

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
May 16, 2022

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 Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Deputy Chief Jason Opiola, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Economic Development Director Tony Budzikowski, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: Police Chief Ed Clark, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, Interim Economic Development Director Steve Gulden, Director of Information Technology Service Timothy Stinnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 2, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 2, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(42)

(56) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on May 9, 2022 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 9, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(59)

CITY ATTORNEY: (71) Attorney Stiff had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (78) City Administrator Jim Marino presented the Information Technology Purchases per the memo from May 2, 2022, amended May 16, 2022. This was discussed in a previous work session. The first request is for a 48-Month Lease Agreement with Dell Technologies for Computer Equipment in the amount of \$29,876.28.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the 48-Month Lease Agreement with Dell Technologies for Computer Equipment in the amount of \$29,876.28 per the memo from May 2, 2022, amended May 16, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(130)

(144) Administrator Marino presented a request to approve the Purchase of Computer Network Backup hardware with a 3-year Backup Service Plan from SHI International Corp. in the amount of \$42,870.00 per the memo dated May 2, 2022 amended May 16, 2022. He explained what the system would consist of. Alderperson Oberlin asked when this would be implemented. We are hoping by the end of the month.

(#4) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the Purchase of Computer Network Backup hardware with a 3-year Backup Service Plan from SHI International Corp. in the amount of \$42,870.00 per the memo dated May 2, 2022 amended May 16, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(206)

(225) Administrator Marino presented AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Alderman Jefferson questioned the wording “all corporate purposes.” Administrator Marino explained that these are the funds that were discussed during the public hearing.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Kubal, to approve AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1902

(236)

(278) Administrator Marino presented AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Kubal, to approve AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITY-WIDE BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1903

(284)

(309) Administrator Marino informed the Council that he had the final version of the vision report. He will email copies to the Council. He also thanked Public Works for all of their hard work during the open house. Alderwoman Gazal asked if there were any updates on the water damage at the City Center. Administrator Marino explained that the situation is still being assessed. The claims adjuster is scheduled to be out this week. There was also some damage done to the dais and the platform. Harbour is reaching out to the contractors who did the original work to get the replacement done. Alderman Cipiti asked if the repair timeline will be impacted by the insurance claim. It could. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we know how this incident happened. Administrator Marino would need to speak with the insurance company as to the extent of their investigation. Alderman Dyke asked if there is a way to see if there was a recall on the equipment to eliminate a future accident. Alderwoman Gazal questioned the air conditioning. It is now working. She would like to know what the problem was with it and who is overseeing the work being done in the building. Administrator Marino explained that we are working with Harbour on the buildings. Alderperson Oberlin asked that we make sure that we do not end up with mold in the building before we start putting new carpet and other items back in place. This is one of the assessments that the insurance company does. As soon as the supervisor from Harbor discovered that the sprinkler went off, the system was shut down and a restoration company was immediately called in to start the cleaning process. Alderman Vershay asked why the alarm was not activated when the system went off. This is also being investigated. Discussion followed on the sprinkler heads and the alarm system. Deputy Chief Opiola explained that he has been in contact with Wescom to get the necessary paperwork filed for the alarm system. Alderman Jefferson asked if this incident is going to impact the budget for the building. Administrator Marino explained that this is going to be an insurance claim. Alderwoman Gazal questioned the bridge insurance. This will cover us until we have occupancy, then our regular insurance will take effect.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (736) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented a request for the Approval of a Proposal with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. To Perform Professional Engineering Services Related Water Main Lining along Plainfield Road per the memo dated April 29, 2022.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve a Proposal with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. To Perform Professional Engineering Services Related Water Main Lining along Plainfield Road per the memo dated April 29, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(762)

(785) Director Siefert presented a request for an Agreement with Strand and Associates, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services (Services) for the Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Implementation Plan & Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Project Planning Document dated June 7, 2021.

(#8) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve an Agreement with Strand and Associates, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services (Services) for the Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Implementation Plan & Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Project Planning Document dated June 7, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(840)

(860) Director Siefert presented a request for the Approval of an Agreement with Strand and Associates, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services (Services) for the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT) desktop study per the memo dated May 10, 2022. Director Siefert presented a request for the Approval of an Agreement with Cornwell Engineering Group, Inc. to conduct an OCCT Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT) Desktop Study Intended to Evaluate the Change of Treated Water to Lake Michigan per the memo dated May 10, 2022.

(#9) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve an Agreement with Strand and Associates, Inc. to Provide Engineering Services (Services) for the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT) desktop study per the memo dated June 7, 2021.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(920)

(#10) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve a request for the Approval of an Agreement with Cornwell Engineering Group, Inc. to conduct an OCCT Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT) Desktop Study Intended to Evaluate the Change of Treated Water to Lake Michigan per the memo dated May 10, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(943)

(959) Director Siefert thanked the Council members who attended the Public Works Open House. We had roughly 250 in attendance. He thanked the City Staff, Utility Billing Department, Police Department, and everyone who helped out. Alderwoman Gazal commended everyone who participated in the event. The Mayor also commended the City Staff, and Crest Hill Lions Club for their participation in this event. Alderman Albert commended everyone who participated in the event. Alderman Cipiti commended everyone who participated in the event.

CITY ENGINEER: (1115) City Engineer Ron Weideman presented a request to Award a Contract for Concrete Flatwork to J&J Newell Concrete Construction in the amount of \$40,226.00 per the memo dated May 10, 2022. He briefly went over the contract.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve a request to Award a Contract for Concrete Flatwork to J&J Newell Concrete Construction in the amount of \$40,226.00 per the memo dated May 10, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Jefferson, Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1167)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (1194) Economic Development Director Tony Budzikowski had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file. He thanked the City Staff for welcoming him to the City.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (1208) Deputy Police Chief Jason Opiola had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file. He reminded the residents that the Police will be out over the Memorial Day weekend checking for seatbelt violations.

MAYOR: (1230) Mayor Raymond Soliman had no agenda items for discussion. The annual cleanup of the Memorial Garden took place on May 13, 2022. He thanked everyone who volunteered in the cleanup. The Mayor announced that the annual Memorial Day program will take place on Monday May 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. The Mayor announced that the Lockport Fire Department held their awards banquet, and it was a nice program. He commended everyone who was recognized. Mayor Soliman announced that Chaney-Monge recently held their DARE graduation program. He also attended the Peace Officer Memorial today at Carillon Lakes. Richland Grade School will be hosting their DARE program. The Mayor commended everyone who is graduating this year.

CITY CLERK: (1440) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items for discussion.

(1446) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced that the spring city wide garage sale would take place from May 19, 2022 through May 22, 2022. The cost for a permit is \$5.00 and the deadline to get on the list is Tuesday May 17, 2022.

CITY TREASURER: (1467) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from April 25, 2022 through May 8, 2022 in the amount of \$245,051.50.

(1477) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,270,462.75 for Council approval.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,270,462.75.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Gazal, Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1485)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1504) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1506) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1507) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1510) Alderperson Oberlin announced that there will be a cleanup at the Lidice Memorial on May 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The 80th memorial anniversary of Lidice will take place on Sunday June 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Alderman Cipiti congratulated all of the graduates along with his son Thomas. Alderman Dyke asked that everyone remember our Veterans on Memorial Day. Alderwoman Gazal congratulated the Richland Band on their recent State win.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1621) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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

(#13) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the May 16, 2022 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Dyke, Vershay, Jefferson, Gazal.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1630)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved this 6 day of JUNE, 2022

As presented ✓

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK



RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR