

Regular Meeting Minutes  
City of Leland Grove  
Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Bangert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Gray with those present (P), excused (E) or absent (A) as indicated:

- Mary Jo Bangert, Mayor (P)
- Brian Miller, Treasurer (P)
- Aimee Gray, City Clerk (P)
- Jim Bray, Alderperson Ward 1 (P)
- Diana Hetherington, Alderperson Ward 1 (P)
- John Slayton, Alderperson Ward 2 (P)
- Greg Gaz, Alderperson Ward 2 (P)
- Lance Cull, Alderperson Ward 3 (P)
- Todd Lafrenz, Alderperson Ward 3 (P)

A quorum was present.

Also present:

- Dan Ryan, Chief of Police
- Tyler Lainer, City Administrator
- Rob Cross, City Attorney

Minutes Approval: Alderperson Slayton moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 23, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: City Treasurer Miller reported he reviewed the monthly financial statements and expenses.

- Alderperson Slayton moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to approve P-8-692, Unpaid Warrants General Fund in the amount of \$14,946.68. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Lafrenz, to approve P-8-693, Unpaid Warrants MFT, in the amount of \$402.99. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alderperson Cull moved, seconded by Alderperson Hetherington, to approve P-8-694, Paid Warrants General fund in the amount of \$51,794.63. The motion carried unanimously.

The financial statement shows a total fund balance of \$1,666,945.41 as of July 31, 2024.

Alderman Gaz moved, seconded by Alderman Slayton to move Public Comments as the next item of business. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Brian Groff: 3 Bridge Terrace - requested updates on paving on City roads. Alderman Lafrenz stated he'd host a meeting to that regard before the September meeting.

Dan Mosley: 5 Bridge Terrace - asked whose responsibility it is, Ameren or City of Leland Grove, to repair roads after maintenance. Mr. Mosley expressed concern about the dumpsters which are located on the Springfield School District property.

Roberto Levi D'Ancona: 9 Bridge Terrace - reiterated what Mr. Mosley said about his understanding of the City of Leland Grove being responsible to repair roads after Ameren maintenance.

Alderman Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderman Cull to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried with Aldermen Hetherington, Gaz, Slayton, Cull and Lafrenz voting yea and Alderman Bray voting nay.

City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Lanier reported a list of sidewalks to be repaired has been compiled.

Alderman Gaz moved, seconded by Alderman Lafrenz to purchase a chipper for the use of the City of Leland Grove and amend the current budget to allocate for the expense. Motion carried unanimously. The City will place a down payment of \$10,000 on the chipper and finance the remaining \$42,500 over five years at Hickory Point Bank with an interest rate of 5.1%

Legal Updates and Actions: No report.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Bangert reported she has been researching FEMA grants. She will meet with Jeffery Thompson of FEMA on September 18 to determine what grants the City is eligible for.

Mayor Bangert reported there will be an advisory committee to study alternatives to the City of Leland Grove operating from the Springfield School District Instructional Resource Center.

Department Reports:

- Public Ways and Property: Alderperson Lafrenz reported he will hold a meeting to discuss drainage issues before the next scheduled Council Meeting.
- Human Resources: No report.
- Health and Sanitation: Alderperson Hetherington reported Leland Grove will host an Arbor Day with a tree planting on Sunday, October 6.
- Building Permits and Zoning: Administrator Lanier provided Council Members a list of recent building permits in the Board packet.
- Police Department: Chief Ryan reported the department hired a new officer. As a result of a recent concern with a perceived speeding problem on Illini Road, Chief Ryan reported that monitored speeds were in the average range.
- Finance and Revenue: No report.
- Communication: Alderperson Gaz made a plea to Council Members to create a biography and provide a headshot for the City website.

Old Business:

Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to install three new stop signs along Illini Road in the following locations: Hackberry and Illini Road, Sunset and Illini Road and a second stop sign at Sunset and Illini Road. The motion carried with Alderpersons Hetherington, Gaz, Slayton, Cull and Lafrenz voting yea and Alderperson Bray voting nay.

New Business:

Alderperson Gaz moved, seconded by Alderperson Slayton, to amend section 3.4 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Woodside Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Cull moved, seconded by Alderperson Lafrenz, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Woodside Township, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to place one bench across from 1949 Outer Park, at the home owner's expense. The motion carried with Alderpersons Hetherington, Slayton, Cull and Mayor Bangert voting yea and Alderpersons Bray, Gaz and Lafrenz voting nay.

Aldersperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Aldersperson Cull to suspend the meeting to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Aldersperson Lafrenz moved, seconded by Aldersperson Cull to return to the Regular Meeting at 7:49 p.m. The motion carried.

Aldersperson Slayton moved, seconded by Aldersperson Hetherington, to authorize payment of \$3,000 from FEMA to Administrator Lanier for his clerical and administrative work as a result of the June 30, 2023 derecho in Leland Grove. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Aldersperson Lafrenz moved, seconded by Aldersperson Hetherington, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Leland Grove City Council will be held at the Instructional Resource Center at 2000 Chatham Road on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise communicated.

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