

Regular Meeting Minutes  
City of Leland Grove  
Wednesday, May 8, 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 Alderperson Hetherington, filling in for 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)
- Diana Hetherington, Alderperson Ward 1 (P)
- John Slayton, Alderperson Ward 2 (P)
- Greg Gaz, Alderperson Ward 2 (P)
- Lance Cull, Alderperson Ward 3 (E)
- 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
- Brian Groff, resident
- Alexis Betts, Habitat for Humanity

**Minutes Approval:** Alderperson Lafrenz asked that the misspelling of his name be corrected in the minutes. The minutes were approved with this correction. Alderperson Slayton moved, seconded by Alderperson Gaz, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 26, 2024. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments:** Mayor Bangert asked that Public Comments be moved up in the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Alexis Bates provided an overview of Habitat for Humanity's large item pickup and donation programs. This information will be included in the next Leland Link and on the City's website.

Brian Groff expressed his interest in the City's street maintenance.

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

Aldersperson Slayton moved, seconded by Aldersperson Gaz, to approve P-04-680, Unpaid Warrants General Fund in the amount of \$24,815.84. **The motion carried unanimously.**

There were no unpaid warrants from the Motor Fuel Fund this month.

Aldersperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Aldersperson Slayton, to approve P-04-682, Paid Warrants General fund in the amount of \$33,083.49. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The current financial statement shows \$1,383,367.83 as a total fund balance which includes the ARPA money.

**City Administrator's Report:** City Administrator Lanier reported on drainage and other issues resulting from recent heavy rains. He is still waiting on a price for year-round leaf pickups. The City is looking at renting a chipper because its chipper is down. Repairs are too expensive and replacement is cost-prohibitive at this point.

**Legal Updates and Actions:** Attorney Cross reported on current litigation which included a reassignment of judges.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Bangert

- Discussed changes in the deadline in submitting agenda items. May 13 is the deadline for the next meeting.
- Asked that all agenda items and proposed ordinances (including changes) be in submitted in writing.

**Department Reports:**

- Public Ways and Property: Aldersperson Lafrenz reported the drainage committee met on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They discussed previous drainage surveys and identified areas of concern including;
  - Erosion issues on the creek, including areas within the city of Springfield and Sangamon County.
  - Need for culverts to be cleaned out and for larger culverts in some locations.
  - Ranking of road work identified in the street study.The drainage committee will meet again soon.
- Human Resources: Aldersperson Cull prepared a spreadsheet along with a recommendation for next year's employee medical insurance. He will be asking for a vote on his recommendation at our next meeting.

**Department Reports: (cont.)**

- Health and Sanitation: Alderperson Hetherington distributed a summary of the Tree Board’s last meeting. The board will meet again on May 15 and continue the cleanup of the City’s tree inventory.
- Building Permits and Zoning: Alderperson Lafrenz discovered that the building ordinance was not correctly recorded on the Website. Correction is underway.
- Police Department: Chief Ryan reported on
  - Recruitment for a full- time officer
  - Changes in personnel
  - Other police activities
- Finance and Revenue: Alderperson Slayton reported the City renewed a \$10K CD at 5.01%.
- Communication: Alderperson Gaz reported he and Chief Ryan have been evaluating other Website providers. Their recommendation is to stay with the current provider. Alderperson Gaz also recommended that the City temporarily try Constant Contact for mass communications. No contract is needed and money is already included in the budget.

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:**

- Alderperson Lafrenz suggested communicating to residents the lower sales tax rate that applies to Leland Grove residents. He also thought some residents were not aware of the senior citizens’ property tax exemptions. He will draft an article for the Leland Link. June 10 is the due date for articles to be included in the next Leland Link.
- Mayor Bangert explained the process for approving and publishing a new ordinance.
- City council members were asked to review the City Website and to let Chief Ryan or Alderperson Gaz know of any needed changes. Alderpersons were asked to submit biographies and photos to update the Website.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Alderperson Gaz moved, seconded by Alderperson Lafrenz, to adjourn the meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 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, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise communicated.

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