

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
June 2, 2025

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.

Roll call indicated the following present: Mayor Raymond Soliman, City Treasurer Jamie Malloy, City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall, Alderman Scott Dyke, Alderman Angelo Deserio, 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, Finance Director Glenn Gehrke, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Interim Public Works Director Julius Hansen, Community and Economic Development Director Patrick Ainsworth, Interim Human Resource Manager Dave Strahl, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: Community Development Consultant Ron Mentzer, Building Commissioner Don Seeman.

Mayor Soliman asked to deviate to the Mayor's Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Soliman presented the Appointment of Edward L. Clark, III, as Chief of Police for the City of Crest Hill. This would be until May 7, 2029.

The Mayor expressed his request for the City Council's concurrence regarding this appointment, highlighting the effectiveness and dedication Chief Clark has shown in his 8-year tenure. Mayor Soliman noted the positive direction Chief Clark has taken the Police Department and his valuable contributions to the City. During these eight years, Chief Clark has displayed significant growth and maturity in his role, establishing himself as a vital asset to the City.

Mayor Soliman commended Chief Clark for his leadership, highlighting not only his professional accomplishments but also the strong ethical and moral standards he maintains as a Police Chief. Under Chief Clark's guidance, the police department has moved forward in a positive direction, which benefits the City of Crest Hill.

(#1) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, for Approval of the Appointment of Edward L. Clark, III, as Chief of Police for the City of Crest Hill.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman requested to Approve a Resolution Approving the Appointment of Edward L. Clark, III as Chief of Police for the City of Crest Hill and Approving an Employment Agreement by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Edward L. Clark, III, per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

City Attorney Mike Stiff noted a typographical error in Section 4C of the employment agreement for Chief Edward L. Clark III, which erroneously indicated the effective date as May 1, 2026, instead of the correct date, May 1, 2025.

(#2) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Dyke, to Approve a Resolution Approving the Appointment of Edward L. Clark, III as Chief of Police for the City of Crest Hill and Approving an Employment Agreement by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Edward L. Clark, III, per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1310

Chief Clark took a moment to express his heartfelt gratitude towards the Council for their steadfast confidence in his leadership capability. Chief Clark spoke of the opportunities and experiences he had gained during his past eight years in service to the community and pledged to continue his dedication to the role with the same openness and accessibility through his established open-door policy. His commitment extends not only to the city Council members but also to the citizens of Crest Hill, emphasizing his readiness to serve all stakeholders with fairness and transparency.

The Council members took turns conveying their congratulations to Chief Clark on his reappointment. They commended him on his exemplary leadership, underscoring the significant positive impact he has had on the Police Department and the wider community of Crest Hill. Council members highlighted Chief Clark's ability to drive progress and manage the department with integrity and professionalism, expressing their appreciation for his unwavering service and leadership contributions.

Mayor Soliman presented the Appointment of Blaine Wing, III, as City Administrator for the City of Crest Hill.

Mayor Soliman introduced Chester Blaine Wing III as the candidate for City Administrator. During the meeting, the Mayor conveyed his enthusiasm for Mr. Wing, noting his impressive performance in interviews, his infectious energy, and his extensive experience, which helped him to effectively advance the city's agenda. Mayor Soliman shared that after thorough considerations and narrowing down a pool of candidates, Mr. Wing stood out, bringing the right combination of qualifications and dynamism needed for the role.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Jefferson seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, for Approval of the Appointment of Blaine Wing, III, as City Administrator for the City of Crest Hill.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Soliman requested to Approve a Resolution Approving the Appointment of Chester Blaine Wing, III, as City Administrator for the City of Crest Hill and Approving an Employment Agreement by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, and Chester Blaine Wing, III per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Deserio, to Approve a Resolution Approving the Appointment of Chester Blaine Wing, III, as City Administrator for the City of Crest Hill and Approving an Employment Agreement by and between the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and Chester Blaine Wing, III per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1309

Following the Council's approval, Mr. Wing addressed the Council and those in attendance, expressing his enthusiasm for starting his new role as City Administrator. He shared his commitment to working closely with the Mayor, Council members, residents, and local businesses to enhance the community. Mr. Wing emphasized his strong background in local government and human resources, which he believed would contribute significantly to the City's development and leadership.

During his remarks, Mr. Wing highlighted his dedication to engaging with all stakeholders, stating his intent to focus on transparent and effective governance. He emphasized his eagerness to build upon the City's existing opportunities and address future challenges with energetic leadership.

Council members warmly welcomed Mr. Wing and his family to Crest Hill, expressing their optimism and confidence in his ability to drive the city forward. They acknowledged his qualifications and experience, looking forward to a collaborative relationship aimed at achieving positive outcomes for Crest Hill.

Mayor Soliman also took the opportunity to provide an update on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lake Michigan water pipeline project. He outlined the importance of this initiative for Crest Hill and neighboring communities, noting the long-term improvements it would bring in securing quality water supply.

Additionally, the Mayor mentioned the Memorial Day ceremony, highlighting the significant turnout and the community's commitment to honoring veterans, underscoring his appreciation for those who contributed to the event's success and for the meaningful participation of city officials and residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting Held on May 5, 2025, for Council approval per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting Held on May 5, 2025, for Council approval per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the Work Session Meeting Held on May 12, 2025, for Council approval per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve the Minutes from the Work Session Meeting Held on May 12, 2025, per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney Mike Stiff requested to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel, Chapter 26 (Finance Director) of the City of Crest Hill per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

Attorney Mike Stiff presented an ordinance intended to revert the Finance Director's reporting structure, so that the position would report to the City Administrator rather than the Treasurer. This amendment seeks to reinstate the structure that was in place prior to September 2022. Attorney Stiff explained that the ordinance was drafted at the direction of the Interim City Administrator and at the request of some Council members.

Alderwoman Gazal asked Attorney Stiff, for the record, if she had ever talked to him about this topic, and Attorney Stiff replied no.

Alderman Dyke asked how this came about since there was no discussion. Alderwoman Gazal commented that while conducting City Administrator interviews many interviewees pointed out that they had an issue with not having Human Resources and Finance under the City Administrator, which is what all municipalities have and that is how City of Crest Hill used to have it as well. She then commented on how sad it is that officials choose to trash the City publicly on social media.

Concerns about the lack of prior discussion regarding this change were raised by several Council members. Alderman Albert, among others, emphasized the importance of holding discussions before making such decisions and stated that it was crucial not to rush the decision without adequate dialogue. Some Council members felt blindsided due to the

absence of prior communication and discussions on this topic and believed that transparency was lacking in how the matter was brought forward.

Treasurer Jamie Malloy commented that no person likes to be blindsided, which she was blindsided by this and became very angry and questioned why it was good enough for Alderwoman Gazal's fiancé to have this power but not her. Alderwoman Gazal corrected the Treasurer stating he was not her fiancé at the City and to not bring personal life into this. Mayor Soliman stopped the discussion and stated that the City Council members have the comment time first.

Other Council members, like Alderman Deserio, were supportive of reverting the reporting structure to its previous state, arguing that it was common for the Finance Director to report to a full-time City Administrator rather than a part-time Treasurer. Alderman Albert and Alderman Kubal both seconded the views that this alignment was typical for municipalities and beneficial for the City's operation. They voiced the opinion that the change would ensure more coherent management and oversight of the City's financial operations.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Deserio seconded by Alderman Kubal, to Approve an Ordinance Amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel, Chapter 26 (Finance Director) of the City of Crest Hill per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Ald. Albert, Kubal, Deserio, Gazal, Oberlin.

NAYES: Ald. Cipiti, Dyke.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Jefferson.

There being five (5) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.  
Ordinance #2022

Alderman Albert asked who has the capability in the City to contact our City Attorney and initiate ordinances, and is it a collaboration of people or directions from the Administrator or Mayor? Attorney Stiff commented that he will not tell an individual Council member no and will listen to an individual Council member that asks him to do something, but he will consult with the City Administrator before moving on the request. Alderman Albert asked Attorney Stiff if that is all elected officials or just the Council members? Attorney Stiff commented that he has been consulted by the City Clerk in the past and has answered her questions since he feels he is obligated to answer her legal questions. Alderman Albert commented that the key word is transparency, and he wanted to make sure no individual is taking it upon themselves to make an ordinance and put it on the agenda without a discussion. Attorney Stiff stated that the City Administrator would always be consulted before moving forward.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Interim City Administrator Tony Graff congratulated Blaine Wing on the position and looks forward to working with him during the transition.

Interim City Administrator Tony Graff gave an update on his memo the Council had received.



#### Community Development Update Items from Director Ainsworth:

- Representatives from Silver Cross Hospital (16127 S. Weber) are holding a grand opening ceremony on Saturday, June 14, 2025. As part of the festivities, there will be an open house where the public will be invited to tour the new facility from 10 am to 12 pm.
- Community Development staff are starting to work with Hendrickson USA on a facility tour and a ground-breaking ceremony for their new 4.8-acre solar array system. The date has not been set yet but will be sometime in mid-July. More details will be made available.
- Regarding the City Planner position staff are currently reviewing all applications that have been received, and more details will be made available about this position in the next couple of weeks.
- Director Ainsworth wrapped up the ICSC conference a few days ago and has been busy following up with the numerous contacts made at the conference. A presentation will be made about this conference at a future work session going over the real estate trends, interest in the area and other relevant information.

STATEVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER – Capital Development Board – Nothing new to report.

BL DUKE FIRE: B.L. Duke Fire Incident 11/1/2024: Confirmed Vendor received invoice of damages. Account Payable forwarded the invoice to their insurance company.

Job Announcements: The following Job Announcements were posted:

- Director of Public Works – Received only two application and conducted a virtual interview with one qualified candidate. More information to follow.
- Summer Laborers (Part Time) –Ongoing process to hire additional workers.
- Utility Operator (s) – Applications are under review and Civil Service process has started.

Water Meter Replacement Project – (ON-GOING) – 1 orphaned meter detected – meaning the meter was changed out and no information was provided to Utility Billing to load into our computer system. This is why the Utility Billing Supervisor, not the Administrative Assistant in Public Works, should be managing the water meter change out program.

Places For Eating Tax – Delinquent Businesses:

- Authentico Burrito – Paid Tax – Ticket Dismissed
- El Primo – Ticket – continued to June 18, 2025
- La Chinita Bakery - \$200 Ticket
- Mima's Sazon- Ticket – continued to June 18, 2025
- My Waffle – 7 tickets issued for PFET \$750 each-1 ticket issued for business license \$750.
- Rizzi's for Investment – (formerly Catfish, now Burger City) - Ticket – continued to June 18, 2025
- Sumerce Columbia Coffee - Ticket – continued to June 18, 2025
- Taquerias Sandy's- Ticket – continued to June 18, 2025

- Taco's Before Vatos – 5 Tickets \$750 each – Finance Director will contact owner.

West Sanitary Sewer Treatment Project – Nothing new to report, still on schedule for the plant to be completed in 2026. Will keep everyone posted.

Department of Public Works Training – Nothing to Report.

State of Illinois Crime Lab/State Police Headquarters Project – Nothing new to report, still waiting for the EPA Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

City Website – On Going Project and Proposal to be presented at the June 9<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Session.

Interim City Administrator Tony Graff requested to Approve a Resolution Approving a Master Power Supply Agreement for Residential Electrical Aggregation by and between the City of Crest Hill and McSquared Energy Services, LLC per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

Interim City Administrator Tony Graff introduced the resolution for a master power supply agreement with McSquared Energy Services LLC (MC2) concerning residential electrical aggregation. City Attorney Mike Stiff highlighted that, although it was presented as a renewal of the existing agreement with only a change in the city's revenue share from \$9,000 to \$18,000, a thorough comparison revealed numerous technical amendments. He noted these modifications primarily involved technical terminology and non-substantive sections, but they necessitated a meticulous review to ensure full understanding and compatibility with the city's interests.

(#8) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve a Resolution Approving a Master Power Supply Agreement for Residential Electrical Aggregation by and between the City of Crest Hill and McSquared Energy Services, LLC with the attorney's correction per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: Ald. Cipiti.

ABSENT: None.

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

Resolution #1311

Alderperson Oberlin commented that she had let Chief Clark know that lately there are many solicitors going door to door for electric and are aggressive. Alderman Cipiti commented that he would like the Council to start receiving an email when a solicitor has been permitted to go door-to-door like they use to but since has stopped. City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall commented that the door-to-door permits are issued from the Police Department. Chief Clark commented that he also would like to have those solicitor permits on our website.

