

Regular Meeting Minutes
City of Leland Grove
Tuesday, March 26, 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 (E)
- Steve Klokkenga, 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 Lanier, City Administrator
- Robert Cross, City Attorney

Minutes Approval: It was noted Alderperson Lafrenz should be marked “E” at the February meeting. The minutes were approved following this change. Alderperson Cull moved, seconded by Alderperson Klokkenga, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: City Treasurer Miller reported he reviewed the monthly financial statements and expenses. He commented the numbering for titling warrants was off due in part that there were no unpaid warrants from the Motor Fuel Fund.

Alderperson Cull moved, seconded by Alderperson Slayton, to approve P-03-675, Unpaid Warrants General Fund in the amount of \$21,207.17. The motion carried unanimously.

- There were no Unpaid Warrants MFT.
- Alderperson Slayton moved, seconded by Alderperson Klokkenga, to approve P-03-679, Paid Warrants General fund in the amount of \$32,118.45. The motion carried unanimously.

The current financial statement shows \$1,434,364.97 as a total fund balance which includes the ARPA money.

City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Lanier presented some options for year-round yard waste pickup. He will report again next month.

He asked that input on the new budget be provided to him by April 5 so he and Mayor Bangert will have it when they work on the budget the following week.

He also reported it was time to dredge the creek. He will ask the City Engineer to prepare bid documents for this work.

Legal Updates and Actions: Attorney Cross reported on current litigation.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Bangert

- Announced that Alderperson Klokkenga has moved from Leland Grove and thus resigned. She presented him a brick from the Leland House with his alderman nameplate attached. Alderperson Klokkenga gave a gift to city council members.
- Reported that the city roads needs assessment is nearly complete. She expects to provide the report by the next council meeting.

Department Reports:

- Public Ways and Property: Alderman Lafrenz reported he was pleased the road study was nearly done. The drainage committee will meet soon. No report.
- Human Resources: Alderperson Cull reported he continues to work on requesting bids for medical insurance.
- Health and Sanitation: The Tree Board meeting summary was included in the meeting packet. The board will meet again in April. The City will again partner with the Springfield Civic Garden Club to hold an Arbor Day Celebration in September. A tree will be planted in Ward 3.
- Building Permits and Zoning: Alderperson Klokkenga reported approving seven permits since last month. 15 permits with project costs totaling \$215,163.03 (fees totaling \$1,125) have been issued this calendar year.
- Police Department: Chief Ryan reported on
 - Certification for the use of deadly force
 - Officer Probst's retirement.
 - Speed and distracted driver stops
 - IDOT's grants
- Finance and Revenue: Alderperson Slayton reported the City has a 5-month CD (5% rate) that will come due April 23, 2024. He asked that the City approve a renewal.

Alderperson Gaz moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull to renew the \$10K CD at a commensurate rate for a period not to exceed 1 yr. The motion carried unanimously.

- Communication: Alderperson Gaz reported on his lack of success with finalizing a contract for mass communications. Mayor Bangert asked Alderman Gaz and Chief Ryan to come back to the City with a recommendation for mass communications and the City website at the next council meeting. A Leland Link

will be published in April.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: Alderperson Lafrenz asked that the City request someone from the County be invited to our city council meeting to explain the tax levy process. Mayor Banger will try to arrange this discussion for the June city council meeting.

Executive Session: None

Public Comments:

- Brian Groff – City Streets

Adjournment: Alderperson Gaz 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, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise communicated.

Posted: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____