

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF CREST HILL
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the City of Crest Hill was called to order by Mayor Raymond R. Soliman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1610 Plainfield Road Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

Also present were: City Administrator Jim Marino, Director of Public Works Mark Siefert, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Police Chief Ed Clark, City Attorney Mike Stiff.

Absent were: Finance Director Lisa Banovetz, Interim Planner Maura Rigoni.

(28) Mayor Soliman asked to deviate from the regular agenda for the presentation of the lifesaving awards. Police Chief Ed Clark announced that we will be presenting awards to a Crest Hill resident and a Lockport resident for saving someone's life. Chief Clark announced that Daniel Lindblad from Crest Hill and Richard Onderisin from Lockport saved the life of Nicholas Rodriguez who was experiencing a medical crisis. The Chief gave a speech and presented the two gentlemen with plaques. Mr. Lindblad and Mr. Onderisin each gave a brief speech. The Mayor and members of the Council commended both of the gentlemen.

(324) Mayor Soliman presented the Holiday Lights Contest Winners per the memo dated December 19 2022. Alderman Albert announced the winners and presented the awards. There are six awards. The three finalists were as follows. The Curwin Family, the Schultz Family, and the Ludvigsen Family. Alderman Albert then announced the top three winners. Third place was the Reum Family. Second place was the Scheible Family. The first place winner was the Puttrich Family. Each family received a gift certificate and ornament. Alderman Albert thanked everyone that participated in the contest. Members of the Council commended the winners and thanked everyone that participated. Alderman Albert thanked the judges for their hard work. Mayor Soliman thanked Alderman Albert on his display. Alderman Albert Also commended Alderwoman Gazal on her decorations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (686) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 5, 2022 for Council approval.

(#1) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 5, 2022 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(691)

(704) Mayor Soliman presented the minutes from the work session held on December 12, 2022 for Council approval.

(#2) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve the minutes from the work session held on December 12, 2022 as presented.

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.
(707)

CITY ATTORNEY: (720) City Attorney Mike Stiff had no agenda items for discussion. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Alderman Dyke asked for an update on the property on Broadway that has been boarded up. Attorney Stiff updated the Council on the progress of the violation.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: (764) Administrator Marino presented a request for the approval of Change Orders for Construction Work at the City Center per the memo dated December 19, 2022. The first is a Change order with Corsetti Structural Steel in the amount of \$1,472.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#3) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to Approve a Change order with Corsetti Structural Steel in the amount of \$1,472.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(779)

(794) Administrator Marino presented a Change order with Cosgrove Construction Inc. in the amount of \$2,497.25 per the memo dated December 19, 2022. Alderwoman Gazal asked due to the time frame, can we go with a different company. Administrator Marino explained that Harbour has been working on this. The problem is that the window is a certain type of manufacturer, but we are trying to seek another option.

(#4) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve a Change order with Cosgrove Construction Inc. in the amount of \$2,497.25 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(798)

(844) Administrator Marino presented a Change order with Michael Hutchings Inc. in the amount of \$74,243.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#5) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve a Change order with Michael Hutchings Inc. in the amount of \$74,243.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

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.
(849)

(864) Administrator Marino presented a Change order with AVI Systems in the amount of \$200.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#6) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Vershay, to approve a Change order with AVI Systems in the amount of \$200.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(867)

(882) Administrator Marino presented a Change order with Warehouse Direct in the amount of \$2994.80 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#7) Motion by Alderman Jefferson, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve a Change order with Warehouse Direct in the amount of \$2994.80 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

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.
(888)

(901) Administrator Marino presented a Change order with Metropolitan Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$2,111.02 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#8) Motion by Alderman Dyke, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve a Change order with Metropolitan Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$2,111.02 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(905)

(922) Administrator Marino presented a Change order with Omega Plumbing in the amount of \$8,025.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022. Alderwoman Gazal asked why we are not using a local company. Administrator Marino explained that we are using companies that were under contract from the beginning of the project.

(#9) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to approve a Change order with Omega Plumbing in the amount of \$8,025.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

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.
(927)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: (968) Public Works Director Mark Siefert presented a request for the Approval of Pay Request #4 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with direction to send it to the IEPA for approval and disbursement for total amount of \$171,937.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#10) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve Pay Request #4 from Williams Brother Construction Inc. with direction to send it to the IEPA for approval and disbursement for total amount of \$171,937.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being eight (8) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(983)

(1004) Director Siefert reminded residents that with the first potential snowfall coming to please remove vehicles from the street until the plowing has been completed. There is a potential of winds up to 50 miles per hour and asked that everyone stay safe. On behalf of himself and the Public works department Director Siefert wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Members of the Council thanked Director Siefert. Mayor Soliman also asked that everyone to use caution if you have to leave your home.

CITY ENGINEER: (1074) City Engineer Ron Wiedeman presented a request to award the contract to H&H Electric Co. in the amount of \$793,619.97 for the Crest Hill Drive, City Center Blvd and Len Kubinski Roadway Lighting and Pedestrian Project per the memo dated December 19, 2022. On December 14, 2022 a bid opening was held. H&H Electric was the low bidder, and they came in roughly \$300,000.00 less than anticipated. A majority of the savings came from the underground work. Comed will need to do wiring for the

project and the Engineer will come back to the Council with that cost. Engineer Wiedeman also presented a request to Approve Construction Engineering Contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering in the amount of \$52,400.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022. He went over what they will be overseeing and responsible for. This project will come out of next years budget. Alderman Cipiti asked if this project will have any impact on the completion of the City Center. It would not.

(#11) Motion by Alderman Albert, seconded by Alderperson Oberlin, to approve the contract to H&H Electric Co. in the amount of \$793,619.97 for the Crest Hill Drive, City Center Blvd and Len Kubinski Roadway Lighting and Pedestrian Project per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1159)

(1196) Engineer Wiedeman presented a request to Approve Construction Engineering Contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering in the amount of \$52,400.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

(#12) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderwoman Gazal, to approve the Construction Engineering Contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering in the amount of \$52,400.00 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

(1206)

(1226) Engineer Wiedeman informed the Council that the street signs that were not functioning have been repaired. There was a switch that was not working.

(1239) Engineer Wiedeman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. Alderman Vershay commended the Engineer for getting the potholes filled on Division Street.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: (1254) There were no agenda items for discussion. The reports were on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: (1255) Police Chief Ed Clark announced the report was on file. Chief Clark thanked Mr. Kristich for getting the plaques done.

(1285) Chief Clark informed the residents that there is an increase in stolen vehicles with Kia's and Hyundai's being targeted. He reminded everyone to lock your vehicle and if you see something, please contact the Police Department. Even if you don't think it's important, it could help solve a crime.

MAYOR: (1319) Mayor Raymond Soliman had no agenda items for discussion.

(1322) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that he received a call from the State's Attorney. The County has recently purchased the property on Cedarwood Drive and will be using it to house the Children's Advocacy facility. They plan on expanding their services with the new building. They are looking for a possible move in date sometime in August or September.

(1420) Mayor Soliman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we have an update on Brent Hassert. Mayor Soliman explained that he is currently recovering, and his son has taken on some of his responsibilities. Alderwoman Gazal asked if we could get an email update. The Mayor would get in contact with Mr. Hassert.

CITY CLERK: (1488) City Clerk Christine Vershay-Hall presented a request from Autumn Ridge Towne Home Association for the use of the Council Chambers on March 2, June 1, September 7, and November 2, 2023 per the memo dated December 19, 2022. Alderwoman Gazal asked with the upcoming move to the new City Center, will there be a conflict. Should we do the approval on a month to month basis. Clerk Vershay-Hall did not see a problem with scheduling it now.

(#13) Motion by Alderwoman Gazal, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the request from Autumn Ridge Towne Home Association for the use of the Council Chambers on March 2, June 1, September 7, and November 2, 2023 per the memo dated December 19, 2022.

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.

(1497)

(1525) Clerk Vershay-Hall wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of herself and her office.

CITY TREASURER: (1535) Treasurer Conklin presented the list of bills in the amount of \$1,033,842.70 per the memo dated December 19, 2022 for Council approval.

(#14) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Jefferson, to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$1,033,842.70 per the memo dated December 19, 2022 for Council approval.

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.

(1548)

(1563) City Treasurer Glen Conklin presented the regular and overtime payroll from November 21, 2022 through December 4, 2022 in the amount of \$248,213.17.

(1574) Treasurer Conklin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of himself and his office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1586) There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: (1589) There was no new business.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS: (1590) There were no committee/liaison reports.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: (1594) Alderman Kubal, Alderman Albert, Alderman Cipiti, Alderperson Oberlin, Alderwoman Gazal, Alderman Jefferson, Alderman Vershay, Alderman Dyke, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (1686) There were no citizens wishing to address the Council.

(1694) Mayor Soliman informed the Council that there was a need for an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

(#15) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Cipiti, to go into an executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

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.

Executive session 7:50 p.m.

(1702)

(#16) Motion by Alderperson Oberlin, seconded by Alderman Albert, to reconvene from the executive session on personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

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.

Reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

(1741)

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 December 19, 2022 City Council meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

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

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.
(1760)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2022

As presented _____

As amended _____

CHRISTINE VERSHAY-HALL, CITY CLERK

RAYMOND R. SOLIMAN, MAYOR