

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 27 November 2012 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	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 23 October 2012 Regular Meeting, as amended. Alderman LaMantia 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-11-871, in the corrected amount of \$46902.74. 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-11-872, in the amount of \$1518.09. 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-11-873, in the amount of \$45,556.98. 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 Richard Stone discussed the distribution of the Sterling Codifiers supplements to the City Code Manuals. Over a years' worth of ordinances was submitted to Sterling Codifiers by City Clerk Kathleen Alcorn. Sterling Codifiers charges \$20 per page that is submitted to them.

Alderman Egizii noted that the free shredding event which took place 10 November 2012 at the Instructional Resource Center, 2000 Chatham Road, Leland Grove, Illinois from 9:00 am – Noon, was a huge success and that over 2000 lbs was submitted by residents.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Annual Audit Presentation by Richard Grafton, CAP, Estes, Bridgewater & Odgen CPA's was reviewed for the FY ending 31 May 2012. Alderman had a question regarding p. 18, \$3401 interest. Alderman LoBue asked if there was a way to get higher interest rates. Mr. Grafton said that it would not hurt to shop around. A discussion took place regarding whether or not the Council would want to go where the highest interest rates are or keep the account within the municipality. City Attorney Morse mentioned actions he did as Treasurer of Leland Grove. Treasurer Jennings said that if the amount is over the FDIC limit, the excess funds may be swept into an investment account. Treasurer Jennings advised making sure that the investment is worth the fee to do the sweep. Alderman LoBue suggested that short term investments may do better. Treasurer Jennings said that he will look into when the next CD matures. Mr. Grafton added that Leland Grove has a good checks and balance system and to keep up the good work. Mr. Grafton was grateful for the opportunity and thanked the Council. A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to accept the FY 2012 Audit presented. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye – Turner, LaMantia, Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue

Nay – X

Absent – Smoot

Jeff Fulgenzi, Senior Planner, Comprehensive and Strategic Planning at the Springfield-Sangamon Planning Commission and Jim Moll, P.E., S.E., Hanson Professional Services, Inc. and also a resident of Leland Grove, presented an update on the Long Range Plan Committee. The Long Range Plan Committee would like to send out a survey to the residents of Leland Grove. Mr. Fulgenzi discussed the purpose of the survey and made suggestions of how it is administered. The Council decided that a hard copy survey mailed to the residents of Leland Grove would be most effective for this demographic. A motion was made by Alderman Turner to approve mailing the survey with a proposed budget of \$1000 for postage. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye – LaMantia, Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue, Turner

Nay – X

Absent - Smoot

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

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

Alderman LoBue, and attorney by trade, who often works with such issues professionally, offered his advice and shared with City Attorney Morse different bidding agreements from different municipalities. City Attorney Morse said that Leland Grove should not change how they do their bidding but suggested that standardization take place. City Attorney Morse asked the Council to review the agreement he added to the Council memo for December discussion. Several considerations were presented and discussed. City Attorney Morse will then propose a draft for the Council at the 22 January 2013 meeting based upon 18 December 2012 discussion.

There has not been further communication regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on 12 October 2012 from the Laborer's International Union of North America Local Union No. 477 concerning sidewalk construction performed by Langheim Construction.

## **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 reports to the Council and gave an update on the LGPD as well as on the purchase of a new PD vehicle.
- Health Sanitation and Environment: Alderman LaMantia.
  - Leaves are picked-up.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington.
  - The Illinois Municipal League Web Site shows the State of Illinois is still four months behind in paying Leland Grove our distributive share of income taxes. The current amount due is projected to be \$37,860.57.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
  - Alderman Egizii is still getting feedback regarding the speed humps from residents. Reaction seems to be 50 % positive and 50% negative.
  - A response was submitted to a local newspaper regarding the complaints about the speed humps and the negative article. A great educational history of Leland Grove from a great research by Mayor Rex Bangert was included. The response was too lengthy, said the newspaper, and was not printed in effect.
- Human Resources: Alderman LoBue.
  - No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Alderman LaMantia presented a website proposal from Ron Rollet, owner of Rage Design in Chatham, IL. The agreement is for \$50 per hourly rate. The Council asked that the contract be revised to have a cap not to exceed the \$1500 budget. The new contract will be presented to the Council for the 18 December 2012 meeting for approval. City Attorney Morse noted that all agendas should be specific regarding the approval for all contract showing a monetary amount.
- Grant for New Stop Signs – Alderman Hetherington – from Alderman Hetherington.
  - I have not yet received the minutes from the October 26 kick off meeting. Here are high points from my notes.
  - A joint agreement was completed during phase 1 for the grant application. There will be another joint agreement for phase 2. This agreement need to be approved in March. In phase 2 we will have to complete a current sign inventory. This means we will have to drive around and verify stop signs and determine which ones need to be replaced to meet the new reflectivity guidelines. The grant application assumed all stop signs would be replaced. We should also check on the finales to see if they can be reused on the new sign posts. This is something our street department crews could work on now.
  - Sherman has the agreement with IDOT and will bill municipalities for their share of the engineering and other expenses that we will incur as part of our costs of the project.
  - Bid letting is expected to be in August or September 2013.
- Tree Problems – Alderman Hetherington – from Alderman Hetherington.
  - Lynn Rhoades (2055 Greenbriar) followed up with me saying she got the results back from the University of Illinois Plant Clinic. Her tree has BLS and she plans on having it taken down either this fall or later in the spring. She is working with Dick Stone on this item.
  - Jennifer Fishburn, coordinator for our local Master Gardener Program, shared a website with me that provided the latest information from the U of I on pest and diseases affecting trees. Interested parties can access this website directly for the University of Illinois Extension Plant Clinic: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/plantclinic/>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At 8:30 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn

