

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 20, 2010

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 Tom Inman, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Neal Sternisha.

Also present were: City Attorney Nick Sakelaris, Deputy Chief Ed Clark, STP John Roberts, Working Foreman Eric Newberry, Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski, City Administrator John Tomasoski, Reception Clerk Laurie Thrasher.

Absent were: Alderman Charles Convery.

(25) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that Alderman Convery is home and is hoping to be in attendance at the first meeting in January.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 6, 2010 for Council approval. Alderman Dyke asked that the amount of \$200.00 be changed on page 204, motion #12 to \$100.00.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 6, 2010 with a change from \$200.00 to \$100.00 on page 204, motion #12.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery.

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

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(80) Giovan Culotta representing the Crest Hill Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that there will be an after hours meeting at Giovan's on January 11, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. honoring the 50th anniversary events committee. Mayor Soliman commended the committee for all of their hard work.

(176) Alderwoman Oberlin and Alderman Inman informed the Council that we have been collecting donations for the food pantry that is located in Crest Hill. Alderwoman Lelis thanked Alderman Inman and Alderwoman Oberlin for all of their hard work on this project. Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that we presented Mr. George who runs the pantry a check for \$1,000.00 prior to Thanksgiving. She presented Mr. George a check tonight in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. George thanked the City for all of the help that they have given the pantry. Mr. George explained that they used to service about 40 families a week and now they service about 260. Mr. Lawrence thanked a number of

persons and organizations that have helped them out through the year. Mr. George announced that they distribute food every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at AB Gusto's on Plainfield Road. Mayor Soliman commended Mr. George for all the hard work he does in the community. Alderman Inman also commended Mr. George for his hard work. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked all of the business' that allowed the placement of donation jars in their establishments.

(473) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that she would like to announce the winners of the decorating contest. Fifth place went to the Dardin family on Loch Lane. Forth place went to the Calvin family on Cowing Lane. Third place went to the Nichols family on Essex. Second place went to the Ziemba family on Montclare Lake Court. First place went to the Milkarest family on Springside Drive. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked all of the judges and the business' that provided the prizes. The Mayor congratulated all the winners.

CITY ATTORNEY: (681) City Attorney Nick Sakelaris had no report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (689) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a request for the approval of the website administration contract with the GAD Group.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize approval of the website administration contract with the GAD Group.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery.

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

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(718) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a memorandum of understanding between the City and Local 150.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize a memorandum of understanding between the City and Local 150.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery.

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

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(744) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a memo in the packet from Aaron Fundich from Robinson Engineering regarding a grant directly related to the widespread flooding that occurred in June of 2008. It was recommended that the city submit the following areas to be considered for the grant. Root Street-Lincoln Street-Lynwood. Burry Circle Drive-Waverly Court. Oakland Avenue-Clement Street-Elsie Avenue.

(811) Administrator Tomasoski wished everyone Happy Holidays.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (836) Working Foreman Eric Newberry thanked the Mayor, City Administrator and Council for their understanding with his recent accident. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. Alderwoman Oberlin commended Foreman Newberry for all his hard work during the year. Alderwoman Lelis also commended Foreman Newberry for his hard work. The Mayor thanked Foreman Newberry and the staff for fixing the handicapped ramp.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (886) STP John Roberts was not in attendance.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (896) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski had no report. He informed the Council that they are looking to appoint a receiver to get some of the earth work started and removal of the trailers in Renaissance Crossing. The Mayor thanked the Building Commissioner for his work on this project.

POLICE REPORT: (944) Deputy Chief Ed Clark informed the Council of the report on file.

MAYORS REPORT: (959) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that there is a request from Old Timers Baseball for a donation for their annual banquet. We have donated to them in the past.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderwoman Lelis to authorize a \$100.00 donation to Old Timers Baseball.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Sternisha.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery.

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

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(992) Alderman Sternisha explained that he cast a no vote, because during budget talks it was decided that donations would be limited to \$50.00 for charitable donations and would like to stick to that amount.

(1011) Mayor Soliman thanked all of the organizations that invited him and his wife to their various functions. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and asked that we check on our elderly neighbors during the cold months.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (1103) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented the monies to report. Motor fuel tax from December of 2010 was \$44,712.29. Personal property replacement tax from December of 2010 was \$7,546.71. Local use tax from December of 2010 was \$19,707.00 for a grand total of \$71,966.81.

(1120) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request for the use of the Council Chambers from the Remington Lakes Master Association on January 13, 2011, April 28, 2011, July 14, 2011 and November 10, 2011.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderwoman Oberlin to authorize the use of the Council Chambers on January 13, 2011, April 28, 2011, July 14, 2011 and November 10, 2011 per the request of Remington Lakes Master Association.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Gazal.

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

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(1140) Clerk Vershay-Hall announced that the 2011 city stickers would go on sale January 3, 2011 and must be purchased by March 31, 2011. Clerk Vershay-Hall wished everyone happy holidays on behalf of herself and her staff. She announced that there would be punch and cookies after the meeting.

CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (1169) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$700,935.75 for Council approval.

(#6) Motion by Alderwoman Lelis, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$700,935.75 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Vershay.

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

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(1181) Alderman Vershay questioned an item on page 4, which is for Airgas under the Police Department. Foreman Newberry explained that the cost of the Airgas is split between the departments for the torches.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1219) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1222) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (1226) Beautification, no report.

Events, (1232) Alderwoman Oberlin read a letter from the Crystal Lawn School thanking the committee for the donation of money and toys. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked all of the residents that made donations.

Economic Development, (1276) Alderman Inman informed the Council that Alderman Convery would have a report when he comes back.

Cable, (1290) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that the new equipment has been installed and should be up and running. Alderwoman Oberlin wished Cathy from Lockport Cable a speedy recovery.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1318) Alderwoman Oberlin wished everyone Happy Holidays. Alderman Sternisha wished everyone Happy Holidays. Alderman Inman wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Alderwoman Lelis wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Alderwoman Gazal thanked everyone who sent her cards to congratulate her son on becoming a Marine. She also wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Alderman Vershay wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Alderman Dyke thanked the events committee for

everything that they have done all year and for a job well done with the food pantry project. He also congratulated all the winners of the lights contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1423) Tom Larson 1704 Root Street sent get well wishes to Alderman Convery and said that it was nice to see Foreman Newberry back. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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

(#7) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to adjourn the December 20, 2010 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Convery.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of January, 2011

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR