

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 18 December 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	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 27 November 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 LoBue to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund, P-12-874, in the corrected amount of \$24,574.40. Alderman Egizii 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-12-875, in the amount of \$94.43. 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-12-876, in the amount of \$32,224.79. 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

A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the proposed 2013 Council meeting schedule. All meetings will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Instructional Resource Center on the fourth Tuesday of each month except for December. The December meeting will commence on the third Tuesday. A second motion was made by Alderman Hetherington. By roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye – LaMantia, Hetherington, Egizii, LoBue, Turner
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.

City Attorney Morse reviewed the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance for the June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013 fiscal year with the Council. The total amount of appropriations is \$1,119,903.53. The City's revenue from real estate taxes shall be \$514,406.16, with a levy of 4.9996%. A motion was made by Alderman LaMantia to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 381. A second motion was made by Alderman Egizii. By roll call vote the motion carried:

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

During a discussion regarding the HSIP agreement, Alderman LaMantia asked Alderman Hetherington to share her notes that she has been distributing to residents in her ward. Alderman LaMantia said that he has been approached with inquiries and was not aware of such correspondence. City Attorney Morse noted that such communication among Council members is public record and subject to FOIA.

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.

- No report.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderman Hetherington. (As reported from Alderman Hetherington's notes).
 - Alderman Hetherington reported that the Illinois Municipal League website is still reporting that the state is four months behind in paying our distributive share of income taxes in the amount of \$37,860.57. The figures have not changed since last month so she will check to see if the website is accurately reporting the late payment amount.
 - She also reported that she attended the funeral of the state police motorcycle trooper who was recently killed near Litchfield. She commented that our police in their uniforms and squad car were among those making the best presentation among the hundreds of communities represented. She encouraged others to attend these ceremonies when the unfortunate opportunity arises because she gained a better understanding and respect for our law enforcement officers.
- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Egizii.
 - Alderman Egizii discussed the grant proposal she is working on for improvements for traffic flow totaling less than \$10,000. The application deadline is 1 February 2013.
- 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 and not to exceed the \$1500 budget. The hosting contract that is currently in place expires 1 June 2013. A new proposal for possible redesign, hosting, etc. will need to take place. A motion was made by Alderman Egizii to approve the website maintenance contract as presented. A second motion was made by Alderman LoBue. By roll call vote the motion carried:
 - Aye – Egizii, Lobue, Turner, LaMantia, Hetherington
 - Nay – X
 - Absent – Smoot
- Further discussion of establishing a standard bidding practice took place. City Attorney Morse noted that nothing in current practices would be changed it would just be finalized. City Attorney Morse asked the Council to inform him of any specifics they would like to see in the agreement including budget items. The agreement may be ready for possible February approval.
- Budget discussion should begin in March for June effect and May approval.
- Grant for New Stop Signs – Alderman Hetherington – from Alderman Hetherington.
 - The official agreement with the Village of Sherman for the joint Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant which will replace stop signs to

comply with new federal reflectivity requirements was approved. Sherman is the lead municipality while Leland Grove is one of eight other municipalities to participate in the grant. The federal government will pay 90% of the total project cost which is estimated over \$300,000. The cost to Leland Grove for engineering and construction is \$6,700.80.

- A motion was made by Alderman LoBue to approve the HSIP grant. 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

At 7:35 p.m., the Council adjourned by a unanimous “aye.”

Kathleen Alcorn
City Clerk
END 18 DECEMBER 2012 MINUTES