

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 7:02 p.m. on 25 September 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
Dan Wright, Attorney	P	Teresa Smoot, 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 28 August 2012 Regular Meeting, as amended, according to the revisions presented by Alderman Turner. Alderman Turner made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Alderman Egizii had an obligation to meet, and left the meeting early, after her report, which was discussed after Public Comments. City Administrator Stone left the meeting early due to illness.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-09-865, in the amount of \$20,029.69. Alderman LaMantia made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-09-866, in the amount of \$102.99. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to ratify paid warrants, P-09-867, in the amount of \$34,200.19. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Alderman Hetherington questioned the verbiage in a paragraph from the Accountant's Compilation Report. Treasurer Jennings said that he would ask Perrino & Associates about her inquiry and report back to her.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

City Administrator Stone was not present for his report but asked Mayor Bangert to speak on his behalf. The item to be discussed on the agenda was free leaf pick-up dates. Alderman LaMantia was not aware that City Administrator Stone had dates in mind as he was not present at the last meeting. Alderman LaMantia presented another proposal that has the dates of pick-up from 22 October 2012 – 26 November 2012 rather than 15 October – 30 November 2012. This pick-up will be at an hourly rate as it has been in the past. As of 27 November 2012, leaf pick-up will be at the cost of the residents.

A motion was made by Alderman LaMantia to approve the free fall leaf pick-up as proposed by Alderman LaMantia, which would run from 22 October 2012 – 26 November 2012. Alderman Hetherington made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Mulcahey and Roanna Victor, both residents of Leland Grove, were present to express concern regarding rumors that speed humps would appear throughout Leland Grove without input from the residents. Alderman Egizii noted that Mr. Mulcahey has been present at all of the public Traffic Committee meetings. Alderman LoBue asked Mr. Mulcahey if he is against some or all speed humps. Mr. Mulcahey responded with all. It was noted to Mr. Mulcahey by the Council that the speed humps are in response to the verbal and written concerns of the residents. Roanna Victor said that it would be more cost effective to hire another police officer to monitor safety than it would to invest in speed humps. The issue was discussed and voted on during Alderman Egizii's report.

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

Attorney Dan Wright was present in City Attorney Morse's absence. Attorney Wright noted that Alderman Hetherington questioned a building permit at 2112 Wiggins, wanting to

know if the both attached and detached garages are included in the permit. Attorney Wright said that he would look into this.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
 - Alderman Turner said that the Long Range Plan Committee is in motion but is not sure when the next meeting will take place.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Smoot
 - PD report was distributed.
 - Alderman Smoot asked that the HR person, Alderman LoBue, discuss the possibility of hiring an additional Police Officer. Two part-timers have left the department.
 - Discussion was made of the repayment of the Academy. Attorney Wright will look into this.
 - Chief Gleason said that there is not money for an additional full-time officer, but there is money for a part-time officer.
 - Alderman LoBue will meet with Chief Gleason to discuss the matter.
 - Alderman Smoot noted that while the topic of speed humps is a matter of safety, they cannot fight crime, do vacation checks, etc.
 - Alderman Smoot asked the Council that when discussing future budgets, to weigh the importance and citizen request of increased police presence over inanimate objects that serve only one purpose.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
 - Alderman LaMantia also presented a proposal that would regulate dates and times of waste hauler presence for all waste haulers
 - A concern was raised by Alderman Smoot regarding both proposals leading back to the short-staff concern of the Leland Grove Police Department. Who is going to enforce all of these new rules?
 - The Council decided that this issue, which comes up periodically according to concerns from residents, that neither issue is necessary and not to vote.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington, *(as reported from Alderman Hetherington's notes given to Clerk Alcorn at the time of the meeting)*
 - The Illinois Municipal League website shows the state is still three months behind in paying us our share of the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax. \$28,677.24 is due us for July, August, and September.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
 - An aerial map of Leland Grove was distributed to the Council from the City Engineer, Mark Anderson. The map indicated areas that the Traffic Committee is considering placing speed humps on Laurel, Cherry, and Outer Park. Also distributed was a cross elevation drawing of the speed humps which are 3" tall with 6' to the elevation and 6' to the base, totaling 12' in depth.
 - The placement of the speed humps comes from the research of residential input conducted by the Traffic Committee.

- The aerial drawing is a preliminary study for discussion and not intended to show exact placement of the speed humps. Further research including input from the Fire Department, easements, and drainage will need to be considered.
- The speed humps are made of asphalt and will not affect snow removal. The cost of each speed hump is \$3565.00 each from Broughton.
- Alderman Egizii proposed 3 speed humps in a row at each street, Laurel, Cherry, and Outer Park. The speed humps will be funded from non-Motor Fuel Taxes. Further, Alderman Egizii said that private sponsorship of the speed humps from residents may be a possibility.
- Alderman LaMantia asked how speed humps deter people to drive through and how do they serve a supplemental purpose to the stop signs. Alderman Smoot again stated that speed humps do not perform the same duties as a Police Officer, and monies would be better invested in PD personnel.
- Mayor Bangert suggested that one speed hump be placed on each street as a preliminary study to their effectiveness. Alderman Turner said that one speed hump defeats the purpose of having three in a row. Other Council members agreed with Mayor Bangert's recommendation.
 - A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to install three speed humps, based on Mayor Bangert's proposal, one on Laurel, one on Cherry, and one on Outer Park. The speed humps will be purchased from Broughton at the cost of \$3565.00 each funded from non-Motor Fuel Taxes. A second motion was made by Alderman Turner. By roll-call vote, the motion carried:
 - Aye – LoBue, Turner, Smoot, Egizii
 - Nay – LaMantia
 - Abstain – Hetherington (needed more information)
- Human Resources: Alderman Lobue recommended that an independent agent conduct the bids for insurance for full-time employees to avoid HIPAA and other conflicts of interest that may arise from a Council member's direct involvement. Alderman LoBue suggested Chip Thieben of Diamond Insurance because of similar involvement with other municipalities. Alderman LoBue also suggested that we communicate with those who have already been contacted for the process.

OLD BUSINESS

- Alderman LaMantia discussed the website and reported his findings from his contact with the website provider. The website we currently have has a great deal more capability that is being utilized. City Clerk Alcorn has been maintaining and updating the website, beyond posting minutes and agendas, since January 2012, based on Council needs. Mayor Bangert said that it is not the duty of the City Clerk to maintain the website and that Clerk Alcorn should be compensated for her time and work, just as the city would pay anyone else providing the same service. The Council agreed that Clerk Alcorn should be paid in addition to her Clerk pay for this

additional service. Clerk Alcorn will submit a proposal at the 23 October 2012 meeting for the Council to officially approve regarding hourly payment of this service, not to exceed the \$2,500 budget allotted.

- Alderman Hetherington provided an update on the stop sign grant *(as reported by Alderman Hetherington's notes given to Clerk Alcorn at the meeting)*
 - There is nothing new to report. The Engineer for the City of Sherman has not yet received official notice of the award. Sherman would receive the notice because they submitted the joint grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alderman Smoot was present to discuss her agenda item of Street Closed Signage. There was nothing to report and this item will no longer be an agenda item until another concern is raised on this topic.

At 8:45 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous "aye."

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk
END 25 SEPTEMBER 2012 MINUTES