recreational vehicle ordinance and would to have this discussed at an upcoming work session.

Events, (2896) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that she will have a wrap up report at the next meeting. She thanked the Mayor for appointing her to the committee. She also thanked Alderman Inman and Candi Thuringer for all of their hard work. Alderwoman Oberlin also thanked the committee members, Tom Larson, Glen Conklin and all of the businesses that donated, helped and participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events. Mayor Soliman congratulated the Village of Channahon on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. Alderwoman Oberlin congratulated Will County on their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Economic Development, (3043) Alderman Convery thanked Mr. Grueling from Will County CED and STP Roberts for all their help with the proposed bakery. Alderman Convery informed the Council that last year the committee and Mr. Gay went to the convention in Las Vegas, this year only Mr. Gay will be attending. This will reduce the cost from around \$4,200.0 to about \$1,400.00.

Cable, (3152) Alderwoman Oberlin had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (3160) Alderwoman Lelis thanked the events committee for the donation to the Police Department. Alderwoman Gazal said that with what happened in Arizona we should take a moment to focus on the important things in life and not let the petty things bother us. Alderman Vershay thanked the speakers from the high school for updating everyone on the referendum. He also wished Commissioner Kuczkowski best wishes on his upcoming surgery. Alderwoman Oberlin announced that the annual Cerebral Palsy pizza eating benefit will be at Giovan's on January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. For information you can call Cerebral Palsy or Giovan Restaurant. Alderman Convery thanked the representatives from the high school for their speech. He wished

Commissioner Kuczowski good luck with his surgery. Alderman Inman agreed with Alderman Convery and Dyke.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3406) Bill Harrigan 1617 Hickory commended the Council on the look of the Council room. Mr. Harrigan explained that he left a message with the Clerks Office for the Administrator and asked if it was given to him. Administrator Tomasoski said that he received the letter. Mr. Harrigan said that this was input on the bond issue and it was not mentioned at the meeting. Discussion followed.

(Tape #2 begins).

Mr. Harrigan asked if we are still going to do the work that was discussed even if we don't get the grants. Administrator Tomasoski explained that we would not have the funding for the projects if we don't get the grants. Mr. Harrigan said that as far as the need for the building of another high school, he had the opportunity to look over the plans for the existing school and they are only over in attendance by 179 students. Mr. Harrigan did not feel that it was right the Mayors from the affected cities got to make the decision on what was going to happen with the future of the school. Further discussion followed on the construction of a new high school.

(173) Mayor Soliman explained that the Mayors from the various cities went to the summit meetings that were held and then made a recommendation to the high school board. The school board is the authority for the school, not the mayors. The money for the addition was in the coffers of the school, and that is why they did not have to go to referendum. The addition to the school will help get the students back to a normal school day schedule.

(234) San Chellino 2101 Greengold thanked Foreman Newberry and the street crew for doing a good job this year.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on personnel and collective bargaining.

(#15) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to go into an executive session on personnel (2c-2) and collective bargaining.

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.

Executive session 8:36 p.m.

(255)

(#16) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to reconvene from the executive session on personnel (2c-2) and collective bargaining.

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.

Reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

(269)

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

(#17) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to adjourn the January 18, 2011 City Council meeting.

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.

(282)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011

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

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

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CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

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RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR