

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 7:04 p.m. on 28 August 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	A	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	P

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 24 July 2012 Regular Meeting, as amended. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Tim Hart - the class clown. Super funny guy. If you ever have the pleasure of meeting him, ask him where is proposed to his fiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-08-862, in the amount of \$121,549.28. Alderman Hetherington made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-08-863, in the amount of \$6,193.51. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to ratify paid warrants, P-08-864, in the amount of \$50,452.13. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

City Administrator Stone asked the Council to consider the free fall leaf and limb pick-up dates. City Administrator Stone suggested that the City utilizes the same dates as it has in the past.

- Alderman LaMantia presented bids from the four local waste haulers. The best bid came from Lake Area for 7 weeks, unlimited volume.
- Deciding when those 7 weeks take place (Oct/Nov or Nov/Dec) was discussed, particularly due to the drought.
- Attorney Morse suggested that an arborist be consulted in regards to leaves falling early (due to the drought) and if the leaves may fall for longer than 7 weeks.
- Alderman Hetherington suggested allowing the pick-up to go through past Thanksgiving since this is the time when most people have time from work to tend to their yards.
- Another suggestion was to allow the 7 weeks and to have residents pay for any additional time they may need for pick-up.
- Mayor Bangert suggested that the City prints their own stickers and distribute them evenly between all households.
- Alderman LoBue did not like this proposal because he typically has 150 bags. Alderman Egizii would not use any of the stickers because she has a service. Mayor Bangert said that households who do not use all of their stickers or none at all may return them to the City for redistribution.
- This concept was not accepted by the Council.

Alderman LaMantia will follow-up on the bids for the 25 September 2012 meeting where a decision for free leaf and limb pick-up dates will take place.

City Administrator Stone passed-out a copy of the Nuisance Tree Removal Application to the Council. This application applies only to trees on right-of-ways. A copy of the application may be found on the Leland Grove website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Tom O'Brien spoke regarding bids for one waste hauler to come through Leland Grove rather than four. The purpose for one waste hauler is to reduce the wear and tear on the neighborhood streets.

- Alderman Hetherington again expressed strongly towards the ability to be able to continue to choose her waste hauler as she has noted during several meetings in the past.
- Tom O'Brien reasoned that such an opinion of one is not necessarily the best for the common good of the whole, in regards to unnecessary street repairs due to high volumes of heavy truck traffic.

- It has been argued that the freedom of one to choose their own waste hauler regardless of price difference should be up to the tax payer.
- Mr. O'Brien asked the Council what further action would be taken now that he has presented his concern, or would his concerns be simply noted.
- Mayor Bangert noted that Alderman LaMantia has been working on this topic for a long time and that this subject is not new to the Council.
- The issue of whether the Council should become responsible for waste haulers is a concern and will be discussed during the 25 September 2012 meeting.

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 Turner for the correction he found of the report.

City Attorney Morse was given a request for records pertaining to certain police records and that the Chief was to get me the records.

The amended version of the Appropriations Ordinance 380 regarding FY2013 was presented to the Council. A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve Ordinance 379, as amended. A second motion was made by Alderman LoBue. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

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.
 - Report made.
 - Alderman LoBue presented an Electronics Recycling and Shred date sponsored by the Springfield Township and available to residents of Sangamon County. The event will take place 20 October 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at 3298 Terminal Avenue in Springfield. The flier for this event is posted on the Leland Grove website.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington.
 - No report.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
 - 16 August 2012 Open House was discussed along with the attendance.

- The Traffic Committee Interim Report was presented by resident and Traffic Committee Member, Randy Thomas. A copy of the report is available on the Leland Grove website. Randy Thomas summarized the report:
 - Focus: Street and neighborhood safety, strong sense of community, bike ways, street maintenance and cost.
 - Introduction: Concerns including street signage, thru traffic, and the proposed Hyvee.
 - Response from residents by participation in meetings and also the survey.
 - Conclusion: Four major concerns
 - Ask Council to install speed humps throughout.
 - The difference between speed bumps and speed humps is height and length. The long humps with a gradual height are what is being proposed, not the bumps. Mayor Bangert suggested that the wear and tear of snow removal on such items be considered.
 - Alderman Egizii suggested a “Buy a Hump” program and has already sold 2. This would help off-set the cost to the City.
 - Citizens, in their surveys, have asked for additional law enforcement, particularly with loud noise of thru traffic and also people rolling through stop signs.
 - Reconfigure problem intersections:
 - Laurel and Illini – most in need according to residents. Committee cannot come up with a workable plan and recommends either the city engineer or an outside consultant study the intersection and propose a plan.
 - Laurel and Outer Park – ranked second in need by residents. Committee proposes it be reconfigured to provide a “T” intersection and remove excess paving to make shorter and safer crosswalks.
 - Laurel and Cherry – remove excess paving to provide a tighter intersection and shorter, safer crosswalks.
 - Cherry and Outer Park – needs to shrink.
 - Cherry and Chatham Road – Chatham Road is a state highway and the Committee needs to further interpret what the residents are asking in their surveys.
 - The purpose of addressing these intersections is to increase pedestrian safety, reduce instances of roll-thru at stop signs, and slow traffic.
 - Create an enforceable ordinance limiting large trucks and other large vehicles in Leland Grove. The current ordinance is based on vehicle weight but is unenforceable because we have no scales. The new ordinance will likely focus on the number of axles with appropriate exemptions for busses and trash haulers, and a permit system for residential/construction deliveries within Leland Grove.
 - Alderman Egizii requested permission to ask Mark Anderson what type of humps are best to install. Permission was granted.

- Jim Moll, resident and Traffic Committee Member suggested that the City Engineer determine this.
- Alderman Turner suggested that someone completely removed from Leland Grove make this recommendation.
- Alderman LoBue noted that the Traffic Committee is correct in being proactive and asked that they not only consider what they are going to do but also address the cost. Alderman Egizii said that the Committee has done so.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
 - Alderman Lobue is moving forward with health insurance carrier bids for City employees who qualify for this benefit. The issue of life insurance was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Alderman LaMantia noted that the current cost of the Leland Grove website is too much, considering what the City is getting in return. Alderman LaMantia presented cost proposals from another person who would charge \$50 per hour to maintain the site.
 - Alderman LaMantia will have a proposal regarding the website for the 25 September 2012 meeting.
- Alderman Hetherington provided an update on the stop sign grant. Leland Grove is very fortunate to have such a grant and result will not be seen until summer of 2013. The installation of the new signage will be contracted out. Old signs and posts may be kept by the City for recycling.
- Alderman Turner discussed the Long Range Plan Committee. Alderman Turner and Alderman Hetherington both determined that each Ward should have 2 representatives. Therefore the Aldermen from other Wards should be responsible for finding their own representatives. Still waiting for two representatives from Ward II.
 - Mayor Bangert mentioned the need of two people to represent Leland Grove for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Jim Moll, Traffic Committee Member, volunteered. If any resident of Leland Grove is interested in being a part of the Zoning Board of Appeals, please contact Mayor Bangert or City Administrator Dick Stone.

NEW BUSINESS

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

At 8:19 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk

As Amended from the numerous revisions from Alderman Turner

END 28 AUGUST 2012 MINUTES