Alderman Jefferson thanked Interim Administrator Tony Graff for his time while he was at the City of Crest Hill.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Interim Public Works Director Julius Hansen requested Approval to Purchase a 2025 Frontier Wing Mower from AHW, LC in the Amount of \$22,065.74 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

Interim Director of Public Works, Julius Hansen, presented a request for the purchase of a 2025 Frontier Wing Mower from AHW, LLC. He explained the details and the quote were included in the packet to the Council. The discussion included inquiries from Council members regarding the mower's use, warranty details, and whether it was specifically allocated in the budget. Interim Director Hansen clarified that the equipment was mentioned during the budget process, and it is specifically in the budget, aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the ground's maintenance crew.

Interim Director Hansen emphasized the efficiency that the new equipment would bring, especially for large surface areas, such as around the city hall building. It was highlighted that the wing mower, being an attachment to an existing tractor, would significantly cut down on the time required for such maintenance tasks by 50 percent, and be useful for mowing ditches. Council members also asked about the availability and delivery timeline of the mower, with Interim Director Hansen indicating a delivery expectation of approximately four weeks. This mower marks a first for the City, as it did not previously have this type of equipment.

(#9) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Jefferson, for Approval to Purchase a 2025 Frontier Wing Mower from AHW, LC in the Amount of \$22,065.74 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Interim Public works Director Julius Hansen requested to Approve Pay Request #29 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for a Total Amount of \$663,631.12 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

(#10) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Deserio, to Approve Pay Request #29 from Vissering Construction Inc. with Direction to Send it to the IEPA for Approval and Disbursement for a Total Amount of \$663,631.12 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Alderman Dyke asked if there was any way the City could have saved on overtime for the delivery of the water sample kits instead of them being delivered on Sunday. Interim Public Works Director Hansen commented that they were on a time constraint and had to do them on a Saturday and Sunday.



Aldерwoman Gazal asked the Interim Public Works Director Hansen why the fifty-two addresses that she had given Public Works for water samples were not used and the Council's time was wasted. She also asked who chose what residents would be tested and asked who decided that the chosen residents would get a \$50.00 discount on their water bill, when the Council never approved that \$50.00 discount, which is taxpayer dollars?

Interim Public Works Director Hansen stated that he cannot answer a question regarding the list that was given before his time here with the City of Crest Hill. He then explained that two tests a year are needed to be done for the IEPA, and one test was done at the beginning of the year but since his arrival at the City he had to scramble to get the second test done before the deadline, and stated the list was not done correctly. Interim Public Works Director Hansen then commented that he and the department scrambled to get that list done since it was not done prior in 2024, so he stated that it would be nice to get that recognition for that achievement that he did for the City. Interim Director Hansen then stated that they had to offer an incentive to have the residents comply and give a sample, which he discussed with the Interim City Administrator.

Interim City Administrator Tony Graff commented that the sixty residents that were listed were from knocking on doors, letters, and phone calls. He then stated that the \$50.00 rebate was discussed at a work session to encourage people to volunteer and do this and if they did, they would get a \$50.00 rebate on their water bill.

CITY ENGINEER: City Engineer Ron Wiedeman requested to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$32,000,000.00 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

(#11) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Waterworks and Sewerage Revenue Bonds of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$32,000,000.00 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Ald. Albert.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.  
Ordinance #2023

Alderman Albert stated that he is abstaining from this vote since it creates a conflict with his employer, Edward Jones since he can offer these bonds to his clients.

Alderwoman Gazal asked when the next mosquito spray will be and was told by Interim Public Works Director Julius Hansen that he had no idea.

City Engineer Ron Wiedeman informed the Council that the agreement with DCEO in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the new Caton Farm transmission main and this will be going to be bid soon.

Alderman Dyke asked if the engineer could bring to the Council any information regarding the buffalo boxes and Engineer Wiedeman commented that he will get it together and bring to Council soon.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic and Community Development Director Patrick Ainsworth had no agenda items but was happy to answer any questions.

Alderman Dyke asked if the gas station on Broadway and Caton Farm would be opening soon. Director Ainsworth commented that they have been communicating with Consultant Ron Mentzer and have had a meeting regarding acquiring more property to expand the driveway in which they will need to come back to the Plan Commission, and they have extended their building permit because of the issues they have come across.

Alderman Cipiti commented that there is a sign at St. Anne's regarding a public hearing and the potential use and asked Director Ainsworth to explain a little more about that.

Director Ainsworth commented that on June 12, 2025, there is a public hearing for a church out of Romeoville that is looking to reactivate the St. Anne space, and they are not proposing any changes. They have seventy members in their congregation. He then stated per our zoning ordinance; they will need to go through a special use and variation process.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Ed Clark requested Approval of a Special Event Police Services Contract with Double J Sports Bar, Inc. per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

This is a sports bar in Joliet and in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary they are having a 5K, and they will be looking for traffic control. This would be two officers and two vehicles, and the hours would be 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

(#12) Motion by Alderman Albert seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to Approve a Special Event Police Services Contract with Double J Sports Bar, Inc. per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Chief Clark announced that they are having the second blood drive from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. through the American Redcross.

Alderman Dyke informed Chief Clark that he was contacted by a homeowner on Nicholson and Ludwig where it was recently hit by a motorcycle and prior to that they had an SUV flip in his yard and asked if there is anything that could be done to avoid these accidents and slow people down.

CITY CLERK: City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall had no agenda items but wanted to congratulate Chief Clark on staying four more years with Crest Hill. She then welcomed the new City Administrator Blaine Wing.

Alderman Cipiti asked the Clerk if she can let the Council know how many businesses are operating without a current license. Clerk Vershay-Hall commented that she would email all the Council with the number. Alderman Cipiti then asked who gets notified when they do not have a current license and was told Code Enforcement follows up with citations.

CITY TREASURER: City Treasurer Jamie Malloy requested to Approve the List of Bills Issued Through May 3, 2025, in the Amount of \$1,526,512.99 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

(#13) Motion by Alderman Cipiti seconded by Alderman Albert, to Approve the List of Bills Issued Through May 1, 2025, in the Amount of \$1,526,512.99 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None.

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

City Treasurer Jamie Malloy presented the Regular and Overtime Payroll from May 5, 2025, through May 18, 2025, in the amount of \$294,070.73 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

City Treasurer Jamie Malloy presented the Additional Payroll Grievance Payout in the Amount of \$11,442.00 per the memo dated June 2, 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: Alderperson Oberlin announced that the Annual Lidice Ceremony is Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Lidice Memorial Park. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the ceremony would be moved in doors to the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council members extended congratulations to Chief Clark and Mr. Wing, acknowledging their contributions and looking forward to their continued service in the city.

Alderman Kubal and Alderman Albert both welcomed Mr. Wing and expressed excitement about working with him.

Alderman Cipiti welcome and congratulated the new City Administrator Blaine Wing and extended the congratulations to all the recent graduates.

Alderwoman Oberlin apologized for initially omitting Chief Clark from her comments and reiterated her congratulations, also informing the Council about an update regarding tax regulations for seniors that could benefit residents.

Alderman Gazal noted that Chief Ed Clark III and Chester Blaine Wing III both shared the title of "III," a unique coincidence, and wished them both successes.

Alderman Jefferson congratulated both Chief Clark and Mr. Wing and expressed his hope that individuals who had misconceptions about the treasurer's role watched the meeting for clarification.

Alderman Deserio also extended congratulations to Chief Clark and welcomed Mr. Wing.

Alderman Dyke welcome Mr. Wing and Chief Clark and humorously mentioned the search for another "III" to join the team.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Stuart Soifer*, a resident, suggested that the City proactively address potential resident concerns about electric rate increases considering the recently passed electric aggregation agreement.

Attorney Stiff informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

(#14) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to go into executive session on 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Executive Session 8:45 p.m.

(#15) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to reconvene from the executive session on 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Reconvened 9:40 p.m.

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

(#16) Motion by Alderman Dyke seconded by Alderman Deserio, to adjourn the June 2, 2025, Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41p.m.

Approved this 16 day of JUNE, 2025.

As presented ✓

As amended           

  
CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

  
RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR