

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 6:00 p.m. on 23 July 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 Egizii to approve the minutes for 25 June 2013 Regular Meeting, as amended. Alderman Hetherington made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jennings questioned an amount of \$23,356. This amount should be related to the vehicle purchase. Treasurer Jennings will double check with Perrino and Associates about this transaction in regards to expenditure versus income reported for the loan.

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-07-895, in the corrected amount of \$14,248.68. Alderman LoBue made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-07-896, in the amount of \$312.49. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to ratify paid warrants, P-07-897, in the amount of \$54,306.62. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Nay – X

Absent – X

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Michael Higgins, City of Springfield's Mayor's Bike Council, and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, discussed their recommendation for Leland Grove to participate in having bike paths painted in certain roadways. The purpose would be for traffic calming, and connection to other paths throughout the city of Springfield including the Covered Bridge Trail and the Sangamon Valley Trail. The two priority routes in Leland Grove would be along Laurel and also Outer Park. Mr. Higgins spoke to Mike Mahoney with the City of Springfield in regards to the installation. Mr. Higgins indicated that Mr. Mahoney would consider the installation in Leland Grove. The proposed idea does not include widening of the road, just stenciling.

Alderman Moll asked if there is a minimum width required for roadways that includes stenciling. Ms. Wheeland said not for share roads but stated that there specs in a manual she referenced.

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

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

City Attorney Morse sent a notarized letter to Ms. Judy Cole of 1812 W. Laurel per the request of the Council. The letter states the liability and responsibility assumed by the owner regarding the water feature that overlaps upon the easement.

City Attorney Morse presented a draft of the Appropriations Ordinance which will need to be voted upon during the 23 August 2013 meeting. The budget for the next year was increased by 25 percent. The amount of health insurance prior to the new budget is included and could reflect some savings. A question regarding an increase in salaries that is not reflected in the draft ordinance came up. It was suggested that the numbers from the accountants' final compilation of the FY be used, plus 25%. Alderman LoBue cautioned on appropriating less than what was spent last year.

Alderman Hetherington will work with City Administrator Stone and also Chief Gleason. She will then report back to City Attorney Morse in regards to other line items that were questioned. The Council was instructed to notify City Attorney Morse with any

other additions, changes or concerns. A final draft will be distributed prior to the 27 August 2013 meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
 - Alderman Turner provided a lengthy and detailed report that lasted until 7:21 p.m. Concerns were raised regarding garage square footage at 1940 S. Wiggins, garbage at 2112 Cherry Road, driveways versus parking pads, and grassroots libraries. Alderman Turner was lauded for his efforts for this subject matter is a large task. Alderman Egizii cautioned against being overzealous in use of powers as the consequences and reputation of such actions reflects upon the City of Leland Grove as a whole.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Egizii.
 - Alderman Egizii commended the LGPD on their great work, as always. All are grateful for Chief Gleason's speedy recovery.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
 - New templates are available through the current webhost, GovOffice. Alderman LaMantia will coordinate with Ron Rollet of Rage Designs regarding the design change.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington. (As reported from Alderman Hetherington's notes).
 - Alderman Hetherington reported that David Booher, engineer for the Village of Sherman, will be contacting us to go over our figures for the federal stop sign grant which will replace signs to meet federal requirements. Sign replacement will take place in 2014.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Moll.
 - Alderman Moll gave a report on the Long Range Plan public meeting held 17 July 2013 at the First Congregational Church. Presenters were Jeff Fulgenzi and Amy Uden of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Approximately 80-100 residents were in attendance. Several comments were made by the residents. Alderman Moll will present the final Long Range Plan for final review.
 - Discussion of the predicted increase in neighboring through traffic from the upcoming installation of HyVee occurred. Service trucks will not likely use neighborhood streets with the MacArthur Boulevard highway access available. Traffic will be greater than the previous Kmart at the same location because the city has move farther west since its existence. Alderman Moll will discuss possible traffic calming devices with Jeff Fulgenzi and Amy Uden as an alternative to speed humps, specifically on Cherry Road. No road improvements are foreseen for Cherry Road on the City of Springfield side.

- Leland Grove may expect increased wear and tear on these through roads as a result of additional traffic from HyVee.
- Alderman Moll spoke to Nate Bottom, the city engineer. Patching along Chatham Road in Leland Grove is expected to take place in October and November.
- Improvements for the sewer on Laurel and Outer Park will begin on 19 August 2013.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
 - Chip Thieben from Dimond Brothers was present to discuss and answer any questions regarding the additional costs of the Dental and Vision benefits that were not included in the new insurance policy for full-time staff. The other competing insurance bids offered Dental and Vision at an additional cost. Chip Thieben noted that the City of Leland Grove did not have a broker to present the prior plan. Chip Thieben noted that some of the benefits in this package are better than the previous plan while some are not. The past plan and the proposed plan are not the same plan. Alderman Hetherington made a motion at the request of Mayor Bangert to approve the additional cost of \$6100 for the inclusion of dental and vision benefits as long as this benefit does not cost more to the full-time employees as the previous plan. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote the motion carried:
 - Aye – LaMantia, LoBue, Hetherington, Turner, Egizii, Moll
 - Nay – X
 - Absent – X

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

At 7:41 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk
END 23 JULY 2013 MINUTES