

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 March 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	A	Donald LoBue, Ward III	P
Mark Gleason, Police Chief	P	Paul LaMantia, Ward III	P

A motion was made by Alderman LaMantia to approve the minutes for 26 February 2013 Regular Meeting, as amended. Alderman Egizii made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A review was given of the monthly report from Perrino and Associates.

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-03-883, in the corrected amount of \$17,501.74. Alderman Hetherington made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-03-884, in the amount of \$831.88. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to ratify paid warrants, P-03-885, in the amount of \$31,233.06. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Fulgenzi lauded the City for the efficient snow removal. On 24 March 2013, the region had a record snowfall ranging in the Springfield area of 17" – 18.5". Mayor Bangert noted that one truck was down as well as the back-hoe and commended Officer Oliver and Deputy Chief Ryan for taking their own initiative to help in clearing major roadways and intersections in Leland Grove.

**BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS AND LEGAL ACTIONS**

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

City Attorney Morse noted that further problems have again occurred at 2037 Huntleigh, which resulted in Ordinance 379, Commercial Vehicle Parking. Mr. Mitchell of 2043 made a complaint about the parking of Mr. Gilley's trailer which was park 1 hour and 2 minutes past the allowable time. The trailer has not been parked in the area for months. The Council is providing Mr. Gilley the benefit of the doubt that he may have not been clear on the exact times of the ordinance. A decision was made to have City Attorney Morse send a certified letter and a copy of the ordinance inviting Mr. Gilley to the next Council meeting. The issue of the trailer as a result of countless complaints from Mr. Mitchell has been discussed at the Council for years. Ordinance 379 was finally put into place and will have to be enforced.

City Attorney Morse also discussed a building permit for solar panels. Because there is not a current ordinance regarding alternative technologies, and because the panels are not going to be installed in an unsafe, obstructive, or unsightly manner, the permit was granted. However, City Attorney Morse cautioned that further alternative technology permit requests may come up and suggested that the Council consider an ordinance to regulate for safety and aesthetics. Alderman Turner volunteered to research such ordinances that may already exist during his departmental report.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
  - Alderman Turner will research existing ordinances regarding alternative technologies.
- Police and Public Safety: Vacant.
  - Chief Gleason distributed his report and also his proposed FY 2014 budget.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
  - Alderman LaMantia suggested the due to the 24 March 2013 snow storm that we should change the dates for spring leaf and limb pick-up. The Council decided against this as public notice has been given and the snow is expected to disappear quickly.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington. (As reported from Alderman Hetherington's notes).
  - The Illinois Municipal League web site shows the state is behind in their December through March payments making the state behind by \$42,129.09.
  - Property Tax Limitations: Two property tax limitation bills were approved by the House Revenue and Finance Committee on Thursday, March 21. The two bills with Democratic sponsors were allowed to advance to the House Floor:
    - [HB 89](#) (Rep. Franks, D-Woodstock) would prevent tax-capped local governments from collecting sufficient property taxes to keep up with inflationary increases. The limitation provided for in the bill would apply to those jurisdictions that experience a decline in assessed property value over that of the prior year. The bill is currently on the House Floor. IML OPPOSES
    - [HB 3041](#) (Rep. Kifowit, D-Aurora) this bill is identical to HB 89. The bill is currently on the House Floor. IML OPPOSES
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
  - Alderman Egizii passed onto Alderman McMenamin the requested petitions and proposal of the stop signs at Park and Laurel, discussed at the 26 February 2013 Leland Grove Council meeting. Laurie Williams would like to comment and requests a traffic count to support the findings. Alderman Egizii is organizing the traffic counter which was delayed due to the snow storm.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
  - No report.
  
- Due to the new appointment of Alderman Moll, and because Alderman Moll is unopposed as a write-in candidate for the 9 April 2013 election, Mayor Bangert placed Alderman Moll under Public Ways and Property and moved Alderman Egizii to Police and Public Safety.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Alderman Moll reviewed the results of the survey sent out by the Springfield-Sangamon Regional Planning Commission (SSRPC). He first thanked Jeff Fulgenzi

and Amy Uden of the SSRPC as well as Jim Fulgenzi for hosting the Long Range Plan Committee meetings. As a resident, prior to being appointed as Alderman, Jim Moll has served as chair of the Long Range Plan Committee. Jim by profession is an engineer at Hanson Professional Services.

In brief, the survey indicated that residents did not want a community center, but rather bike lanes and sidewalks along major arteries, specifically along Illini Road, north of Laurel to Washington Park. Many residents seemed to think that Washington Park is part of Leland Grove. More and more prominent signage was indicated to better mark the neighborhood. Residents are willing to pay higher taxes for sewer improvements. Residents are not willing to pay higher taxes to better facilitate the LGPD, requested more from the LGPD, and also lauded the LGPD. 46.7% of residents prefer no speed humps, 4.4% prefer fewer, 28.8% said to leave as is, 20.1% prefer more. Residents do not want businesses in the area. 77% of residents do not have children under the age of 18.

- Jeff Fulgenzi and Amy Uden of the SSRPC were present and provided detailed renderings of improvements to the area as a result of the survey. Sidewalks were shown along Illini Road. A pocket park was rendered into the plan north of Cherry and West of Outer Park behind the Instructional Resource Center. The Outer Park and Cherry intersection was narrowed to provide green space and safer pedestrian crossing.
- The island at Laurel and Illini was removed along with the access to Illini Country Club, creating green space, safer pedestrian crossings, and walk and bike paths. A discussion took place regarding past ideas of removing the island which was stalled due to CWLP not allowing this for reasons that may be power lines, sewage, etc. This may come up later should such a plan be implemented.
- Because the council meeting is open to the public, this presentation is considered a public presentation as part of the fees paid to SSRPC. An additional presentation will be given with further changes from the input given at this meeting. The results represent the community as a whole rather than opinions of small and specific areas in Leland Grove.
- Mayor Bangert approved the use of \$150,000 of MFT funds to begin Phase I of the road repairs on Chatham Road. Further use of funds will be discussed at a later date for the second phase of the project.
- A motion was made by Alderman LaMantia to move the regular monthly City Council meeting times from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting with the 23 April 2013 meeting. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote the motion carried:
  - Aye – LoBue, Hetherington, Turner, Egizii, Moll, LaMantia
  - Present – X
  - Nay – X
  - Absent – X

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion took place regarding the possible participation of Leland Grove in the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (Plan) which will be conducted in cooperation with SIU-C. Alderman Moll presented the Plan to the Council indicating that Leland Grove has not participated in the past but perhaps some useful information and ideas would come out of it that would benefit the residents and the area. Four meetings are required for the participation and Alderman Moll suggested that someone who would be a first responder be the delegate for Leland Grove. Leland Grove would not be required to spend money on this or adopt any of the proposals. Participation does require a resolution from the Council. A motion was made by Alderman Moll at the suggestion of City Attorney Morse who noted that the Council may approve participation at this time and ratify the resolution at the 23 April 2013 meeting. A second motion was made by Alderman LoBue. By roll call vote, the motion carried:  
Aye – Hetherington, Turner, Egizii, Moll, LaMantia, LoBue  
Present – X  
Nay – X  
Absent – X

At 8:20 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn  
City Clerk  
END 26 MARCH 2013 MINUTES