

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 7, 2019

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, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Vicki Hackney, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Barbara Sklare, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderwoman Tina Oberlin, Alderman Marco Coladipietro, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Tom Inman.

Also present were: City Administrator Heather McGuire, Assistant City Administrator/HR Director Megan Fulara, Deputy City Clerk Janet Serdar, Police Chief Ed Clark, Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster, Public Works Director Tom Migatz.

Absent were: Director of City Services Greg Koch, Director of Water/Wastewater Mark Siefert, Finance Supervisor Ashli Motyka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 17, 2018 for Council approval. Alderwoman Oberlin asked that a change be made on page 142, section 516. The wording should be changed from businesses donated to businesses participated.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderman Coladipietro, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 17, 2018 with the correction on page 142, section 516.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(61) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for a business presentation. Cindy Vigor, Laura Daily and Amy Hall from Senior Services of Will County gave a presentation to the Council in regards to a transportation program. Participants using the current senior bus program are asked to pay \$2.00 each way. This is to encourage riders to use the Dial-A-Ride program. The Senior Center is proposing a program that would allow volunteers to give rides to seniors 60 and older or disabled persons 18 and older. Volunteers would go through an extensive training program to participate. This would be a door to door service. Volunteers are not allowed to enter the premises and can only assist the residents from the door to the vehicle. Senior Services is asking the City to share the information on the program in case there are any residents who would like to volunteer as drivers. They are looking for at least 10 volunteer drivers for the Crest Hill

area. There are also ride packets that can be purchased that would provide round trip tickets to seniors. Mayor Soliman asked if the ride share would go out of Will County. Discussion followed. Alderwoman Oberlin asked about the ride share tickets. They can be purchased in packets of 20 one-way tickets for \$1,500.00. Discussion followed on the various ride shares that are currently offered through the township and individual senior communities. Senior Services is targeting residents who do not have access to transportation. Alderwoman Gazal asked how someone would qualify. There is a form that the resident would have to fill out and submit for approval. Laura Daily explained that Medicare does not pay for senior transportation. It is important that all seniors have access to transportation that is affordable. Alderman Albert asked if there is a specialized insurance you would need on your vehicle. Discussion followed on the application and requirements to qualify as a driver. Alderwoman Oberlin questioned the cost of the ride tickets. They are \$75.00 one way and are for the med car or for someone that needs specialized care.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (954) City Administrator Heather McGuire had no agenda items for discussion.

(963) Administrator McGuire announced that there will be a work session on Monday January 14, 2019 for discussion on the Raynor/Pasadena Engineering Proposal and the Draft Sign Ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (975) Director of Public Works Tom Migatz had no agenda items for discussion.

(979) Director Migatz announced that City received notification that Canadian National Railroad will be working on the crossing on Gaylord Road. This will cause the road to be closed from January 8, 2019 through January 9, 2019 to make the necessary repairs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (1003) Economic Development and Zoning Manager Scott McMaster had no agenda items for discussion.

(1009) Manager McMaster informed the Council that there is a correction in the Economic Development report. On the new commercial businesses it should show 20 instead of instead of 50 in the fourth quarter report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (1025) Police Chief Ed Clark had no agenda items for discussion. Alderwoman Oberlin thanked the Police Department for their quick response at an incident that recently occurred.

MAYOR: (1052) Mayor Soliman presented a request for an increase in the salary of Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mike Gale from \$50.00 per month to \$100.00 per month per the memo dated December 21, 2018. This request is due to the recent passing of Deputy Liquor Commissioner Vic Pavlich who held the position for 45 years.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Sklare, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the request for an increase in the salary of Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mike Gale from \$50.00 per month to \$100.00 per month per the memo dated December 21, 2018.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Coladipietro, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal.

NAYES: Ald. Oberlin, Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

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(1122) Alderman Albert feels that we should only have residents in these types of positions. Alderwoman Oberlin also agrees. Alderwoman Gazal explained that we currently have department heads who do not live in the City. Mr. Gale is already working for the City in this position.

(1196) Mayor Soliman explained that when Mr. Gale was appointed he was a resident of the City. When Mr. Gale moved, it was brought to the Council's attention. At that time the majority of the Council voted to retain Mr. Gale as Deputy Liquor Commissioner.

(1268) Mayor Soliman presented the liquor license and tobacco reports on file. Mayor Soliman informed the Council that we currently have 13 gaming license. Mayor Soliman commended the Police Department on a recent liquor license check. All establishments checked were in compliance with the ordinances.

CITY CLERK: (1386) City Clerk Vicki Hackney had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY TREASURER: (1402) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll in the amount of \$210,389.95 for the period of December 10, 2018 through December 23, 2018.

(1415) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$180,687.21 for Council approval.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$180,687.21 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay, Sklare, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1440) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1442) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1443) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1447) Alderwoman Sklare wished everyone a Happy New Year. Alderwoman Gazal reminded everyone that children will be returning to school after the holiday break so please use caution while driving. Alderwoman Oberlin wished everyone a Happy New Year. She asked that everyone please look out for your neighbors. Alderman Coladipietro also wished everyone a Happy New Year, and hopefully we will not get any snow. Alderman Albert thanked Senior Services for their presentation. Alderman Inman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1505) There were no citizens wishing to address Council.

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

(#4) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the January 7, 2019 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Sklare, Gazal, Oberlin, Coladipietro, Albert, Inman, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of January, 2019

As presented ✓

As amended _____

Vicki L. Hackney By: [Signature]
VICKI L. HACKNEY, CITY CLERK

Raymond R. Soliman
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR