

Regular Meeting Minutes
City of Leland Grove
Tuesday, July 23, 2023

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

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 (E)

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 June 25, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Cull moved, seconded by Alderperson Gaz to table the Minutes of the February 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Gaz moved, seconded by Alderperson Hetherington to move Public Comments as the next agenda item in the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Resident Tim Shay, 1801 Illini Road, addressed the Council in regard to his concerns with traffic along Illini Road. His concerns include the speed at which motorists travel, cars not stopping at stop signs and youth traveling on the road using motorized scooters.

Resident Mary Beth Stevens, 1711 Illini Road, had questions about how speed will be monitored along Illini Road.

Mayor Bangert and Chief Ryan explained the process of how the City will monitor traffic along Illini Road. They explained the process of what it entails to install speed humps. Finally, Chief Ryan will talk with Zach Lewis, the General Manager at Illini Country Club about generally addressing traffic with members.

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-7-689, Unpaid Warrants General Fund in the amount of \$13,602.91. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to approve P-7-690, Unpaid Warrants MFT, in the amount of \$134.42. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to approve P-7-691, Paid Warrants General fund in the amount of \$46,901.64. The motion carried unanimously.

The current financial statement shows \$1,647,024.08 as a total fund balance as of June 30, 2024.

City Administrator's Report:

- Administrator Lanier reported sidewalk repairs are underway.
- Administrator Lanier is seeking bids for bridge rail repair at Outer Park and Laurel.
- The City chipper is broken. The City is renting one for the month of July. Administrator Lanier will have bids for a new one at the next meeting.

Legal Updates and Actions: No report

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Bangert thanked Treasurer Miller for hosting the annual Banana Split Party on the Fourth of July.

Department Reports:

- Public Ways and Property: No report.
- Human Resources: No report.
- Health and Sanitation: No report.
- Building Permits and Zoning: No report.

- Police Department:
 - Chief Ryan reported officers are working in Leland Grove as a part of the “Hire Back” program through the end of July.
 - The department has also been monitoring the City for possible civil unrest due to the Sonya Massey murder in Springfield.
- Finance and Revenue: Alderperson Slayton moved, seconded by Alderperson Gaz to renew a certificate of deposit (CD) and purchase a new CD earning an interest rate of 5.01% at Hickory Point Bank. The motion carried unanimously.
- Communication: Alderperson Gaz reported the Leland Link had been delivered. More information about Constant Contact will be available at the next meeting.

Old Business: Mayor Bangert and Council Members reviewed the Environmental Factors and Transportation sections of the long range plan. The group agreed several goals had been attained.

New Business:

- Residents Bill Crook, 1821 Cherry Road and Jim Moll, 1850 West Laurel, addressed the Council in support of a bicycle and pedestrian path connecting the Outer Park path to Illini Road sidewalk. The City is eligible to write a grant for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant through Illinois Department of Transportation. The City would be responsible for 20% of the project funds. The application for the grant is due September 30, 2024. Alderperson Gaz moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to adopt a resolution to apply for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Bangert reported the Council would discuss the review of Ordinance 9-3-13 as it relates to the Fowl Ordinance at an upcoming meeting.
- Alderperson Gaz reminded the Council the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds need to be allocated by December 31, 2024. The funds have been identified as being used for drainage in the City. The Council needs to create a plan.

Adjournment: Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 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, August 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise communicated.

Posted: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____