

MINUTES
LELAND GROVE CITY COUNCIL
INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Regular Meeting of the Leland Grove City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on 24 July 2012 by Mayor Rex 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	Teresa Smoot, Ward II	A
Richard Stone, City Administrator	P	Donald LoBue, Ward III	P
Mark Gleason, Police Chief	P	Paul LaMantia, Ward III	A

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 26 June 2012 Regular Meeting, as amended, with color coded corrections noted by Alderman Turner and a correction from Alderman Hetherington. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-07-859, in the amount of \$23,705.74. Alderman Hetherington made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-07-860, in the amount of \$5019.97. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to ratify paid warrants, P-07-861, in the amount of \$41,416.69. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Absent – Smoot, LaMantia

Treasurer Jennings noted that Mario, from Perrino and Associates, noticed no red flags from the accounting report.

A check from Woodside was received in the amount of \$130,859.66 for a six month period.

Estes from Estes Bridgewater & Ogden will begin the audit sometime between 30 July 2012 and 1 August 2012. The cost will be \$4800. It was \$4500 previously. The \$300 difference was questioned by Alderman LoBue. Treasurer Jennings noted that from the discussion the last few meetings, that the Council wanted the audit performed asap and Estes had a 3 year contract previously with Leland Grove. Mayor Bangert said that when Estes did the bid for the 3 year contract, that they were less than all of the others. Attorney Morse said that the Estes bid was \$1000 less than the other bids. Treasurer Jennings said that the City may still get bids for the next three years. Alderman LoBue asked if there is an ordinance regarding bids, and if one was not in place, the Council may want to consider an ordinance for what does go out to bid and when the Council does the bidding process (referring to State of Illinois statutes).

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

City Administrator Stone said that due to the record high temperatures and drought, that the City is experiencing an excessive amount of dead trees that will need to be removed which was not an anticipated expense. Mayor Bangert suggested that when bidding out tree removal, that the City tries to get a discount by removing multiple trees rather than one at a time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mitchell was present and put forth his opinion in the commercial trailer ordinance. He further commented on this issue when the topic was addressed under Building and Zoning Permits and Legal Actions.

Katherine Stelling from 20 Pine Tree Drive came to thank the Council for the Traffic Committee meeting 16 July 2012. She said that it made her take a closer look at her taxes. She thanked the Council for doing such a remarkable job with so little money when compared to other areas in town. A short discussion of tax levies came up. Attorney Morse said that levies are determined by the Council and cannot exceed the maximum amount established.

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

City Attorney Morse presented his monthly update and also of permits issued. City Attorney Morse noted and thanked Alderman Hetherington and Alderman Turned for the corrections they found of the report, which included improperly bolded items.

City Attorney Morse mentioned a Freedom of Information Act request from the City of Springfield regarding City of Leland Grove employees.

Two draft ordinances were presented by City Attorney Morse:

The first ordinance, Ordinance 379, which is the new Commercial Vehicle Ordinance, was discussed. Attorney Morse said that the intent of the ordinance is to define commercial trailers as a new entity, and also revises the existing verbiage to update and redefine commercial vehicle. Alderman Turner and Alderman Hetherington picked through the ordinance as presented. Both Alderman had several comments and criticisms. Alderman Turner said that the ordinance as it exists is not workable. Mayor Bangert reminded the council that this has been an ongoing issue since 2007. Treasurer Jennings asked that Mr. Gilley be given a timely notice to find a new location for his trailer. Attorney Morse will have the corrected ordinance to the City Administrator before the end of July 2012, for signature from the Mayor and the Clerk. The ordinance will be effective as of 1 September 2012.

In regards to Ordinance 379, Mr. Mitchell wanted to distinctly clarify the times in which the vehicle is not allowed. The Council informed Mr. Mitchell that 1 minute after the allotted time is not acceptable to call the Police. Further, the Leland Grove Police Department does a great job, and perfectly aware of time. It is not the responsibility of Mr. Mitchell to instruct the LGPD on how to do their job. Mayor Bangert reminded Mr. Mitchell that this ordinance is not about him or Mr. Gilley, it is about all of the citizens of Leland Grove.

A motion was made by Alderman LoBue to approve Ordinance 379, as amended. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye – Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue
Nay – Turner
Absent – Smoot, LaMantia

Draft Ordinance 380 was also presented, regarding Fiscal Year 2013. City Attorney Morse asked the Council to advise him of any corrections and will wait for the Council to decide the appropriate time for approval.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
 - No report.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Smoot

- Absent.
- PD report was distributed.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
 - Absent, no report.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington.
 - Alderman Hetherington said that the State of Illinois is still approximately 3 months behind in distributing funds due to budget problems.
 - Alderman Hetherington received numbers from Saul and said that they are good.
 - Alderman Hetherington is helping Alderman Turner with the Long Range Plan and also getting a Planning Committee together.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
 - City Administrator Stone and Alderman Egizii have been working on getting pricing for asphalt overlay at Greenbriar and Bates. Alderman Turner made a motion to approve the project performed by P.H. Broughton, not to exceed \$103,000. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote the motion carried:
 - Aye – Egizii, LoBue, Turner, Hetherington
 - Nay – X
 - Absent – Smoot, LaMantia
 - Special thanks was given to the Council from Alderman Egizii for their attendance at the 16 July 2012 Traffic Committee meeting.
 - 16 August 2012 is the next open house forum where the Traffic Committee will present their proposal. The meeting will take place from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., tentatively. Further information to follow.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
 - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Alderman LaMantia was not present to discuss the website topic. The topic will be added to the August Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman Smoot was not present to discuss the Street Closed Signage. The topic will be added to the August Agenda.

At 8:05 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk
END 24 JULY 2012 MINUTES