

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 6:02 p.m. on 23 April 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 March 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-04-886, in the corrected amount of \$19,503.27. 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-04-887, in the amount of \$915.00. 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 LaMantia to ratify paid warrants, P-04-888, in the amount of \$31,175.14. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. 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**

- A proposed item in reference to 2137 Huntleigh, a residence owned by Frank and Kelli Squires, was on the agenda regarding a right-of-way parallel to the street. This area of the street floods during high precipitation. A professional rendering was distributed. Alderman LoBue stopped by the Squires prior to the meeting to discuss their concerns. The Squires informed Alderman LoBue that they will not present their concern to the Council, and that the Council may choose to pursue or not pursue the drainage issue as seen appropriate.

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

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

The Resolution of the Leland Grove participation in the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was distributed.

City Attorney Morse sent a certified letter to Mr. Gilley containing the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance 379 and also a request to meet with the Council for the 23 April 2013 meeting. The Postal Service attempted to deliver it twice and the Gilley's never signed for it so it wasn't delivered. Then it was delivered by the police. Mr. Gilley then contacted City Attorney Morse. Mr. Gilley was not aware of the ordinance but was formally informed by the Council during the 23 April 2013 meeting. The time constraints of the trailer allowed on the property were clarified.

Mr. Gilley noted that the ordinance was originally intended for commercial vehicles which are many in the area, many with the business name noted on vehicles. By making the ordinance specific to trailers, Mr. Gilley expressed his opinion that this ordinance is directed to him personally as a result of Mr. Mitchell's numerous complaints. Mr. Gilley said that his trailer could also be for personal use. Mr. Gilley said that if he were to place his business name on his vehicle, this whole mess would start all over again with Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Gilley said that there are many commercial vehicles with business names on them in Leland Grove. Mr. Gilley said that the ordinance should apply to all residents of Leland Grove, not just to him specifically.

Mayor Bangert let Mr. Gilley know that this ordinance is not for Mr. Gilley or Mr. Mitchell but for all of the residents of Leland Grove. Further, Mr. Mitchell was also displeased with the ordinance. It was noted that the commercial vehicles in the area are also for personal use, not just commercial. Mr. Gilley was informed that Ordinance 379 as it is, stands, and that the Council is now placed in a position to enforce the fine for violation of that ordinance.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
  - Alderman Turner discussed his research on ordinances regarding alternative energy resources which he said are mostly technical and specific. Alderman Turner brought-up several hypothetical situations including a tree planted in one property and a large branch from that tree overhanging onto another property. Unoccupied residences and drainage were also brought-up in this discussion. Mayor Bangert noted that the City of Leland Grove has adopted the national maintenance code in regards to unoccupied residences. For rats and infestations, the City of Leland Grove pays Sangamon County to come in to do the paperwork. It was noted that Alderman Turner's concerns all relate to safety, aesthetics and appearance applications and regulations which may be addressed broadly in that sense.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Egizii.
  - Alderman Egizii commended the LGPD on their great work, as always.
  - Chief Gleason discussed burglaries in the area. Residents who have been targeted do not use vacation checks. The suspects seem to look for delivered packages that have not been brought inside.
  - Chief Gleason noted that there are national standards of safety in the workplace which are being enforced more stringently through inspections. Chief Gleason expressed that he would like the LGPD to be able to follow those codes, given the proper resources and facilities.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
  - A letter was received from a resident supporting Alderman LaMantia's past suggestion to change the free leaf pick-up to a later date due to weather.
- 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 January through April payments making the state behind by \$48,231.27.
  - From the Illinois Municipal League: The Illinois House just approved IML's legislation to require the direct deposit of LGDF (income tax) revenue to cities and counties. [HB 961](#) is a key component of the IML's "[Save Our Cities](#)" Agenda. Moving this bill out of the House is a tremendous legislative victory for cities and counties. The IML has been working to advance this legislation for several years.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Moll.
  - No comments from the Leland Grove aldermen were received in response to the presentation from the Springfield Sangamon Regional Planning Commission (SSRPC). Alderman Moll suggested that the plans and input that were presented

- to the Council at the 26 March 2013 meeting be placed on the Leland Grove website for feedback from the residents. The Council agreed.
- The SSRPC will come to another public presentation, if asked. The presentation given at the 26 March 2013 meeting is considered one of their public presentations. A discussion regarding a public meeting for residents with food including hot dogs took place.
  - Alderman Moll, an engineer for Hanson Professional Services by trade, and not the engineer for the City of Leland Grove, spoke to the City of Springfield engineer, Nate Bottom regarding the work on Chatham Road. Nate suggested that an overlay rather than patching may be possible given the current condition of most of the road which would reduce the overall projected cost.
  - Alderman Moll will address with City Administrator Stone the problem ditches along Cherry and Laurel.
  - Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
    - For the bids to be accurate from the insurance agents, employees of Leland Grove will meet 24 April 2013 to do the applications for the new policies. Alderman LoBue noted that all of the agents working on this task are doing a good job.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The 2014 budget proposals were discussed. Alderman LoBue suggested that based on the levy in the 2012 Sangamon County Values, Rates, and Extension Report showing \$460,657.17, possible cuts may need to be made.
  - Alderman Hetherington noted that the stop sign grant is not shown in the proposal and that the MFT funds used for Chatham Road should be factored.
  - A spreadsheet was distributed from Alderman Hetherington titled: Historical Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balanced for Fiscal Years ending May 31 (2007 thru 2012).
  - Alderman LoBue and Alderman Hetherington will compile a report. If anyone has any additions or concerns, please address those items to both aldermen.
  - The 2014 budget will need to be voted on and approved during the 28 May 2013 meeting.

At 7:22 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous "aye."

Kathleen Alcorn  
City Clerk  
END 23 APRIL 2013 MINUTES