

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
March 7, 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, 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 Brian Gay, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar.

Absent were: none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 22, 2011 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 22, 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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(34) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there are two new restaurants that are opening in the City. The first is DGO Family Restaurant at 2400 Caton Farm Road and the other is Don Rafa at 2224 Plainfield Road. The Mayor informed the Council that he was unable to attend the grand opening of Don Rafa but Alderman Inman, Alderwoman Gazal and Economic Development Director Gay were in attendance.

(104) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he would like to present a resolution honoring Ralph Smith on his retirement after thirty and a half years from the Crest Hill Police Department. The Mayor asked the Council members to read the resolution honoring Ralph Smith.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize a resolution honoring Ralph Smith on his retirement after thirty and a half years from the Crest Hill Police Department.

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 #836

(194)

(207) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he was hired as a Police Officer at the same time that Ralph Smith and two other gentleman joined the force. Out of the original four only Joe Pesavento is still on the force. The Mayor commended Ralph for his years of service and gave a brief speech. Chief Wilkerson gave a brief speech honoring Ralph on his retirement. Ralph Smith gave a speech. Sgt. Pesavento said a few words about Ralph. Various members of the Council commended Ralph Smith on his retirement.

CITY ATTORNEY: (464) City Attorney Nick Sakaleriou had no report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (470) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a memorandum of understanding for the grievance procedure between the City of Crest Hill and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Crest Hill Chapter 15. This memorandum would change the grievance procedure to be consistent with the grievance procedures of the other union contracts.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize the memorandum of understanding for the grievance procedure between the City of Crest Hill and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Crest Hill Chapter 15.

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.

(493)

(503) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution authorizing the condemnation of certain portions of those properties with the common addresses of 1604 Caton Farm Road and 1740 Caton Farm Road. This would be for the widening of Caton Farm Road.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize a resolution for the condemnation of certain portions of those properties with the common addresses of 1604 Caton Farm Road and 1740 Caton Farm Road.

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 3837

(522)

(538) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a memo requesting authorization to conduct a quicktake hearing at an upcoming City Council meeting. This is in regards to 1604 and 1740 Caton Farm Road.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize a quicktake hearing at the an upcoming City Council meeting. (1604 and 1740 Caton Farm Road).

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.

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(564) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that the presentation with the Mayor and the representative from NIMEC is available on channel 6 and is shown on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(578) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a work session on Monday March 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the garbage rates and several other topics currently being worked on. Alderman Convery feels that CN is dragging their feet regarding the quiet zone. This has been dragging on for two years.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (624) Working Foreman Eric Newberry had no report.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (632) STP John Roberts had no report.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (639) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed the Council that there is a request for the release for a letter of credit #082 that expires on March 20, 2011. The project has been completed.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize the release of the letter of credit (#082) for COLB LLC.

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.

(655)

(667) Alderman Dyke asked if we have any drainage maps for the Willow Falls Subdivision. Commissioner Kuczkowski said that he would check the records. Alderman Dyke questioned the increase of hours for the code enforcement person. Commissioner Kuczkowski explained that Kirk picked up the slack while he was off, and he has also been working on the construction in the building.

POLICE REPORT: (701) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file.

(702) Chief Wilkerson informed the Council that there is a memo regarding the expiration of the current officer list. The Chief is requesting to move forward with the creation of a new list. The cost should be somewhere between \$3,500.00 and \$4,000.00 depending on the number of tests needed. This was discussed at a previous work session.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Dyke to authorize the creation of a new Police Officer list.

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.

(725)

(735) Chief Wilkerson informed the Council that they are moving ahead with the additional evidence storage. This is above the new conference room in area 18. Alderwoman Gazal thanked the Chief for the patrol in the area.

MAYORS REPORT: (761) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that there was a presentation made at Carillon Lakes for NIMEC. This was for discussion on the referendum. There was also a presentation made by a representative of the high school regarding the upcoming referendum. The Mayor gave a brief update on the referendum. There will be two more NIMEC presentation. They will be on March 9th at Chaney Monge School and on March 16th at Richland Grade School.

(865) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he attended a fundraiser for United Cerebral Palsy. Giovanns and PB Mulligan's from Crest Hill participated in the restaurant competition. Giovanns won first place for their chicken marsala and first place for the best drink. Mayor Soliman congratulated both Crest Hill restaurants.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (990) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented the monies to report. State income tax for February of 2011 was \$108,251.90. Local use tax from February of 2011 was \$22,393.38 for a grand total of \$130,645.28.

(1007) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request for the extension of office hours on March 31, 2011 until 7:00 p.m. for the sale of city stickers.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize the extension of office hours on March 31, 2011 until 7:00 p.m. for the sale of city stickers.

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.

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(1017) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request from Lockport Township Board of Education for the use of the Council Chambers on Saturday March 19, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to provide information and answer questions regarding the upcoming school referendum.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to authorize the use of the Council Chambers on Saturday March 19, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. per the request of the Lockport Township School Board to provide information and answer questions regarding the upcoming school referendum.

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.

(1021)

(1032) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request from the Chaney-Monge School Board for the use of the Council Chambers on Tuesday May 17, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for their board meeting.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Inman to authorize the use of the Council Chambers on Tuesday May 17, 2011 per the request of the Chaney-Monge School Board.

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.

(1035)

(1045) Clerk Vershay-Hall reminded the residents that city stickers are due by March 31, 2011 and are available in the Clerks Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on March 31, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (1063) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1068) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1072) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (1077) Beautification, Alderman Scott Dyke informed the Council that we had a meeting on February 23, 2011 to discuss signage in the city.

Events, (1098) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that April 30th will be the Comcast clean up at 8:00 a.m. at St. Sava Church at 3457 Black Road. Alderwoman Oberlin announced that we will be having our annual picnic at St. Joes Park on August 7, 2011.

Economic Development, (1171) Alderman Convery informed the Council that the economic development luncheon will be on March 30, 2011 at Prairie Bluff Golf Course. Five hundred invitations were sent out.

Cable, (1194) No report.

Veterans, (1197) Mayor Soliman informed the Council the committee met to go over the plans for the Veterans day program. The ceremony will be on Monday May 30, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. The next Veterans meeting will be on April 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1220) Alderman Dyke congratulated Ralph Smith on his retirement and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's day. Alderwoman Lelis

congratulated Ralph Smith on his retirement. Alderwoman Gazal congratulated Ralph Smith on his retirement. Alderwoman Oberlin congratulated Ralph Smith on his retirement and wished the residents Happy St. Patrick's Day. She commended the Mayor on a good program at Carillon Lakes. Alderman Convery congratulated Ralph Smith on his retirement. He also thanked the Chief for taking care of a matter for him. Alderman Inman congratulated Ralph Smith on his retirement and commented that he will be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1295) There was no public comment.

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

(#11) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to adjourn the March 7, 2011 City Council meeting.

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.

(1307)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of March, 2011

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR