

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
July 18, 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, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Deputy Police Chief Jason Opiola.

Absent were: Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Police Chief Ed Clark, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni, Economic and Development Director Tony Budzikowski, Director of Information Technology Service Timothy Stinnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 5 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 5, 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.

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CITY ATTORNEY: (49) City Attorney Mike Stiff had no agenda items for discussion.

(54) Alderwoman Gaza asked why the minutes from the work session on July 11, 2022 were not in the packet. Clerk Vershay-Hall explained that due to the length of the meeting and being short staffed they were not done until late Friday afternoon. They will be in the next packet.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (69) City Administrator Jim Marino presented a request for the Approval of AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMING FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL per the memo dated July 18, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session but needed some clarification on who would pay the fee. The language in the existing ordinance matches what is spelled out in the State Statutes. The fee would be split equally between the terminal operator and the licensed establishment.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to approve AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMING FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL per the memo dated July 18, 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.

Ordinance #1916

(100)

(124) Administrator Marino presented AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 26 (FINANCE DIRECTOR) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE per the memo dated July 18, 2022. This was discussed at a prior work session. The ordinance was prepared according to what was discussed at the work session. Administrator Marino suggested that the Council take no action on this ordinance per the memo. Ordinance #1869 changed Finance Supervisor to Finance Director and added additional duties. Approval of the proposed ordinance will revert certain duties to the Supervisor and this position was previously eliminated. The Finance Director position would be eliminated, and the Mayor would have to appoint a Supervisor. Also, approval of this ordinance would cause certain duties with no one to perform them. Alderman Albert had several questions on this ordinance and would like to see it tabled for further discussion. Alderwoman Gaza asked if the Attorney looked the ordinance over. The Attorney made the changes to the ordinance per the request of the Council. Treasurer Conklin said that we can bring this ordinance back for further discussion to make sure the wording is done correctly to benefit the City. Attorney Stiff explained that there are two ordinance #1689 and ordinance #1869 that we are actually dealing with. Ordinance #1869 changed the name of the Finance Supervisor to Finance Director and added additional duties. Alderwoman Gazal asked if the Attorney would be available at the next work session to go over both of these ordinance with the Council. The Attorney explained that he would be available or someone from his office would be. Treasurer Conklin asked if the changes that have been stated by the Council would be doable. The Attorney went over the changes that were made to ordinance #1689. He then went over the amendment that could be made to ordinance #1869 to make it what the Council is requesting. The Attorney explained that the Council will have to address the section that pertains to other duties as assigned by the City Administrator. Alderperson Oberlin asked that the Council be provided with copies of both of the ordinances to be discussed as well as the proposed ordinance. Alderman Albert asked if there was an urgency to get this done tonight. There was not. It was decided to discuss this further at the work session. Alderwoman Gazal explained that we are just trying to make sure that the Council is provided with the necessary information. Alderperson Oberlin asked the Treasurer if he had a problem with this being tabled. He did not believe it needs to be discussed in the work session. We can make the changes that were discussed and have it back for a vote at the next regular meeting.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Kubal, to TABLE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 26 (FINANCE DIRECTOR) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE per the memo dated July 18, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Jefferson.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED, and the request was TABLED.

(156)

(621) Roll call then followed on motion #3.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Vershay, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin to place the amendment to ordinance #1689 and ordinance #1869 with the changes as requested on the next work session agenda.

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.

(646)

(670) Alderman Dyke asked if we could have discussion on the fireworks ordinance at the next work session. Attorney Stiff did research on the ordinance and would have information for the Council at the next work session.

(695) Alderman Vershay asked how we are coming along with the complaints regarding the rusty water. Director Siefert explained that we have tried to reach out to the resident, but the phone number we have on file has been disconnected. The hydrant was flushed and is scheduled to be done bi-monthly. Alderman Vershay would get a current phone number for the resident.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (748) Public Works Director Siefert had no agenda items for discussion.

CITY ENGINEER: (756) City Engineer Ron Wiedeman presented AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS per the memo dated July 18, 2022. This request is for professional design engineering services for roadway and pedestrian lighting around the new City Center Complex.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS per the memo dated July 18, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Ordinance #1917

(804)

(832) Engineer Wiedeman presented a request to Award the Contract to Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the 2022/2023 MFT City Wide Pavement Marking Contract in the amount of \$61,207.00 per the memo dated July 18, 2022.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve A Request to Award the Contract to Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the 2022/2023 MFT City Wide Pavement Marking Contract in the amount of \$61,207.00 per the memo dated July 18, 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.

(847)

(868) Engineer Wiedeman presented a request to Approve the Execution of a Proposal with Hitchcock Design Group for Design Engineering Services for the City Welcome signs in the Amount of \$20,150.00 per the memo dated July 18, 2022. This was discussed at a previous work session. Alderman Albert asked if we are working on the locations. Could we place the digital signs at some of the locations where we had proposed City signs. Engineer Wiedeman explained that there were four locations discussed for digital signs. We are working with the digital sign company to finalize the locations. Alderman Albert questioned the intersection of McGilvray and Weber. Engineer Wiedeman explained that this was not a location that the sign company was in favor of. He explained why they preferred the City Center location. There is a potential to add additional signs in the future. Alderwoman Gazal asked the Engineer to go over what signs are going to be placed first. Discussion followed on the primary locations. Alderman Albert wants to make sure that we don't place the signs and then take them down to put up a digital sign. Engineer Wiedeman explained why some of the original proposed locations would not work due to certain restrictions. Alderman Cipiti questioned a location in the shopping center. IDOT would not allow it as it is within one of their restricted areas. Alderman Cipiti asked if we had reached out to the Forest Preserve regarding the placement of a digital sign near their property. Engineer Wiedeman could contact them and get their input on it.

(#7) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve the Execution of a Proposal with Hitchcock Design Group for Design Engineering Services for the City Welcome Signs in the Amount of \$20,150.00 per the memo dated July 18, 2022.

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.

(879)

(1190) Alderwoman Gazal questioned the status of the poles. Engineer Wiedeman said that there are 10 poles that are in question. Once the components are removed from the poles, Com-Ed will come in and remove the poles themselves. A new service had to be put in and that is why the old ones will eventually be removed. Alderwoman Gazal asked that the Engineer call in regard to one pole in particular that she feels is a safety hazard.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (1264) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (1267) Deputy Police Chief Jason Opiola had no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

MAYOR: (1280) Mayor Raymond Soliman had no agenda items for discussion.

(1285) Mayor Soliman addressed the incident that occurred at Forza's. The liquor license was suspended. We had a fact finding meeting and the owner agreed to surrender the liquor license. The owner declined the right to a full hearing. They will still be able to sell food and non-alcoholic beverages. The Mayor was disturbed by the events that happened on the night in question. He apologized to the residents. There was a lot of negativity regarding this event.

CITY CLERK: (1408) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced that the city wide garage sale will be August 18, 19, 20, 21, 2022. Permits can be purchased from the Clerk's Office. The last day to get on the list will be Tuesday August 16, 2022. The cost of a permit is \$5.00. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CITY TREASURER: (1438) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$778,192.74 for Council approval.

(#8) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Dyke, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$778,192.74 as presented.

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.

(1452)

(1467) Treasurer Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from June 20, 2022 to July 3, 2022 in the amount of \$278,945.44.

(1483) Alderman Vershay commended Treasurer Conklin for the banner he provided for the Torch Run for Special Olympics that our Police Department participated in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1496) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1498) Alderman Jefferson sent out an email regarding the IML conference. He would like an update as to whether the Council would be attending the conference. Clerk Vershay-Hall thought that the employee who sent the email was waiting for approval from the Mayor and Administrator to continue with the paperwork for the conference. Discussion followed on registration. Treasurer Conklin suggested following the same guidelines for the conference as we do for City Staff when they attend conferences overnight. The Mayor thought that we had a policy in place. The City pays for parking, hotel, and registration. Alderman Albert would like to have a brief discussion on this subject at the work session.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1635) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1642) Alderwoman Gazal announced that the Meet and Great in the Park will take place on Wednesday at the park in Renaissance Crossing on Zausa Drive from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She went over the activities that will be taking place.

Aldermoman Gazal offered her condolences to Alderman Cipiti on the loss of his mother. Alderman Jefferson also gave his condolences to Alderman Cipiti. In regard to the calls he received about a coyote sighting, he has contacted animal control. Alderman Dyke also offered his condolences to Alderman Cipiti. Treasurer Conklin wished the Mayor and Alderperson Oberlin a happy birthday.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1725) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

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

(#9) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the July 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

(1735)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved this 7 day of August, 2022  
As presented ✓  
As amended \_\_\_\_\_

  
CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR