

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 26 August 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, Police Chief	P	Paul LaMantia, Ward III	P

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 27 July 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 followed-up on the question of an amount of \$23,356 from last month's meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman LaMantia to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-08-898, in the corrected amount of \$20,429.54. Alderman Egizii 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-08-899, in the amount of \$2321.28. 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-08-900, in the amount of \$37,544.05. 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**

City Administrator Stone noted that several of the Leland Grove signs are missing or vandalized. The signs are approximately \$700 each. The signs are created by Mike Carroll from Redwood Signs.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Michael Higgins, City of Springfield's Mayor's Bike Council was present to discuss Bike Share Roads. A possible collaboration with the City of Springfield may take place with this project.
- Todd Lafrenz, Linsday Place Association Vice President, was present to discuss the possibility of hiring the City of Leland Grove as part of a city-wide mosquito abatement program. The request will be researched by Alderman LaMantia.

## **LEGAL ACTIONS**

City Attorney Morse reviewed current legal actions.

City Attorney Morse presented the Appropriations Ordinance 385 for approval and thanked Aldermans LoBue and Hetherington as well as City Administrator Stone for their input. A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve the ordinance. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington
  - City Administrator Stone will make copies of the pages that were changed in the budget to be in line with the appropriations ordinance. All changes will be shown in red to make it easier to identify what was changed.
- Health and Sanitation: Paul LaMantia
  - Alderman LaMantia is up to date on the pool issue.
  - Todd Lafrenz expressed concern regarding waste haulers and suggested that waste haulers come once a week. The City of Leland Grove will not govern who uses which waste hauler.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Egizii
  - Officers Probst and Kestner were given awards for DUI enforcement.
  - A monthly police report summary was distributed.

- Chief Gleason discussed with the Council methods of crime statistics and reporting. He was responding to concerns raised by Alderman Turner.
  - Chief Gleason suggested reviving the Leland Link on a possible quarterly basis. Mayor Bangert approved this idea.
- A request was made for a new full-time police officer. Alderman LoBue and Chief Gleason will meet to discuss this further before presenting to the Council for approval.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue
  - In response to predicted effects of the Affordable Health Care Act on employers, Health Alliance offered extended coverage on the existing policy through 2014. The Council agreed with Alderman LoBue's opinion to keep the current policy as is and to not make any changes.
  - Alderman LoBue stated that the workers' compensation insurance, fidelity bonds and property coverage would be coming up soon from the Illinois Municipal League.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Moll
  - Alderman Moll complimented the City of Leland Grove road crew and the help from Woodside Township for the efficient and good work on the Laurel drainage project and also the property owners affected by the project. Significant cost savings took place, including a possible model for future city-resident collaborations.
  - Alderman Moll requested a motion to approve the Long Range Plan. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii.
 

Alderman Turner brought up several concerns regarding wording and language. Alderman Moll noted that the language in question is not arbitrary but established by IDOT. The Long Range Plan should be approached as achievable over time.

By roll call vote the motion carried.

Aye – LaMantia, Hetherington, Moll, Egizii, LoBue

Nay – Turner

Absent – X
  - Alderman Moll would like to establish a set a priorities to implement from the Long Range Plan. Alderman Moll suggested that the first priority be the narrowing of the Cherry and Outer Park intersection which would add green space and could be done in house.
  - Alderman Moll discussed bike lane markings and was given approval to talk to the City Engineer regarding this issue.
  - Alderman Moll suggested a calculation of 40% of the living space as the maximum garage size regardless if the garage is attached or detached. An ordinance change will be made and presented for approval.
  - The Chatham Road repairs have not yet taken place in Leland Grove.
- Building Permits and Zoning: Alderman Turner
  - Alderman Turner made a report on several projects of concern in the area.

- Alderman Turner requested ordinance changes to 9-3-13: Accessory Buildings, 9-3-10: Intensity of Use, and 9-4-2: Damaged Structures. The changes requested will be made separately and presented to the Council for approval.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- For budgetary reasons, clarification of communication with City Attorney Morse was made. Communication should go through Mayor Bangert first.
- Clarification was made on the Open Meetings Act regarding the distribution of emails among the Council. All emails may be passed out as public record.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

At 7:59 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn  
City Clerk  
END 26 AUGUST 2013 MINUTES