

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
April 1, 2024

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 for everyone to remain standing after the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Soliman announced that Betty Lou Semplinski has passed away. He commented that Betty Lou was a life-long Crest Hill resident who was a very well-respected citizen of the City of Crest Hill. Betty Lou gave twenty years of her life serving as Alderwoman for Ward II from 1981 through 1985, again in 1989 through 1993, and then in 1995 until 2007. Betty Lou's son, Ray Semplinski, worked as the Director of Public Works and the Building Commissioner for the City of Crest Hill, and her grandson, Brian Semplinski, has been with the City of Crest Hill for twenty plus years as a Lead Mechanic. Mayor Soliman, and the City of Crest Hill, wish to offer our condolences to the Semplinski family. Mayor Soliman would like to thank Betty Lou for her years of service and her commitment, dedication, and loyalty to the City of Crest Hill and asked for everyone to keep Betty Lou and the Semplinski family in their prayers. Mayor Soliman asked for a Moment of Silence for the remembrance of Betty Lou Semplinski.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Treasurer Glen Conklin, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, 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: Interim City Administrator Tony Graff, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Interim Public Works Director Mike Eulitz, Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Interim Director of Community Development Ron Mentzer, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Deputy Clerk Karen Kozierka, Administrative Clerk Zoe Gates.

Absent were: Interim City Planner Maura Rigoni, Building Commissioner Don Seeman.

PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a Public Hearing with Respect to a Sign Ordinance Variation for the Lucky Brothers 2 Inc. Shell Gas Station located at the southwest corner of Caton Farm Road and Illinois Route 53/Broadway Street.

(#1) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Dyke, to Open a Public Hearing for a Sign Ordinance Variation for Lucky Brothers 2 Inc. Shell Gas Station located at the southwest corner of Caton Farm Road and Illinois Route 53/Broadway Street.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that the agenda does not state that it is a Public Hearing and wondered if we can hold the Public Hearing. City Attorney Mike Stiff commented that we can hold the Public Hearing since it was published in the newspaper and the notifications were mailed out to the adjoining landowners.

Aldersperson Oberlin commented that she motions to amend the agenda to reflect the Public Hearing on this item. Alderman Dyke includes the same with his second motion.

(#1) Motion by Aldersperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Dyke to Amend the Agenda Item to Include Public Hearing.

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.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Attorney Stiff commented that since the agenda item was amended, the Public Hearing would need reopened.

(#2) Motion by Aldersperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Reopen the Public Hearing on a Sign Ordinance Variation for the Lucky Brothers 2 Inc. Shell Gas Station located at the southwest corner of Caton Farm Road and Illinois Route 53/Broadway Street.

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.

The Public Hearing was reopened at 7:05 p.m.

Interim Community Development Director Ron Mentzer informed the City Council that there is a new Shell gas station under construction on the southwest corner of Caton Farm Road and Broadway. The owner has applied for a sign at the corner of the intersection on private property. The proposed sign is taller and larger in area than what the City's Sign ordinance provisions allow for. The ordinance allows for signs to be fifteen feet tall and seventy square feet and this sign would be twenty-six feet tall and approximately 110 square feet.

Interim Director Mentzer commented that this afternoon the representative of the applicant submitted a written request on behalf of their client to continue the Public Hearing to the May 6, 2024 meeting, to provide the applicant more time to revise the design of the proposed sign with a goal to comply with the City's height restrictions. Interim Director Mentzer stated that he feels it would be appropriate to continue the Public Hearing to May 6, 2024.

Mayor Soliman asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the request of Lucky Brothers for the Gas Station sign. Let the record show that no one has approached the podium to speak for or against Lucky Brothers Gas Station.

Mayor Soliman asked for a motion to continue this Public Hearing until May 6, 2024.

(#3) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Continue the Public Hearing on May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Attorney Mike Stiff recommended a roll call vote to continue/recess the decision of the Public Hearing to May 6, 2024.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to continue/recess the decision of the Public Hearing to May 6, 2024.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2024 for Council approval per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

(#5) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on March 18, 2024 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the Work Session meeting held on March 25, 2024 for Council approval per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

(#6) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve the Minutes from the Work Session Meeting Held on March 25, 2024 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

ABSENT: None.

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

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney Mike Stiff commented that he had no agenda items for discussion but would be happy to answer any questions. Alderwoman Gazal asked if

Attorney Stiff had any updates on the Sikich Company. Attorney Stiff commented that he has not had a chance since he has returned from vacation but will call and get an update.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Interim City Administrator Tony Graff commented that Interim HR Manager Dave Strahl wanted to make sure that everyone had received the background information that was not attached to his memo at the last meeting and wanted some reassurance that the posting for the Public Works Director is still moving forward so he can start the posting and the prescreening process. Alderwoman Gazal asked why that is not on the agenda tonight. Interim City Administrator Graff stated that per the attorney this does not need to be on the agenda since it is more of a process about the posting.

Alderwoman Gazal asked the Council if they are okay with just receiving an email and not reviewing this at a meeting. Attorney Stiff commented that he thought his recommendation was to have this item on the agenda, but no resolution was needed and just have a memo requesting the Council's approval and direction.

Treasurer Glen Conklin commented that a job posting is not something that requires a resolution or Council action. He stated that it was originally put on as informational to let the Council know he would like to begin the process, however, the Council asked him to halt the process, but Interim Manager Strahl wanted consensus, but this does not need a formal vote or resolution.

Alderwoman Gazal asked Interim Public Works Director Mike Eulitz if he wanted to stay longer. Interim Public Works Director Eulitz commented that he would stay. Alderwoman Gazal commented that she wanted to clarify since she heard something different.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Interim Public Works Director Mike Eulitz requested to Approve Change Order No. 2 with Williams Brothers Construction, Inc. for the East Water Reclamation Facility Phosphorus Removal Upgrades with a Deduction in the Amount of \$54,145.09 per the memo dated April 1, 2024. This is a result of credits for work not needed for this project and the balancing of completed construction items. Some of the larger additions were the additional power source required in the 4000-flow meter vault, additional rock excavation and Revision 1 to provide new dissolved oxygen and oxidation reduction potential sensors to replace sensors in the oxidation ditch. Some of the larger deductions were the remove and replace the power feed to the diversion structure under the railroad right-of-way, the credit for gate services, reduction in parking lot size and startup of the generator and the credit for removal of unsuitable materials.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve Change Order No. 2 with Williams Brothers Construction, Inc. for the East Water Reclamation Facility Phosphorus Removal Upgrades with a Deduction in the Amount of \$54,145.09 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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.

Alderman Vershay wanted to thank the Public Works employees who had to come out on their holiday to fix a sign issue and take care of another sign issue that was on Center Street. He also commented that people say they do not do their job, but they do, and he wanted to thank and congratulate the employees of Public Works.

CITY ENGINEER: City Engineer Ron Wiedeman commented that they had fourteen local contractors pick up bids and eight contractors provide bids. These bids were opened on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. These bids ranged from \$1,533,203.21 to \$2,401,295.94. Engineer Wiedeman requested to Award the Contract to H. Linden & Sons Sewer and Water for the Parkrose Street Water Main Replacement and Road Reconstruction Improvement in the Amount of \$1,533,203.21 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to Award the Contract to H. Linden & Sons Sewer and Water for the Parkrose Street Water Main Replacement and Road Reconstruction Improvement in the Amount of \$1,533,203.21 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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 Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Parkrose Street Water Main Replacement and Road Reconstruction Improvement by and Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for an Amount of \$183,137.00 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to Approve a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Parkrose Street Water Main Replacement and Road Reconstruction Improvement by and Between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. for an Amount of \$183,137.00 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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 #1215

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: Interim Director of Community Development Ron Mentzer requested to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 15 (Buildings and Construction), Chapter 15.09 (Inspection of Rental Units), Section 15.09.020 (Inspection Required) by Repealing Section 15.09.020(C) and Adding a New Section 15.09.080 (Registration Required) of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances per the memo dated April 1, 2024. This is where the city would be instituting a new fee to register rental units. There is an ordinance requiring the units to be registered but there is no associated registration fee. There has been discussion regarding what the fee assessed should be. Staff recommended that a fee is set to cover the actual cost the city would incur

to maintain an online registration program. Staff are suggesting that we set a fee of \$25.00 per unit which would generate approximately \$53,900.00 in revenue.

Alderman Albert asked how much work is involved with this and is \$50.00 too high or does it seem fair. Interim Director Mentzer commented that this is something new for the city. Administrative Clerk Zoe Gates commented that we have had the registration process since before 2002, which is done manually and is a lot of work. Currently, it is in a spreadsheet since our software does not support this, but the new software would eliminate that. This program would give people looking for rentals a way to search for what is available. The inspectors would be doing all inspections and the time spent with the inspections would be the same and code enforcement would be the same. This company will also be able to find rentals in our area that we may not know about by reviewing purchase records through Will County, which would be more code enforcement, inspections, and more paperwork.

Alderman Albert asked how much time an inspector spends at the units. Clerk Gates commented that an inspector will spend approximately 30 minutes at an apartment, and 45 minutes to an hour at a single-family home depending on the size of the home.

Alderman Cipiti asked if there is currently a registration fee on rental properties. Clerk Gates commented that there is not a current registration fee. Alderman Cipiti also asked if more rental properties are found would the staffing be an issue with inspections since he remembers Building Commissioner Seeman saying that they do not have enough staff to do the annual inspections as it is. Clerk Gates commented that assuming this company finds more rental properties than we know about, it will make the department busier, especially since they are down an inspector.

Clerk Gates commented that this will help the community with having our properties registered since we will be able to inspect and keep these properties safe for the tenants. This will also protect the landlords, as well, because they will have a record of their property before their tenant moved in.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that she feels \$25.00 is a good fee and if we need to revisit this later, we can.

Alderman Oberlin asked if the \$25.00 is per unit or building. Clerk Gates commented that we originally suggested per building, but it was suggested at the last meeting to do per unit, and we are basing it on per unit. Alderman Oberlin asked when the inspector goes out to do the inspection is there paperwork that the inspectors regularly check. Clerk Gates commented that there is a checklist that is a two-part form, and the inspector keeps one copy and the landlord/company get the other copy, this way they know what they need to fix and once fixed they will receive a rental inspection certificate. She also commented that they check for water leaks, flushable toilets, working appliances if applicable, electrical outlets and switches and she commented that she would happily give a copy of the checklist to the Council.

Alderwoman Gazal clarified that her first motion would be for \$25.00 per unit. Alderman Dyke clarified his second motion would be for \$25.00 per unit.

(#10) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Dyke, to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 15 (Buildings and Construction), Chapter 15.09 (Inspection of Rental Units), Section 15.09.020 (Inspection Required) by Repealing Section 15.09.020(C) and Adding a New Section 15.09.080 (Registration Required) of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances in the amount of \$25.00 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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.

Ordinance #1976

Interim Director of Community Development Ron Mentzer requested to Approve an Ordinance Approving a Variation to the Crest Hill Zoning Ordinance with Respect to Certain Real Property (Application of Dainius Kasperavicius 2001 Noonan) per the memo dated April 1, 2024. This property is located at 2001 Noonan Street. This was discussed at the last work session meeting. The Plan Commission did make a positive recommendation with necessary conditions to allow the property owner/applicant to keep a large shed along the south edge of his property within the side and rear yard setback, along with the recorded easements on the property.

Mayor Soliman asked if the Council had any questions or comments.

Alderman Dyke wanted clarification that the shed will be lifted, and a concrete base will be poured under the shed. Interim Director Mentzer commented that under the building code the shed would need to be put on a hard surface base and the shed would need to be attached to that surface. Alderman Dyke commented that he is concerned because there was no permit for this shed to be placed on the property line and no variance was ever sought. Interim Director Mentzer commented that the fence is a 1.5 foot off the property line and the shed is about 1.45 feet off the fence line, which is close to the zoning ordinance requirement of a four foot side yard setback and the request before you is a zoning variance that would allow the shed to remain in its existing location. Alderman Dyke commented that he feels the shed is too close to the fence and if the shed must be lifted to pour the cement it should be moved to be closer to compliance.

Alderman Albert commented that each case is unique and with this particular property there is the forest preserve. He also commented that this needs to be looked at as a case-by-case situation and he feels this situation is almost okay for it to be closer to the property line, not ideal but okay and it is the property owner's responsibility if something happens to the shed.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that she is not comfortable with it and why would we want this placed on an easement.

Alderperson Oberlin commented that the variance process is in place for a reason and reasons like this. She also commented that she agrees with what Alderman Albert stated and that the property owner did not get the permit because of what the property owner was told.

Alderman Jefferson asked if the concrete that the property owner is placing under the shed will impair the storm easement or the flow of water. Interim Director Mentzer commented that the city engineer looked at the easement and stated that the existing portion of the neighborhood is flat with a mild grade, and it was determined that leaving the shed in its current location will not create any drainage problems.

Mayor Soliman asked the property owner if he would like to approach the podium and make a comment. Mr. Dainius Kasperavicius approached the podium and apologized for this happening and if he had known he would of never have done this this way. He commented that the shed has been sitting there for three years and has not bothered anyone. He also commented that he placed the shed there since there is a gate and easy access, and if it went anywhere else it would be blocking the yard and house windows.

He stated that he understands what he needs to do to comply with the building codes and will correct the issues and pour the concrete surface.

Alderwoman Gazal asked if he purchased the house with the shed. Dainius commented that there was an old shed and he purchased this shed to replace the old shed. Alderwoman Gazal also asked the applicant what the use of the shed is for. Dainius commented that it is for storage to keep equipment to maintain the property, kid's toys, and bikes.

Alderman Cipiti asked if he keeps a vehicle in the shed. Dainius commented that he does not.

Alderwoman Gazal stated for the record that there is a resident on Kingsbrook that the city fined him and then had him remove a brand-new shed and now pour a new slab because he needed to be five feet from the property line. She then commented that if it is good for one then it is good for all.

Mayor Soliman asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak for or against Mr. Kasperavicius' request. No one approached the podium to speak on the variance for Mr. Kasperavicius.

(#11) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve an Ordinance Approving a Variation to the Crest Hill Zoning Ordinance with Respect to Certain Real Property (Application of Dainius Kasperavicius 2001 Noonan) with the correction on page 107 in the packet for a setback instead of a sign variance per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Oberlin, Cipiti, Albert, Kubal, Jefferson.

NAYES: Ald. Gazal, Dyke, Vershay.

ABSENT: None.

There being five (5) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
Ordinance #1977

Interim Director of Community Development Ron Mentzer requested to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit and Parking Variation with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of Crest Hill (Application of Cozy Pawz Accommodations, LLC) per the memo dated April 1, 2024. This is a special use

permit that would allow a dog daycare/boarding facility at 2551 Theodore Street. There would be certain circumstances where dogs would stay overnight. The Plan Commission had a unanimous recommendation of approval with conditions and the conditions are reflected in the ordinance and the agenda backup materials.

Mayor Soliman asked if the Council had any questions. No Council members had questions.

Mayor Soliman asked if the applicant would like to approach the podium and she did not approach the podium.

Mayor Soliman asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak for or against the special use request for Cozy-Pawz Accommodations to operate a dog daycare located at 2551 Theodore Street. No one approached the podium.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit and Parking Variation with Respect to Certain Real Property Located within the Corporate Boundaries of Crest Hill (Application of Cozy Pawz Accommodations, LLC) per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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.
Ordinance #1978

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Ed Clark requested Approval to Replace Damaged Squad Car #939 per the memo dated April 1, 2024. This squad was damaged in an accident this past winter and the insurance is paying \$28,174.77. Chief Clark commented that to equip a new squad car it is approximately \$65,000.00 which would leave approximately \$37,000.00 in funds needed to replace the damaged vehicle.

Chief Clark commented that they are going to use everything salvageable from the wreck squad to use in the new squad car. Chief Clark also commented that unfortunately the wrecked squad car was not a car that was ready to be taken out of service, it was a newer squad car.

Alderperson Oberlin asked if we will be collecting from the person who hit the squad car. Chief Clark commented that they will look at the insurance and see what they can do.

Alderman Dyke asked if the Public Works mechanics could take some of the equipment off to save the cost. Chief Clark commented that he could ask but the company we have is very quick with the process.

Chief Clark commented that they would prefer a hybrid vehicle because of the savings in fuel cost but there would be a delay for a hybrid vehicle.

Alderwoman Gazal requested to have this as its own line item. Director Banovetz commented that it is its own line item for 2025 in the Police Department's budget.

(#13) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, for Approval to Replace Damaged Squad Car #939 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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.

Police Chief Ed Clark requested to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois per the memo dated April 1, 2024. Chief Clark commented that this is the 2020 Ford Explorer with the last seven of the VIN *****GC01085.

(#14) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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 #1979

Chief Clark announced that the ‘Cop on the Rooftop’ is on May 17, 2024 from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MAYOR: Mayor Raymond Soliman reminded everyone that the grand opening ribbon cutting for the Will County Children’s Advocacy Center is on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Alderman Cipiti asked if there is an update on the property tax rebate. Director Banovetz commented that they have sent the file to have it processed and cannot guarantee how long it will take but it is in their hands now.

Alderman Cipiti commented that he was just wanting to get clarification since there is a lot of speculation on the resident’s side because the announcement of the delay was vague which created speculation. Director Banovetz commented that the city side processing has been done but she does not know how long it will take now since the file has left the City of Crest Hill’s hands and is in the processor’s hands now. Director Banovetz was asked how long it has taken in the past and she did not remember how long it had taken in the past but once they are finalized, she would make an announcement.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall announced the Spring Community Wide garage sale will be May 16-19, 2024. You will need to purchase a permit to participate, and the cost of the permit is \$5.00. You can purchase the permit at the Clerk’s Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Alderman Albert thanked Clerk Vershay-Hall and Deputy Clerk Kozierka for scheduling time with him to come in and listen to the audio of the meetings that he had missed.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from March 11, 2024 through March 24, 2024 in the amount of \$252,288.39 per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

City Treasurer Glen Conklin requested Approval of the list of bills issued through April 2, 2024 in the amount of \$3,839,396.01 for Council approval per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

(#15) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to list of bills issued through April 2, 2024 in the amount of \$3,839,396.01 for Council approval per the memo dated April 1, 2024.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There were no unfinished business items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business on the agenda.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: Alderman Dyke requested to Approve an Ad Insertion with Shaw Media for the 2024 Heritage Corridor Travel Guide per the memo dated April 1, 2024. He commented that he would like to do two publications for a quarter page ad in the Heritage Corridor for the cost of \$850.00. Alderman Dyke commented that in the past we have advertised in the publication and this year they are offering a legacy advertising. Alderman Dyke stated that with the legacy advertising we could do a quarter page ad cheaper than what we paid last year for an eighth of a page ad.

Alderman Dyke asked for a motion to do two publications in the Heritage Corridor for a quarter page ad at the cost of \$850.00. He also mentioned that the deadline is April 5, 2024 and this will need to be submitted and paid for by then.

(#16) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to Approve an Ad Insertion with Shaw Media for the 2024 Heritage Corridor Travel Guide in the amount of \$850.00 for a quarter page ad in two separate publications.

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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Alderman Dyke extended his condolences to the Semplinski Family. He also commented that he had the pleasure of serving with Betty Lou in Ward II, and she helped him better understand his role as a city official, and she had a great wealth of information.

Alderman Vershay extended his condolences to the Semplinski Family. He stated that she was a great person and she worried about the city a lot and always wanted to do good things for the City of Crest Hill.

Alderman Jefferson offered his condolences to the Semplinski Family, as well. He stated he did not get to meet her but from what he had heard she must have been a wonderful person.

Alderwoman Gazal commented that the first election she ran was with Betty Lou, and they did their meet and greet together. She commented that Betty Lou always had a beautiful smile and was a determined person who cared for the City of Crest Hill. She also commented that she had inherited Betty Lou's stool.

Alderman Oberlin expressed her condolences to the Semplinski Family. She also shared a funny story about Betty Lou and ended by saying that Betty Lou always saw humor in things.

Alderman Cipiti extended his condolences to the Semplinski Family he commented that her family was important to her. He stated that she was a dear friend of his and she was one of the first people he and his wife met when they moved to Crest Hill. He also stated that her contributions to the city will never be forgotten.

Alderman Albert extended his condolences to the entire Semplinski Family. He also commented that Betty Lou was a great asset to this community, and she always spoke her mind but with respect.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

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

(#17) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Vershay, to adjourn the April 1, 2024 Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

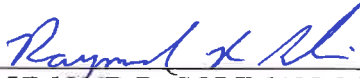
There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Approved this 15 day of April, 2024
As presented ✓
As amended _____



CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK



RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR