

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 6:03 p.m. on 26 June 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, Deputy Police Chief	P	Paul LaMantia, Ward III	P

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 28 May 2013 Regular Meeting. Alderman LoBue made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 13 June 2013 Special Meeting regarding the approval of the new health insurance policy for full-time employees, as amended. Alderman Hetherington made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

A review was given of the monthly report from Perrino and Associates. A question was raised by Alderman LoBue regarding page 4 line 596, transfer to the Police Fund. The funds were monies from the DUI fees to make the down-payment for the new SUV. Alderman LoBue wanted to make sure this transfer from one account to another was a way to balance the Police Department budget. Treasurer Jennings did not believe so but would double check with Mario. City Attorney Morse questioned the two payments to Bob Ridings. The payments were for two vehicles. The Council approved financing the vehicles. Treasurer Jennings noted that the State of Illinois has paid their taxes and income should start coming into the City of Leland Grove.

A motion was made by Alderman LaMantia to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-06-892, in the corrected amount of \$19166.93. Alderman Egizii made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Nay – X

Absent – X

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-06-893, in the amount of \$234.09. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Nay – X

Absent – X

A motion was made by Alderman Moll to ratify paid warrants, P-06-894, in the amount of \$110,297.81. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Nay – X

Absent – X

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jodi Cole of 1812 W. Laurel appeared at the Council, last minute, to appeal a hold on her permit for a project she hoped to complete by 4 July 2013. It is the responsibility of the owner and the contractor to obtain a building permit. Alderman Turner placed the hold on the permit because the permit issued did not reflect the double water features in her front yard, which brought to question the 50% permeable drainage and green space ordinance. The homeowner considered the water features as landscaping which typically do not require special permitting. The home owner stated that the concrete being used is a new product called pervious concrete. Alderman Moll clarified the variations of permeable vs. non-permeable products, the long term maintenance, and the pros-and cons of both.

Also into question is the fact that one of the water features is located on the City of Leland Grove right-of-way. JULIE was called prior to digging. Most of the utilities are located along the north side of the property.

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to allow Ms. Cole to have her permit reinstated pending satisfaction of the following conditions:

- 1) Ms. Cole provided letters from adjacent neighbors stating that they do not have complaint of the project.

- 2) Printed material about permeable concrete shall be submitted to City Administrator Stone or to Alderman Turner.
- 3) As long as drainage was not an issue and that the 50% of green space would be addressed.
- 4) Ms. Cole provides a signed and notarized statement clearing the City of Leland Grove of any responsibility to repair any areas should any street work or repairs along the easement affect the project that overlaps City property. This notarized letter must also state that Ms. Cole and not the City of Leland Grove shall be responsible for any injuries or other unforeseeable issues that may arise in direct relation to the water features.

A second motion was made by Alderman Moll. By roll call vote the motion carried:

- Aye – Egizii, LoBue, LaMantia, Moll
- Nay – Hetherington
- Abstain – Turner

LEGAL UPDATE & ACTIONS

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

City Attorney Morse informed the Council that they will need to approve the Appropriations Ordinance soon and the further information would be provided.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
 - Alderman Turner reviewed the duties of Building and Zoning with City Attorney Morse and his assistant, and separately with City Administrator Stone. Alderman Turner expressed a feeling of being overwhelmed but looks forward to the learning process. If any Alderman have any questions, Alderman Turner will be traveling. Alderman Turner noted that there are not signals on subways so he may not be able to answer his phone and also his computer is broken and may not be able to respond to emails right away.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Egizii.
 - A monthly report was distributed. Alderman Egizii reminded the Council to be diligent about locking doors, car doors, and not keeping valuables in one's car. Alderman Egizii said that two residents called her prior to the meeting to express gratitude for the good work performed by the Leland Grove Police Department.
- 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 behind in their May through June payments by \$34,358.58. Alderman Hetherington took care to thank each person specifically for their time and efforts which in turn helped save the City of Leland Grove money. This included the LGPD, and the Human Resources Committee.
 - Public Ways and Property: Alderman Moll.
 - Alderman Moll noted that the Long Range Planning Committee met with the SSCRPC for one final review of their plan. A few minor changes were made. The work of the Long Range Planning Committee is now complete and it is up to the Council to adopt the final proposal presented to the Council. After that, a public presentation would need to be made.

Jeff Fulgenzi and Amy Uden along with an additional representative of the SSCRPC were present to answer any questions. Mayor Bangert, Alderman LoBue, Alderman Hetherington, and Alderman Moll all spoke highly of the presentation, its specifics, and suggestions such as enhancing existing assets to the community.

Alderman LoBue appreciated and asked the intent or reason behind the statement that Leland Grove is not situated in a vacuum. Jeff Fulgenzi talked about the community within a community aspect. One of the suggestions was that Leland Grove view itself both as a community internally and also externally, as SSCRPC does when they review an area. SSCRPC suggested a program such as Leland Cares, which would work to mark the time and efforts of the residents of Leland Grove given to the external community both individually and as a whole. The suggestion is to utilize existing assets to promote Leland Grove positively to the surrounding communities.

Alderman LoBue also asked about infrastructure as assets. Jeff Fulgenzi talked about connectivity of a regional network including bike paths and walk ways that are ADA compliant. Alderman LoBue asked about sewers as infrastructure and what specific areas of improvements were noted as potential problems.

The Council decided upon 17 July 2013, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. as a potential date for the public presentation at the First Congregational Church at Cherry and Bates. It would be an open house with a short formal presentation at 5:30 p.m. 48 hours notice would need to be posted both at the Instructional Resource Center and also at the church. The materials provided to the Council by SSCRPC would need to be posted on the website and door hangars would be distributed containing information from the SSCRPC press release. Treasurer Jennings said that he knows teens in the area in need of service hours should the City of Leland Grove decide to provide hot dogs for the event.

- Alderman Moll spoke to the property owners along the upcoming Laurel street ditch repair area. The property owners agreed to complete the final grade in their own specs that does not affect the overall drainage. Alderman Moll

noted that it would be best to start in front of Frank Links property as point to determine success of the project and then work west.

Mayor Bangert noted that the project would need to be quickly expedited and would look to Woodside for help and expertise and will try to set a date. Once a date has been set in August, Alderman Moll would inform the residents so that they may plan their own landscaping in the process.

- Alderman Moll provided a scenario to the Council regarding the process of road repairs in relation to the proposed repairs for Chatham Road. Alderman Moll met with Nate Bottom, Engineer for the City of Springfield, and Marc Anderson, Engineer for the City of Leland Grove and suggested that Leland Grove keep Marc Anderson part-time during this project to monitor priority areas. Patch-work will continue until the budget of \$150,000 is exhausted. The process will be repeated next year as needed.

An estimate was given of approximately \$8300 to be paid by Leland Grove for the repair of the pedestrian signal at Laurel and Chatham. This is an agreement with the City of Springfield in exchange for professional services on the Chatham Road repairs.

- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
 - Alderman LoBue said that the new health insurance policy is underway to be safely in effect 1 July 2013. Alderman LoBue informed the State of Illinois and has received a confirmation letter from Dian Reed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman LoBue noted the garbage along the creek and suggested a Clean the Creek Day. Alderman LoBue noted that this would be a great way for kids in the community to earn service hours. Alderman LoBue asked for a truck to be made available by the City of Leland Grove to haul the large amounts of oversized items. City Administrator Stone will contact Lake Area Disposal and ask if they may be able to donate a dumpster for this community event. Alderman Moll suggested that an announcement be made during the Long Range Plan Presentation. A tentative date is set for 20 July 2013. The event will take place on a Saturday, preferably mid to late July.
- Alderman LaMantia commented that the current website is still too unorganized and needs to be better laid-out for ease of use. Alderman LaMantia is going to have Ron with Rage Design address this issue.
- Alderman LaMantia expressed displeasure by not being informed of the public comments ahead of time and then asked to vote on an item not on the agenda. City Administrator Stone was not aware that Ms. Cole was planning on attending until the last minute. City Attorney Morse and Alderman Turner explained the unusual series of events that led to Ms. Cole appearing at this meeting.

At 7:23 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk
END 25 JUNE 2013 MINUTES