

MINUTES
Leland Grove Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Jill Egizii at 6pm sharp. **The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited by those in attendance.

THE ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk Klockenga with the following being present or absent as indicated:

Jill Egizii, Mayor (P)
Brian Miller, Treasurer, (P)
Steve Klockenga, Clerk (P)
Saul Morse, Attorney, (P)
Jim Moll, Alderman Ward 2 (P)
Diana Hetherington, Ward 1 (P)
Patricia Wilson, Alderman Ward 1 (P)
Nick Williams, Alderman Ward 2 (P)
Mary Jo Bangert, Alderman Ward 3 (P)
Donald LoBue, Alderman Ward 3 (P)

Also present were:

Tyler Lanier, City Administrator
Chief Dan Ryan, Leland Grove Police Dept.
Kevin Kuhn, City Engineer

APPROVAL - February 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington and seconded by Alderman Moll to approve the April 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Brad Milliman sent a letter to the Council regarding the intersection at Laurel and Illini. Mr. Milliman checked with Sangamon County about whether there was a safety issue at the intersection, and was told no. He further indicated that a public perception exists that the project could be self serving to certain members of the Council. He further noted that he has not had any residents approach him and say it was a great plan. He has actually heard to the contrary.

Alderman Moll clarified that the Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission put together a comprehensive plan for Leland Grove years ago. They made a recommendation for three intersection improvements and had informational meetings as part of building that plan. Sangamon County did not tell Leland Grove either way which plan to go with and did not put the Council under any pressure to enact any plan. Alderman Moll affirmed that he has never seen anyone outside of LG push any one plan. As far as the self interest implication Mr. Milliman made, Alderman Moll has not seen any evidence of self interest from council members.

Resident Matt Roland, 2626 Wiggins, asked how this plan is an improvement priority to Leland Grove. Alderman Moll says the current intersection is expensive to maintain, safety issues are complicated to navigate. Adding curbs is what drove up the cost and believes it is a good investment of the city's money. It is the highest accident location in Leland Grove except for Chatham Road. The intersection overall is not safe. Mr. Roland concluded by saying he would like to see the City work more on sidewalks instead of this project.

Resident Brady Bird, 1919 Illini, asked if there is support from residents? He believes we do not have enough support as seen by the people in attendance at this meeting. Mayor Egizii indicated that there is support for this project. People are here because nothing has changed since last year.

Resident Rex Bangert, 2024 Lindsey Road, previously acted as mayor and asked to speak. Mr. Bangert stated the city had paid roughly \$5,000 for a Comprehensive Plan. The City had two public meetings at the local church to discuss the plan with the public, which included graphs and documents. In addition, this project has been on the Leland Grove monthly agendas for a long time. He further stated that it has been voted on by the Council and the contract has been awarded. He concluded by saying that the Leland Grove Council meetings are open to the public for a reason and it appears as if the Council provided the public with more than enough opportunity for input on this project.

Resident Brad Milliman responded to resident Bangert's remarks by saying opinions are valid on both sides. But to dismiss people and disregard their concerns is not correct. While he is not challenging Alderman Moll's expertise, the new project is arguably weird and confusing. Resident Milliman indicated that he will give Alderman Mary Jo Bangert the names of people at the City of Springfield to contact who have commented negatively about this project.

AldermanLoBue reminded those present at the meeting that if there are projects you want to see done, let your Alderman know.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Miller provided the Council with his monthly financial statement for approval of bills (Unpaid and Paid Warrants).

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington and seconded by Alderman Williams to approve unpaid warrants from the general fund PO4465 in the amount of \$6,647.24. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington and seconded by Alderman Bangert to approve Paid Warrants PO 04-466 in the amount of \$73.74. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Hetherington and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve paid warrants 04-467 in the amount of \$46,872. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Administrator Lanier - Nothing to report at this time.

LEGAL UPDATES AND ACTIONS - Attorney Morse

Legal Update and Memo

Attorney Morse advised Council that the Kent Gray matter is completely resolved and dismissed.

He further stated that Pending legislation to deal with small cell towers is out there at the State level. The Legislature did pass a law that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) is against. Municipalities have until July 31 to adopt local ordinances and IML will have draft ordinances available for use by local municipalities. The ordinances will encompass fees to cities and rights to access the towers. In Leland Grove, CWLP owns all the light poles and has the right to access any egress to those poles. Monies collected from fees to that would go to CWLP as the owner of the polls. Attorney Morse further advised the Council that cell phone companies may be putting small towers on top of some polls (2-3 feet in height) which is necessary for 5G cell phone service in the future.

The City has received 3 FOIA's. They were drafted identically and received late friday afternoon and Monday. The City has up to 5 days to respond. City Administrator Lanier is gathering all the data, which is substantial, including all agendas, minutes, etc... Attorney Morse reminded Council that emails and texts on personal phones are also FOIA-able. It appears that these requests are in excess of 250 pages and

may be considered a voluminous request which would allow the public body to take an extra five days to gather data.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance & Revenue - Alderman Hetherington

Alderman Hetherington wants to hold off on voting on any budget at this time. Alderman Hetherington recently met with Administrator Lanier and Chief Ryan to go over a draft of the budget to make sure everything is captured. A copy of that draft was provided to Council.

Alderman Moll - City of Springfield will need to address the Chatham Road project in the near future. This will be a \$700 -800,000 project. The City is looking to do it in the next 2-3 years.

We cannot handle this project financially without a state capital project.

Alderman LoBue thinks we need to do the project in phases, but that is not feasible at this time.

Alderman Moll wants to make sure Administrator Lanier has enough money in the budget for safety training.

At the next meeting Alderman Hetherington would like a list of what can be cut from the budget. And wants input on the overall number we are reaching for.

Health, Sanitation & Environment - Alderman Wilson

Nothing to report at this time.

Police and Public Safety - Alderman Williams and Chief Ryan

Chief Ryan submitted his Monthly Activity Report to the Council for review and further commented on the Burglary on South Park and the one on Sunset Street.

Alderman Williams - discussed the Safe Biker Program to help kids be safe on the streets.

Chief Ryan is working on a bike safety rodeo.

Human Resources - Alderman LoBue

Alderman LoBue went thru the proposal from Blue Cross/Blue Shield which is his recommendation to the Council. This was the least expensive of proposals submitted. After some light discussion, a motion was made by Alderman LoBue and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield's health insurance plan as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Ways and Property - Alderman Moll

Illini/Laurel Intersection - previously discussed at the beginning of the Meeting.

(*Kevin Kuhn stayed after the meeting and made himself available to answer questions from the public.

Building Permits & Zoning - Alderman Bangert

Alderman Bangert submitted her monthly activity report.

In addition, Alderman Bangert met a homeowner with regards to installing a swimming pool at 1933 Outer Park Drive. The residents are 3-4 feet below where they need to be on the requirement. The issue of being 5 feet above bottom floor has come into question. The resident will need to give all information to the City for a permit to be issued and then the County will need to perform an inspection.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Insurance Plan -Voted on earlier in meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Leadership Council Meeting April 25 - Mayor Egizii

Ethics Deadline with Sangamon County Clerk's Office is May 1st - Clerk Klockenga

May 26 Tortoise and The Hair race in Leland Grove. Walk/Run will be posted online. 8am start time.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion was made by Alderman LoBue and seconded by Alderman Williams to adjourn the Meeting. The motion carried.

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