

MINUTES  
LELAND GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE CENTER . 2000 CHATHAM ROAD . LELAND GROVE, ILLINOIS

The Regular Meeting of the Leland Grove City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on 22 January 2013 by Mayor Bangert. A quorum was present. The following members were present or absent as indicated.

Rex Bangert, Mayor	P	Diana Hetherington, Ward I	P
Kathleen Alcorn, Clerk	P	Jim Turner, Ward I	P
Matt Jennings, Treasurer	P	Jill Egizii, Ward II	A
Saul Morse, Attorney	P	Teresa Smoot, Ward II	R
Richard Stone, City Administrator	P	Donald LoBue, Ward III	P
Mark Gleason, Police Chief	P	Paul LaMantia, Ward III	P

Mayor Bangert notified the Council that at 6:09 p.m., Tuesday, 22 January 2013, he was notified via email by Alderman Smoot of her official resignation as Alderman for Ward II. Mayor Bangert will oversee the duties for Police and Public Safety during the interim. An appointment for the vacancy will be named at the 26 February 2013 meeting for approval, pending the 9 April 2013 Consolidated Election. A discussion of the reassignment of duties for each alderman will take place after the election.

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve the minutes for 18 December 2012 Regular Meeting, as amended. Alderman LaMantia made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

- Aye – Turner, LaMantia, LoBue, Hetherington
- Present - X
- Nay – X
- Absent – Egizii

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-01-877, in the corrected amount of \$9,362.75. Alderman LaMantia made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

- Aye – LaMantia, LoBue, Hetherington, Turner
- Nay – X
- Absent – Egizii

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-01-878, in the amount of \$59.41. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

- Aye – LoBue, Hetherington, Turner, Egizii, LaMantia
- Nay – X

Absent – Egizii

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to ratify paid warrants, P-01-879, in the amount of \$74,468.56. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. Alderman LoBue question the budgeted amount for Lake Area Disposal in regards to the amount of \$11,322.50. The budgeted amount was \$15,000. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye – Hetherington, Turner, LaMantia, LoBue

Nay – X

Absent – Egizii

### **CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

City Administrator Stone presented to the Council images of the Ford F150 extended cab and Kubota L3800 tractor, both with 4 wheel drive, he would like to purchase for use of the city's public works. The purpose of this purchase is to save on fuel costs and reduce wear and tear on the one ton currently used for snow removal and branch pick-up. City Administrator Stone would like to finance these purchases by borrowing \$30,000 and using \$15,000 of existing funds as a down payment. The truck was not originally budgeted and no loan has ever been taken in the past. City Treasurer Jennings discussed current rates. Payment for the truck should be somewhere near \$499.95/month at a 3.35 interest rate for a total interest of \$1570. For the tractor it should be \$415.00/month at a 3.85 interest rate with a total interest of \$1485. City Administrator Stone will present to the Council at the February 26, 2013 meeting compared rates for approval of the purchase.

It was suggested that for future budgets, expenditures for "equipment" be named rather than specific items to leave room for unforeseen needs.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS AND LEGAL ACTIONS**

City Attorney Morse reviewed current building and zoning permits along with current legal actions.

City Attorney Morse informed the Council that a local newspaper requested on 18 January 2013 payments made to all employees and officials as part of the FOIA. This publication posts this information on their website. Alderman LoBue requested a copy of the compiled information the help with determining the next fiscal year budget.

City Attorney Morse presented to the Council copies of a draft ordinance that would require house numbers to be visible for first responders from the street. Alderman Turner noted that Bloomington and Taylorville, IL have ordinances that Leland Grove may want to use for reference. A revised draft will be presented at the next meeting.

City Attorney Morse presented to the Council copies of a draft ordinance for discussion purposed only that would solidify the bidding process. Issues including the base purchase price from which bidding must occur to how public notice would take place. Alderman LoBue suggested e-trade specifically for municipalities as an option for public notice. May Bangert suggested that the base purchase price from which bidding should begin be set at \$5000.01 and above. A set monetary limit should be set for sealed and non-sealed bids. Alderman LoBue noted that the current threshold for sealed bids is \$20,000. State bids should be included as an exception. Alderman LoBue noted that the current state statute 720ILCS 533 E9 regarding change orders in excess or decrease of \$10,000 has come to board as well as a 30 day extension. Discussion of emergency purchases also took place. Emergency spending may be ratified at the next meeting, set at \$3000. City Administrator Stone noted that he never makes large purchases without contacting the Mayor first. City Attorney Morse will review all of the items discussed and present a revised draft at the next meeting. The bid ordinance should be solidified and approved prior to approval of the next fiscal year budget.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
  - No report.
- Police and Public Safety: Vacant.
  - PD report was distributed by Chief Gleason.
  - Chief Gleason will present the 2012 Annual Police Report at the next meeting
  - Chief Gleason noted that the funds for the vehicle he has requested are now available to use but will need approval. Because the truck and tractor for the city public works department will take place, discussion and approval for the financing of a new police vehicle will occur at the next meeting. The city may get a better rate if the police vehicle is financed in addition to the truck and tractor.
  - Officer Dan Ryan is back from leave. The LGPD is back to balanced hours and work-loads in effect.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
  - No report.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington. (As reported from Alderman Hetherington's notes).
  - Alderman Hetherington reported that the Illinois Municipal League Web site shows the state is still four months behind in paying our distributive share of taxes. The estimated amount due for October, 2012 through January, 2013 is \$41,789.43.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
  - Absent.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
  - Alderman LoBue will work on compiling health insurance bid rates made through an agent or agents. Alderman LoBue will not have a proposal until April,

or possibly as early as March. Jerome saved over \$28,000 through Troxell which included property tax and workers' compensation. Mayor Bangert noted that Leland Grove may be able to get a better rate if health, property, and workers' compensation were all included together.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Grant for New Stop Signs – Alderman Hetherington reported that we have signed the current agreement required to receive grant funds for replacing traffic signs to meet new federal requirements. The agreement was signed by Mayor Bangert.
- Alderman Hetherington and Alderman Turner wanted to know the status of the Leland Grove Long Range Plan and what the committee has been doing. Both Aldermen requested the name of a contact person as the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) asked that no aldermen be involved in the committee, only citizens of Leland Grove. They were concerned about whether someone was assigned responsibility for monitoring the progress of the plan and ensuring that services were being performed. Mayor Bangert said he would follow-up with Norm Sims.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The resignation of Alderman Smoot, noted after roll call.

At 8:11 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn  
City Clerk  
END 22 JANUARY 2013 MINUTES