

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 7:00 p.m. on 23 October 2012 by Mayor Pro Tem Paul LaMantia. A quorum was present. The following members were present or absent as indicated.

Rex Bangert, Mayor	A	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	P

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the minutes for 25 September 2012 Regular Meeting, as amended. Alderman Hetherington made a second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-10-868, in the amount of \$31,752.06. 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 Hetherington to approve unpaid MFT warrants, P-10-869, in the amount of \$102.99. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington to ratify paid warrants, P-10-870, in the amount of \$26,584.68. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

## **CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve Motor Fuel Tax fund of \$41,350.00 for the purpose of maintaining our streets from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Alderman Hetherington made the second motion. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye – Turner, LaMantia, Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue

Nay – X

Absent – Smoot

A motion was made by Alderman LoBue to approve the annual Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, with an annual payment of \$70.70 for May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye – LaMantia, Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue, Turner

Nay – X

Absent – Smoot

Alderman Turner questioned the word “Village” used in the Agreement mentioned above. City Attorney Morse said that because City of Leland Grove is clearly stated, “village” should not make a difference. However, if the Council wishes, the word “village” may have a line drawn through it and initialed.

Alderman Egizii mentioned the free shredding event which will be held 10 November 2012 at the Instructional Resource Center, 2000 Chatham Road, Leland Grove, Illinois from 9:00 am – Noon. Door hangars will be designed by Alderman Turner and distributed either by Alderman in their respective Wards or by Leland Grove students needing community hours for school.

Mr. Deter of Barberry Drive, applied for a building permit 14 months ago. Building permits are valid for 12 months. Mr. Deter has run into numerous snafus which resulted in the construction never taking place. The Council discussed the changes in Mr. Deter’s plans. Mr. Deter has asked for credit for the original permit, as long as he resubmits all current plans and new application. Alderman LoBue made a motion to approve the credit of the original permit, under the condition that Mr. Deter completes the permitting process as if he were applying for a new permit. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye – Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue, Turner, LaMantia

Nay – X

Absent – Smoot

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS AND LEGAL ACTIONS**

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

The City received at Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 12 October 2012 from the Laborer's International Union of North America Local Union No. 477 concerning sidewalk construction performed by Langheim Construction. Attorney Morse is compiling the information and requested and extension of time. Workers of Langheim Construction were paid prevailing wage.

In regards to the website discussion (see Old Business), City Attorney Morse indicated that the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act (POPAA) may have implications in City Clerk Alcorn having a separate contract to maintain the Leland Grove website. As the POPAA is currently written, no voting member may have a separate paying contract, such as Aldermen. Because City Clerk Alcorn is not a voting member, this may not apply to her. It would be up to the Council to determine whether or not they would allow City Clerk Alcorn to have a separate paying contract. Because the POPAA is even a question or concern, City Clerk Alcorn opted to no longer maintain the website to avoid controversy for herself and for the Council. Because of this decision, the Council will again have to review bids from an outside source. The Council approved a budget for already to pay someone to maintain the Leland Grove website. A redesign will be discussed when the contract with the current host expires.

Because of the FOIA request and the POPAA concern, Alderman LoBue and City Attorney Morse discussed the need for a formalized policy for bidding processes. Alderman LoBue, an Attorney by trade, addresses this issue frequently and is well versed on the topic. Alderman LoBue and Alderman Morse will work together on how to most efficiently approach this issue. Currently, the City of Leland Grove does do a bidding process and does so properly, but a written policy should be in place.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Building and Zoning: Alderman Turner.
  - No report.
- Police and Public Safety: Alderman Smoot
  - Absent.
  - PD report was distributed by Chief Gleason.
  - Chief Gleason distributed Squad Car Purchase Estimates to the Council which he reviewed. Equipment total is \$38,735.00 and a new vehicle from Bob Ridings in Taylorville is \$28,440.00.
  - Chief Gleason said that Officer Jason Martin attended Homicide School and that Chief Gleason attended school with other police chiefs in San Diego. Both officers learned a great deal and also the need for many updates in the LGPD to avoid potential law suits. The Chief asked the Council to consider the need of

a separate LGPD building so that the LGPD may comply to set standards when determining the next FY budget.

- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
  - No report.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington.
  - The Illinois Municipal League website shows the state is now four months behind in paying us our share of the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax. \$41,167.17 is due us for July, August, and September, and October.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
  - Alderman Egizii presented multiple positive feedback on the speed humps in the form of letters and emails. Alderman Turner and Alderman Hetherington noted that they have received several negative feedbacks.
    - Alderman Egizii noted that street where MFT funds are not allowed for use on such things as speed humps, residents of those streets may be willing to self-fund the installment of speed humps because of the effectiveness they have observed.
  - A motion was made by Alderman Egizii, through the Traffic Committee, approval from the Council to use MFT funds for additional research, planning, etc. for additional calming devices, aka speed humps. Originally, a request was made for 12 speed humps. Because 3 have been installed so far, this request is for the additional 9. The approval would include the bidding process for spring installment. The final product of the additional 9 speed humps or less, if all 9 are not necessary, would be approved by the Council for installment. The purpose of the bidding, research, planning, etc. is to have financial and statistical numbers to present to the Council prior to approval of installation. A second motion was made by Alderman LaMantia. By roll call vote the motion carried:
    - Aye – Egizii, LoBue, Turner, LaMantia, Hetherington
    - Nay – X
    - Absent – Smoot
  - Alderman Egizii requested approval from the Council for Phase 2 of the Traffic Committee which would approve MFT funds to be used for a survey by marc Anderson of Rapps Engineering based on the drawings from Jim Moll. The survey and additional drawings would include tightening problem intersections and adding green space in effect. There are three intersections of interest: Laurel and Outer Park, Illini and Laurel, and Cherry and Outer Park, in the order of safety concerns. The costs of the survey for Laurel and Outer Park is \$1600.
    - Because this item was not on the agenda, Alderman LoBue advised that the Council not vote on this issue or any other additional requests from the Traffic Committee during this meeting unless it is on the agenda. The purpose of the agenda is to inform the public and provide an opportunity for input and opinion on any voting matter. City Attorney Morse concurred and advised the Council to be more specific when adding items to the agenda. This item will be placed on the 27 November 2012 agenda.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.

- Alderman LoBue mentioned his discussion with Chief Gleason regarding staffing needs for the Police Department. Currently, because of the few full-time officers, many budgetary and safety issues arise. Alderman LoBue has discussed the numbers with Chief Gleason. The request for additional full-time officers will be made at the next FY budget.
- Alderman LoBue will also look into a contract for future hires where they are legally bound to reimburse the City for any training or schooling should employment end prior to two years of consecutive work.
- Alderman LoBue spoke to an agent regarding bids for health insurance for the full-time staff. He was advised that it is too early to do so as those bids would no longer be valid when the time comes to renew. Solicitation of bids will take place around February or March.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Alderman LaMantia discussed the website maintenance and suggested names of people he knows in the industry for bids.
- Alderman LaMantia made a motion to approve Leland Grove residents, Jon Hockenyo, Jim Moll, and Bill Norman to serve on the Leland Grove Zoning Board of Appeals. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote the motion carried:
  - Aye – LoBue, Turner, LaMantia, Hetherington, Egizii
  - Nay – X
  - Absent – Smoot

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Bacterial Leaf Scorch (BLS) and other tree diseases noticed throughout Leland Grove were discussed. It was agreed that an arborist or an expert come to inform and educate the Council at the next meeting regarding treatment, severity, etc. before the Council makes a decision on how to address this issue.

At 8:44 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn  
City Clerk  
END 23 OCTOBER 2012 MINUTES