

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
August 7, 2023

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, 20600 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Soliman asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Eric Newberry who was fifty-five years old when he passed away on August 2, 2023. Eric was a former employee who served several years in the Public Works Department and was a Foreman for many of those years. We would like to offer our condolences to his wife Tracy and family members.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman John Vershay, Alderman Darrell Jefferson, Alderwoman Claudia Gazal, Alderperson Tina Oberlin, Alderman Mark Cipiti, Alderman Nate Albert, Alderman Joe Kubal.

Also present were: Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Police Chief Ed Clark, Assistant Public Work Director Blaine Kline, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Building Commissioner Don Seeman, Building Administrative Clerk Zoe Gates, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Deputy Clerk Karen Kozerka.

Absent were: Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 17, 2023 for Council approval per the memo date August 7, 2023.

(#1) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 17, 2023 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on July 24, 2023 for Council approval per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Vershay seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting held on July 24, 2023 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on July 31, 2023 for Council approval per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

(#3) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting held on July 31, 2023 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney Mike Stiff requested to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 12.3-2 Meetings of the City of Crest Hill Zoning Ordinance per the memo dated August 7, 2023. Attorney Stiff commented that this was heard by the Plan Commission and had a favorable vote to amend the zoning ordinance to remove the date and time of the Plan Commission meetings which will allow the Plan Commission flexibility for scheduling and to make sure that they have a quorum. This Text Amendment application was made by the city at the request of the Plan Commission. A public hearing was noticed and held at the Plan Commission meeting on July 19, 2023.

Section 12.3-2 Meetings will now read: All meetings of the Plan Commission shall be held at the call of the Chairperson, and at such times as the Plan Commission may determine.

Attorney Stiff stated that with this changing of the ordinance the Plan Commission determined to change the meeting day to the second Thursday of each month. He also commented that the Plan Commission has already approved the remainder of the calendar for the rest of 2023.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Cipiti seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 12.3-2 Meetings of the City of Crest Hill Zoning Ordinance per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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 # 1958

City Attorney Mike Stiff requested to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Crest Hill (Application of A&D Storage, LLC) per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

Attorney Stiff commented that this is a Special Use permit to operate a self-storage facility at the property located on the southwest corner of Renwick Road and Borio Drive. This has already been heard before the Council at a Work Session and there was a public hearing before the Plan Commission on July 19, 2023 with a unanimous favorable vote with six (6) conditions. He also commented that at the hearing one resident was in attendance and her questions and concerns were answered and a condition was made from her concern. The six (6) conditions are as follows:

- The fencing along Renwick Road and Borio Drive will be 6' in height on the east, north, and west sides for security purposes and 8' in height on the south side and must be in compliance with section 8.2-14 of the zoning ordinance.
- Recommendation is conditional on the approval of a final landscaping plan, which will include additional landscaping along the west property line to further screen the overhead doors from the west, on the north to further screen the buildings and the use of full masonry on the east side to further screen those buildings. (Another updated landscaping plan has been submitted and, in the packet, tonight).
- Recommendation is conditional on approval of the final site plan, final photometric and signage plan and final engineering review and approval.
- Recommendation is conditional on the City of Crest Hill Police Department's review and approval of the security plan.
- The hours of business will be from 7:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. and the access keycode will be timed out from 9:00p.m. to 7:00a.m. to prevent entry.
- Increase in the fence height and deviation from the required building materials is considered under the approval of the special use.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if anything would affect the ponds? Steve Gulden, a consultant for A&D Storage, commented that his understanding is that the ponds were built to accommodate the construction and improvements of all the out lots, which would mean there would be no impact on the ponds.

Alderman Cipiti questioned the volume of water with the additional drainage on the lot into the ponds and wondered what oversight would be and not just the volume of water but the quality of water? Alderwoman Gazal commented that the association would be maintaining these ponds. Steve Gulden commented that A&D Storage is part of the association, and they will pay for the maintenance of the ponds which would be to stop algae and make sure water quality is maintained but that is up to the association. Attorney Stiff commented that the ponds are for stormwater retention, there will be no discharge into these ponds. City Engineer Ron Wiedeman commented that these ponds are built to hold stormwater and are the protection of our lakes and waters and by building these ponds they are settling ponds. He also commented that every road drains directly into ponds and every pond is going to get coolant from cars, oil, gasoline, etc. and by the time the water travels through the system and arrives at the rivers and creeks it is clean by then. Engineer Wiedeman stated that when these ponds get to shallow an algae problem and fish kill will happen but that is up to the association to treat these properly. Alderwoman Gazal commented on the record that there are no chemicals being dumped.

