

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
October 18, 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 Claudia Gazal, Alderman Charles Convery, Alderman Tom Inman, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Neal Sternisha.

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

Absent was: Alderwoman Brenda Lelis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 4, 2010 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 4, 2010 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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(32) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the agenda for the presentation with Chaney-Monge School and Richland School. The coat drive was one of our 50th anniversary events. Alderwoman Oberlin and Alderman Inman addressed the Council. Alderwoman Oberlin went over all of the events that we have had to raise money for the coat drive for children in Crest Hill. Alderwoman Oberlin presented Mr. Chellino a check for \$750.00 for Richland School. Mr. Chellino thanked Alderwoman Oberlin for the donation. Alderwoman Oberlin presented Ms. Egizio with a check for \$750.00 for Chaney-Monge School and Ms. Egizio thanked her for the donation. Alderwoman Oberlin explained that we also have a check for \$500.00 for Crystal Lawns School which she will deliver to them. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked everyone that came out for the events and also thanked the events committee for their work. The Mayor congratulated the events committee.

CITY ATTORNEY: (170) City Attorney Margie Swanson informed the Council that there is a proposed resolution authorizing execution of an agreement and release between the City and Jodine and Robert Sistik.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay to approve a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement and release between the City and Jodine and Robert Sistik.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

Resolution #818

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (197) City Administrator John Tomasoski informed the Council that there is a memo regarding the tax sale redemption of the property located on Division Street, which has the water tower and well #9 located on it.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Vershay to authorize the tax sale redemption of the property located on Division Street, which has the water tower and well #9 located on it.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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(226) Administrator Tomasoski informed the Council that there will be a work session on Monday October 25, 2010 for the evaluation study of city finances and financing options and taxable go bonds. Alderman Sternisha thanked the Administrator for taking care of the question from the last meeting and the response. Alderman Sternisha felt that the upcoming work session is very important. Can we have this work session taped so that more of the residents will be able to see what is going on? The Mayor said that it can be looked into. CHCTV is all volunteers and we would have to see if there is anyone available to do it.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (292) Working Foreman Eric Newberry had no report. Mayor Soliman thanked the public works department for taking care of the problem that occurred on Inner Circle. The Mayor thanked the public works and STP crews for a job well done on Highland Avenue. Alderwoman Gazal asked that we put a notice on cable and announce that leaves are not to be blown into the street. Foreman Newberry said that we have started to run the street sweeper and asked the residents not to rake the leaves into the street.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: (389) STP John Roberts informed the Council that there was vandalism done to the water tower on Division Street. The company was in town to paint the iron filters and painted over the graffiti at no charge to the city. STP Roberts informed the Council that the company that is going to put the liners in the sewers on Highland Avenue have begun the preliminary work. Alderman Sternisha said that at the last work session we discussed the proposed bakery that would like to move into the city. He would like to know what type of water demand the bakery would have on our system. STP Roberts informed the Council that the bakery has been notified and would be getting back to us with an answer. Alderman Sternisha said that the answers

should be coming from the city staff, not the bakery. STP Roberts said he would contact the bakery and try to get the answers from them. Alderman Sternisha would like an answer in writing to his e-mail no later than September 25th. Administrator Tomasoski said that they would provide that information to the full Council as soon as they have it.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (499) Building Commissioner Steve Kuczkowski informed the Council that there is a memo regarding the request from COLB for the release of the parking lot addition letter of credit. The irrevocable standby letter of credit no. 092 for \$414,723.75 would be reduced to the maintenance totaling \$82,944.75. This project has been completed.

(#4) Motion by Alderwoman Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to reduce the irrevocable standby letter of credit no. 092 for \$414,723.75 be reduced to maintenance totaling \$82,944.75.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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(537) Mayor Soliman thanked Commissioner Kuczkowski and Inspector Wilkins for a job well done on the kitchen. Commissioner Kuczkowski informed the Council that they would be starting the renovations on the Council chambers. Alderman Dyke thanked the Commissioner for getting the building report in the packet. Alderman Sternisha asked if the Commissioner had a report on what the truck traffic would be to the proposed bakery. Commissioner Kuczkowski explained that this is something Mr. Gay is working on. Alderman Sternisha would like the answers for the Monday night meeting. Administrator Tomasoski said that they would get the information to the Council as soon as they receive it. Mayor Soliman explained that this proposed bakery is going to bring in about 400 jobs.

POLICE REPORT: (614) Chief Dwayne Wilkerson informed the Council of the report on file.

(619) Chief Wilkerson informed the residents that trick or treat hours will be from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday October 31, 2010. We will have patrol in the city during this period of time. The Chief thanked everyone that participated in the golf outing. Chief Wilkerson reminded everyone that the annual basketball game against the Fire Department would be on November 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Richland School. The Mayor asked everyone to please use extra care on October 31 during the Halloween hours. The Mayor congratulated Officer Hicks and Sergeant Evanoff on a job well done with the golf outing.

MAYORS REPORT: (707) Mayor Ray Soliman informed the Council that in regards to Lockport High School, the board agreed to build an addition onto the existing high school. This will relieve some of the congestion in hallway K and allow the school to go back to a regular schedule rather than the split one they have now. If the economy picks up and the housing boom returns there may be a need in the future for the construction of an additional school.

CITY CLERKS REPORT: (792) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented the monies to report. Motor fuel tax from October of 2010 was \$47,850.18. Personal property replacement tax from October of 2010 was \$9,355.65 for a grand total of \$57,205.83.

(804) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request for the use of the Council chambers by ASPIL for the following dates in 2011. January 20, March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15, October 20, and November 17. These dates have been checked and are available.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal to authorize the use of the Council chambers for the dates in 2011 requested by ASPIL.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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(840) Clerk Vershay-Hall informed the Council that there is a request from the Remington Lakes Home Owners Association for the use of the Council chambers on December 2, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Convery, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve the use of the Council chambers on December 2, 2010 per the request of the Remington Lakes Home Owners Association

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Gazal.

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

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CITY TREASURERS REPORT: (861) City Treasurer Joe Bobikiweicz presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,124,634.14 for Council approval.

(#7) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Convery to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,124,634.14 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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(883) Alderman Sternisha asked the Treasurer if two of the line items had been cut off the fund analysis. The Treasurer would look this over in the morning and let the Alderman know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (907) Clerk Vershay-Hall and Alderwoman Gazal informed the Council that they represented the City in the Take Back the Night event that was held

on October 14, 2010. Clerk Vershay-Hall thanked the Council on behalf of herself and Alderwoman Gazal for choosing them to represent the city at the event. The Clerk went over the event of the evening. Each participant represented a victim who was killed by violence. Alderman Gazal explained that as a young woman she was the victim of abuse and attending this event brought back a lot of memories. The Mayor thanked the Clerk and Alderwoman for attending the event.

NEW BUSINESS: (1155) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (1158) Beautification. Alderman Dyke informed the Council that there is a letter from the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition regarding the annual dues for 2011 in the amount of \$305.52.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderman Inman to approve the annual fee for the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition in the amount of \$305.52.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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Events. (1202) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council and residents that our event for November will be a food drive to benefit Family Outreach which is the food shelter here in Crest Hill. Alderwoman Oberlin and Alderman Inman went out and passed collection containers out at several businesses. Alderman Inman asked that everyone remember those that are in need. Cash and check donations are welcome.

Economic Development. (1320) Alderman Convery informed the Council that Goglanian Bakery is a specialty bakery that is looking to locate on Division Street and would occupy about 260,000 square feet. Our economic development director has been working with the state and local school regarding the tax incentive. Alderman Convery informed the Council that in the fall there is a conference in Chicago that is called a deal making conference. This is for developers and businesses that are looking to expand in the Chicago area. Alderman Convery thanked the Clerk for getting the business directory applications in the mail. We have received quite a few back. Alderman Inman informed the Council that the committee started school today for economic development. It was a great experience. Alderman Inman then talked about the importance of the right kind of website and comprehensive plan. Alderman Inman thanked Brian Gay for getting the scholarships.

Cable. (1492) Alderwoman Oberlin informed the Council that CHCTV would be filming the Halloween events in the city.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: (1506) Mayor Soliman informed the public that there will be a work day on Friday October 29, 2010 for general clean up of the garden before winter.

(1527) Alderman Convery asked if we got the air conditioning in the cable room and we did. The temperature in the room has come down.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1537) Alderman Dyke commended the events committee on the coat drive. He also thanked Alderwoman Gazal and Clerk Vershay-Hall for attending the Take Back the Night event. Alderman Dyke thanked Steve and Kirk for the work that they did in the kitchen. He commended the Police Department for the golf outing and thanked the tower company for taking care of the graffiti problem. Alderman Vershay commended the Police Department for their recent golf outing and thanked everyone that worked on the lobby and kitchen. He also thanked Chris and Claudia for attending the Take Back the Night event. Alderwoman Gazal commended the events committee for all of their hard work. She also thanked Clerk Vershay-Hall for attending the Take Back the Night event with her. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked everyone for the work on the city building. She commended everyone that participated in the Take Back the Night event and hopes more people go in the future. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked Alderman Inman and Alderman Convery on their work with economic development. Alderman Convery explained that he attended the 2009 Take Back the Night event with his wife and it is an experience. He commended Chris and Claudia for attending. Alderman Convery thanked STP Roberts for getting the water tower painted. Alderman Inman thanked the Clerk and Alderwoman for attending the Take Back the Night event. He thanked Steve for the work on the kitchen.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1758) Tom Larson 1704 Root Street commended Eric and the public works crew for a job well done on the street. Mr. Larson then complained about residents blowing their leaves onto the street and the city having to sweep them up. The Mayor asked who would be responsible for issuing tickets and Commissioner Kuczkowski said that he would get together with Foreman Newberry and review the ordinance. Mayor Soliman reminded everyone that you cannot blow leaves into the streets. The residents are paying for yard waste pick up through our garbage company. Alderwoman Oberlin said that some of the residents come from areas where you are allowed to blow leaves into the street. She suggested putting a scroll on cable and on the website so that our residents are aware of this. Alderman Dyke reminded everyone that you can't burn yard waste in the city.

(1878) Bob Mulvey 1705 Highland informed the Council that he was satisfied with the work that was recently done on Highland Avenue. There were a few problems but were taken care of by Kelly who was the engineer on the job. Mayor Soliman informed the Council that Mr. Mulvey was a past Council member in Ward II.

(1954) Stuart Soifer 21215 Grey Wing Drive thanked the Mayor for taking time to speak with him last week. Mr. Soifer felt that Alderman Sternisha had some valid concerns about the proposed bakery and the amount of water that was going to be used. He feels that this is something that should be looked into before a vote is taken on it. What if this company needs 250,000 gallons of water a week, can the city supply this amount and will it affect the quality of service. Alderwoman Oberlin explained that the Council receives their packet on a Friday so that they can review. Mr. Soifer asked, if the Council had questions that couldn't be answered over the weekend how could they vote on that Monday. Alderwoman Oberlin explained that they have the option to table the request for further discussion. Alderman Convery explained that once we get the answers we will then take time to review the numbers before we take a vote. Further discussion followed. Alderman Convery said that once we get the amount of water needed by the bakery then we will turn it over to STP Roberts and he will then let the Council know what the City will need to do. Mr. Soifer asked STP Roberts how much water could we supply the bakery with if we needed an answer right now. STP Roberts explained that

the city uses 2 million gallons, we can pump 4 million gallons and we can store 3 million gallons. STP Roberts said that when this business was first proposed they said that they estimated they would use about 30,000 gallons per day, but he would like an exact amount before we go any further. Mayor Soliman said that when we get the exact number we will share this with everyone. Alderman Sternisha said that we had a work session on this a week ago, and felt that a week was enough time to get the answers. We need to know how much water this facility is going to use before this proposed business comes in.

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

(#9) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Inman to adjourn the October 18, 2010 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Ald. Lelis.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of November, 2010

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR