

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 7:03 p.m. on 26 February 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	P
Saul Morse, Attorney	P	Jim Moll, Ward II	P*
Richard Stone, City Administrator	P	Donald LoBue, Ward III	P
Mark Gleason, Police Chief	P	Paul LaMantia, Ward III	P

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 22 January 2013 Regular Meeting, as amended. Alderman LaMantia made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

* With the approval of the Council, Mayor Bangert moved the new business item of appointing Jim Moll to the vacant position of Alderman, Ward II. A motion was made by Don LoBue to approve this appointment. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-02-880, in the corrected amount of \$21,040.96. Alderman LoBue made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-02-881, in the amount of \$289.91. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to ratify paid warrants, P-02-882, in the amount of \$31,233.06. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

City Administrator Stone suggested that the annual spring leaf pick-up run from April 1 and end April 8, 2013. The Council agreed to those dates.

City Administrator Stone said that a rough draft of the next fiscal year budget will be presented at the March meeting. A refined version will be presented at the April meeting for final revisions. The budget should be approved at the May meeting.

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 provided an update on the 18 January 2013 request from a local news publication of payments made to all employees and officials as part of the FOIA. This publication posts this information on their website.

City Attorney Morse provided a new revision of Ordinance 382 that would require the numeric address signage to be visible from the road for first responders. A motion was made by Alderman LoBue to approve Ordinance 382. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Absent – X

City Attorney Morse provided a new revision of Ordinance 383, which would encapsulate the current practice of bidding for the purchase of goods and services. A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve Ordinance 383. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote the motion carried:

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

City Attorney Morse provided a new revision of Ordinance 384 which would outline the nature of the borrowing of funds. State law requires limits on interest and indebtedness. \$12,000 will be the down payment and \$32,000 will be borrowed. The loan is unsecured with the vehicles as collateral. A motion was made by Alderman LoBue to approve Ordinance 384. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
 - No report.
- Police and Public Safety: Vacant.
 - The 2012 PD report was distributed and discussed by Chief Gleason.
 - Chief Gleason discussed the purchasing of vehicles as discussed in prior meetings. There is a specific fund just for the purchasing of LGPD vehicles which takes approximately 2 years to build. Chief Gleason would ideally like to go back to being in a position to buying a new vehicle every other year and phasing out the old vehicles in the process so that there is a constant rotation. Mayor Bangert told Chief Gleason to go ahead with the purchase of the vehicles discussed at past meetings.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
 - No report.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington. (As reported from Alderman Hetherington's notes).
 - The Illinois Municipal League web site shows the state is still three months behind in paying our distributive share of taxes. The estimated amount due for November 2012 through January 2013 is \$29,308.50.
 - There are two identical bills that have been introduced in the current legislative session that would require stable and timely payments of local government distributive funds:
 - HB 961 sponsored by Representative DeLuca (D-Chicago Heights)
 - SB 2334 sponsored by Senator Hutchinson (D-Chicago Heights)

- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
 - Alderman Egizii consulted to the City of Springfield Alderman McMEnamin concerning the possibility of placing stop signs on Laurel and Park. The intersection contains areas in the City of Springfield and the City of Leland Grove. Alderman McMEnamin requested proven support from the residents of Leland Grove for these stop signs in the form of petitions along with a summary of request to present to the Springfield City Engineer and later, possibly, to the Springfield City Council. Alderman Egizii has prepared those documents and will give them to Alderman McMEnamin. The Leland Grove City Council discussed the approval of the stop signs which would be installed once the City of Springfield agrees to also install stop signs at the same intersection. A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve the placement of the stop signs once the City of Springfield also agrees to providing stop signs at said intersection. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote the motion carried:
 - Aye – Moll, LoBue, Hetherington, Turner, Egizii
 - Nay – LaMantia
 - Absent - X

- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
 - Alderman LoBue will work on compiling health insurance bid rates made through an agent or agents. Because bids are only valid for 60 days and the new insurance would not be effective until July 2013, it is too early to start with the bidding process. Alderman has 3 agents who will be providing bids from the same insurance companies.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mark Anderson presented an estimated cost of proposed road repairs on Chatham Road. The repairs would be for Class B patches where the pavement is jackhammered out and then filled with new and like material. Other repairs include curb and gutter. The total cost of repairs once an on-site assessment took place is close to \$310,000. Originally, the cost was around \$143,000 before the onsite examination, which increased the areas needed to be repaired. Patching alone is approximately \$230,000. The City of Springfield is providing the engineering costs. Mark will further inquire to find-out if the proposed contractor would be able to lock-in this price over a 2 year period so that repairs may be performed in a Phase I and Phase II process. Alderman Moll would check with the City of Springfield regarding their plans of Chatham Road repairs so that conflict of traffic flow would not occur. Additionally, Alderman Egizii noted proposed costs of \$8500 for 2 pedestrian signal heads, push buttons, etc. to comply with current standards, at the north side of Laurel. This cost is low because it may be tied to the existing conduit.

Currently, there is not enough in the MFT funds to do the entire \$310,000. Monies in the MFT fund has been built for this specific purpose in mind. There is enough to

do ½ or \$200,000 worth of repairs. Mayor Bangert said that he would be comfortable with \$150,000 this year. Alderman LoBue asked if the Council should deplete the entire reserve. City Administrator Stone noted that there is monies in a separate fund for asphaltting that may be used for this purpose, which, with the MFT funds, may be enough to complete the entire project in one phase. Mark Anderson said that the contractor would like to perform this project in March and April. Mayor Bangert suggested that the Council have another meeting to discuss this issue with the additional information requested.

NEW BUSINESS

At 8:22 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk
END 26 FEBRUARY 2013 MINUTES