Steven Gulden thanked the City Council for taking the time and hearing A&D Storage out. He also thanked Interim Planner Rigoni for all the input. He stated that A&D Storage wants

to be a great neighbor and a great business to the City of Crest Hill, and they look forward to being in business in the City of Crest Hill for a very long time.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if there is a way to see the landscaping plan during the process. Steve commented that Interim Planner Maura Rigoni can provide the landscaping plan to the Council. Steve commented that the landscaping plan is 99.9% of what it will look like. Steve also commented that if there are any changes when breaking ground, he will make sure that the City Council gets an updated plan.

Alderman Albert asked if there will be an easement for a welcome sign in the future. Steve commented that there is an easement for signage in the landscaping plan and it is approximately 15x15 triangle on the corner.

Mayor Soliman asked the owner of the property, Rudy Dixon, to approach the podium. Mayor Soliman asked if Rudy agrees with all six (6) of the conditions as described in the ordinance. Rudy replied stating that he agrees with all the conditions.

Mayor Soliman asked if anyone in the audience would like to approach the podium and speak regarding case number SU-23-4-6-1 for a special use application of Rudy Dixon for a self-storage facility located at the southwest corner of Borio Drive and Renwick Road. There was no one in the audience that approached the podium.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that her and Alderman Jefferson were under a lot of pressure, and she was against this as well in the beginning but after listening to both parties and reviewing the plans, she feels this is the best thing that could happen for this corner lot. She commented that she feels they have done everything they could have and made the best decision for the City of Crest Hill.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Crest Hill (Application of A&D Storage, LLC) per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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 # 1959

Mayor Soliman congratulated Rudy Dixon and welcomed him to the City of Crest Hill.

City Attorney Mike Stiff requested to Approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement by and Between the City of Crest Hill and Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for the Services of Mark Siefert in Connection with the City of Crest Hill Water Allocation Application with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

Attorney Stiff commented that this agreement will terminate upon the conclusion of the IDNR Allocation hearing on August 30, 2023 or any continuance of said hearing.

Alderman Cipiti asked Attorney Stiff if he read over the last two pages of the standard terms and conditions and if he is comfortable with it. Attorney Stiff stated he did read over the agreement, and he is comfortable with the terms and conditions. He stated it is a time and material contract.

Alderman Oberlin questioned if Attorney Stiff agrees with the way the agreement is worded. Attorney Stiff stated that it means if they do not perform, we can terminate the agreement and if we do not perform (i.e., pay) they can terminate the agreement.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement by and Between the City of Crest Hill and Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for the Services of Mark Siefert in Connection with the City of Crest Hill Water Allocation Application with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

Resolution # 1185

City Attorney Mike Stiff commented that he had looked at the ProChamps and HERA contracts side by side and there were a couple significant differences. He stated that he had reached out to HERA for a Microsoft Word version of the document so he can make changes to the document, and he was not able to get his changes to the document back to HERA in time for tonight's meeting. Attorney Stiff suggested that he would get the changes to HERA and get their response in time for the next work session meeting to discuss.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: There were no agenda items for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Assistant Director of Public Works, Blaine Kline requested Approval of Pay Request #6 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for an Amount of \$1,140,223.50 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, for Approval of Pay Request #6 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for an Amount of \$1,140,223.50 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.



Assistant Public Works Director Blaine Kline requested Approval of Pay Request #12 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for an Amount of \$211,662.63 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve a Pay Request #12 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for an Amount of \$211,662.63 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

Assistant Public Works Director, Blaine Kline commented that there is a change order for the West Plant and the city staff along with Strand and Vissering Construction for some modifications to the West Treatment Project that resulted in a deduction in the amount of \$6,933.00. Assistant Public Works Director, Blaine Kline requested to Approve Change Order #3 with Vissering Construction for a Deduct of \$6,933.00 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if we are on schedule with the project? Assistant Director Blaine Kline stated that they did not ask for an extension, and we remain on time. Alderman Cipiti asked to be reminded what the anticipated date for completion is? Dominic Gattone, from Strand Associates stated substantial completion is June 1, 2026 with final completion December 1, 2026.

(#9) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve Change Order #3 with Vissering Construction for a Deduct of \$6,933.00 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

CITY ENGINEER: City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve a Resolution Accepting and Approving a Monument Sign Easement Agreement (Carillon Lakes Homeowner's Association) per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

Alderperson Oberlin thanked the association for doing this for the city and stated that it is much appreciated.

(#10) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to Approve a Resolution Accepting and Approving a Monument Sign Easement Agreement (Carillon Lakes Homeowner's Association) per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.  
Resolution #1186

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Award the Contract to Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the Gaylord Pavement Marking Program (Section No 24-00000-00-GM) in the Amount of \$23,790.95 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

Aldersperson Oberlin commented that once the work is done on Theodore and Cedarwood it will be stripped. Engineer Wiedeman commented that the entire section of Theodore from Gaylord to six corners will be resurfaced toward the end of the West Plant Construction Project and at that point the entire section will be marked.

Alderman Cipiti asked when there will be a left turn lane at that intersection. Engineer Wiedeman commented that it is on the agenda tonight and as soon as it is awarded and under contract within thirty days from now and should be done by the end of the year.

Alderman Albert questioned the stripping on Gaylord at six corners. He commented that a tremendous number of cars stack up in the left turn lane going northbound, but heading for the west, and he questioned how it is striped in the drawing. He stated that he fears cars will stack up trying to turn into the shopping area and he is curious if the stacking is long enough as it should be. Engineer Wiedeman commented that he used the same amount of stacking that is out there today, but he did say that people could use the striped area to pull into, but he could also modify and add additional stacking. Aldersperson Oberlin commented that she deals with this everyday and cars do not get into the left lane until they are at the light causing others to miss the light. Alderman Cipiti commented even if it is striped, he feels that with the volume of traffic northbound heading westbound onto Route 30 and it will stack due to the shopping area so close to the light. Engineer Wiedeman stated he can easily extend the stacking.

(#11) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Aldersperson Oberlin, to Award the Contract to Precision Pavement Marking, Inc. for the Gaylord Pavement Marking Program (Section No 24-00000-00-GM) in the Amount of \$23,790.95 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell to Perform Financial Engineering Services to Update the City's Financial Plan for Water and Sewer Utility for an Amount of \$16,768.00 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

(#12) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Aldersperson Oberlin, to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell to Perform Financial Engineering Services to Update the City's Financial Plan for Water and Sewer Utility for an Amount of \$16,768.00 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Award the contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Company in the amount of \$659,933.23 for the Theodore at Gaylord/Cedarwood Dr. Traffic Signal & Resurfacing Improvement per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

Alderman Albert commented that this is higher than the engineers estimate but when is the engineers estimate done. Engineer Wiedeman commented that the resurfacing of Borio and Prairie came way under, and we are still within budget with the two together.

(#13) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Award the contract to P.T. Ferro Construction Company in the amount of \$659,933.23 for the Theodore at Gaylord/Cedarwood Dr. Traffic Signal & Resurfacing Improvement per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Building Administrative Clerk Zoe Gates requested Approval of Rental Registration Website per the memo dated August 7, 2023. She commented that this is a rental registration web-based software referred to as Tolemi BuildingBlocks that was discussed at the last work session meeting. Zoe commented that we have a rental program by ordinance that requires registration for rental properties. She commented that the registration process is manual and placed into an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of the rentals. Currently there are 2,145 registered rental properties in the city. She also commented that the current software the city is using (Caselle) does not have the capability to track anything other than rental inspections. This software will help track all registration and identify more rental properties that the city is not aware of. This software will allow us to notify these property managers of the registration and inspection requirements. There is an added bonus where the public can go to the website and look for a rental and see what is available in the area.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Jefferson, for Approval of the Tolemi BuildingBlocks Program Website to Register and Track the Information of Rental Properties in the City of Crest Hill in the Amount of \$27,600.00 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Ed Clark requested to Approve a Special Event Police Services Agreement with the Crest Hill Lions Club per the memo dated August 7, 2023. This agreement is for the request of two (2) Police Officers at the Lions Club Laua on September 3, 2023 from 7:00p.m. until 10:00p.m.

(#15) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve a Special Event Police Services Agreement with the Crest Hill Lions Club per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert, Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

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

Police Chief Ed Clark announced that our two newly hired officers are graduating from the Police Academy on August 17, 2023 and then they will have three (3) months of field training. He also announced they will be hiring two (2) more additional Police Officers on August 14, 2023 and they will start the Cook County Academy on August 28, 2023.

Alderman Dyke asked if there will be a work session to report the findings of the Ford Explorer that was damaged. Police Chief Ed Clark commented that we can have a work session for the findings.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that the 'Meet at the Park' and 'Touch a Truck' events are canceled for the month of August. She commented that she did not want to put more pressure on the department heads since they are already overloaded. She also thanked Chief Clark and Assistant Director Blain Kline for all their help with these events.

MAYOR: Mayor Soliman announced that in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 4, 2023 the City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall requested Approval of Six (6) Additional Temporary Sign Permits for Crest Hill Smoke Shop per the memo dated August 7, 2023. These temporary sign permits will run from August 11, 2023 through October 9, 2023, if approved.

(#16) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, for Approval of Six (6) Additional Temporary Sign Permits for Crest Hill Smoke Shop per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced our City-Wide Garage Sale will be Thursday, August 17, 2023 through Sunday, August 20, 2023. The deadline to register is August 15, 2023. Maps and lists will be available online and at the City Center on August 16, 2023. You will need to have a permit and the cost of the permit is \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from July 3, 2023 through July 16, 2023 in the amount of \$262,295.74 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from July 17, 2023 through July 30, 2023 in the amount of \$232,786.34 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the Quarterly Compensation Buy Back Through July 27, 2023 in the Amount of \$17,187.42 per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the list of bills through August 8, 2023 in the amount of \$2,780,935.99 for Council approval per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

(#17) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve the List of Bills through August 8, 2023 in the Amount of \$2,780,935.99 for Council Approval per the memo dated August 7, 2023.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Dyke asked if anyone has addressed the landscaping company regarding the dead landscaping and the sand that is washed out between the paver blocks at the City Center. Mayor Soliman commented that Assistant Director Blaine Kline had contacted K&D Landscaping and was told it could have been from the drought or wind damage. Assistant Blaine Kline commented that they are working through the warranty issues currently and they are also looking at a sealant for the sand and will have an update soon. Mayor Soliman commented that the sprinkler system has been improved and is working.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that we should consider not planting these kinds of trees. She commented that they grow so tall and hide the memorial and we can look at planting something else. Mayor Soliman said the thought was to provide shade, but we can certainly look at something similar and less in height.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderperson Oberlin congratulated our City Attorney Mike Stiff on his first grandchild.

Alderman Albert announced the Crest Hills Lions Club Luau is Sunday, September 3, 2023 at St. Joe's Park and will be from 12:00p.m. until 10:00p.m. There will be a car show from 12:00p.m. until 4:00p.m., a vendor fair from 12:00p.m. until 5:00p.m., and bingo will be from 1:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. There are also raffles, kids' activities, and live entertainment.

Alderman Dyke announced that children will be going back to school soon and everyone needs to be mindful of the children and slow down.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Dyke, a resident at 1700 Kelly, asked the Police Chief who tickets the cars, if it is a regular officer or a CSO? Police Chief Ed Clark commented that it could be either a regular officer or a CSO. Linda commented that she does not believe tickets are getting written for parking in their front yards. Police Chief Clark commented that Police Officers have written tickets for registration violations but not for parking in the lawn since the residents had moved their vehicles. Linda questioned if anything had been done about the house on Wilcox Street. Police Chief commented that over the last couple of years they have ran covert narcotic investigations on this house and made several arrests and have discussed this with Alderman Dyke. He also stated he has submitted documentation to the Housing Authority of Joliet to try and get a restriction of funds. Police Chief Clark also stated he has talked to the Landlord and the Landlord said he would do something and has not, so the next step is to show up on the gentleman's door. Linda commented that there is a lot of traffic out of that house with backpacks and vehicles will drop people off and then a little later they leave and start walking and that vehicle will return and pick that person up. Police Chief Clark commented that he recently received an email regarding that residence and has notified the undercover narcotics unit and the city will be having extra patrol in the area.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

(#18) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderperson Oberlin to go into executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Kubal.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive Session 8:01 p.m.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if the Finance Director Lisa Banovetz could be in the executive session to answer some questions.

(#19) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to reconvene from the executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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.

Reconvened 8:33 p.m.

Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an additional executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

(#20) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti to go into an additional executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

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.

Executive Session 8:34 p.m.

(#21) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to reconvene from the additional executive session on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

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.

Reconvened 9:07 p.m.

There being no further business before the Council, and no action needed from the executive sessions, a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#22) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the August 7, 2023 Council meeting.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Approved this 21 day of AUGUST, 2023  
As presented ✓  
As amended \_\_\_\_\_

  
CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR