

Regular Meeting Minutes  
City of Leland Grove  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Bangert called the meeting to order at 6:02 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:

- Tyler Lainer, City Administrator
- Kenton Oliver, Deputy Chief

Minutes Approval: Alderperson Gaz moved, seconded by Alderperson Hetherington to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 24, 2024. Motion carried with members voting yea: Alderpersons Bray, Hetherington, Gaz, Slayton and Cull. Alderperson Lafrenz voted nay.

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

- Alderperson Cull moved, seconded by Alderperson Slayton, to approve P-10-698, Unpaid Warrants General Fund in the amount of \$17,341.58. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alderperson Hetherington moved, seconded by Alderperson Cull, to approve P-10-699, Unpaid Warrants MFT, in the amount of \$337.96. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alderperson Slayton moved, seconded by Alderperson Hetherington, to approve P-10-700, Paid Warrants General fund in the amount of \$51,030.28. The motion carried unanimously.

The current financial statement shows \$1,845,530.69 as a total fund balance on September 30, 2024.

City Administrator's Report:

- Sidewalk repair will begin based on the assessment of needs through the City.
- Salt for the winter roads has been reserved from the City of Springfield.
- Question about the third column of the annual budget on page 15. Mayor Bangert will address the account's office. She will also clarify the status of the stale checks.

Legal Updates and Actions: No report.

Mayor's Comments:

- Trick or Treating will be on October 31 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Department Reports:

- Public Ways and Property: Alderperson Lafrenz reported the Drainage Committee has not yet met.
- Human Resources: No report.
- Health and Sanitation: Alderperson Hetherington reported Arbor Day will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Residents may meet at the round-about near Lindsay Park. The tree planting will begin at 1:30 p.m.
- Building Permits and Zoning: Alderperson Cull will assume the role of overseeing the building and zoning progress of the City.
- Police Department: Chief Ryan attended a Chief's conference. He provided a report in the Alderperson packet and Deputy Chief Oliver attended the meeting.
- Finance and Revenue: No report.
- Communication: Alderperson Gaz reported a delay in mailing the Leland Link as printers were printing and mailing election materials. In the meantime, an electronic version of the Leland Link will be sent to residents.

Old Business:

Pocket Park Number Two at the intersection of Noble and Bates Avenue

- Resident Ademola Adeniji, 1918 South Noble, spoke on behalf of creating the park
- A proposed design was presented to the City Council.
- Mr. Adeniji will need to collect signatures of all residents for or against the park on both streets.
- City Administrator Lanier will contact the City's insurance company to determine the liabilities associated with the proposed space.

- Another concern is that the space be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

Aldersperson Bray reported on the development of the District 186 Instructional Resource Center. An Advisory Committee met on August 21. Mayor Bangert will meet with the Superintendent of Schools to determine the District's plans for the building. The Advisory Committee will meet in late November.

#### New Business:

Aldersperson Lafrenz moved, seconded by Aldersperson Cull, to create a Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion carried unanimously. Board members include: Chair - Rex Bangert, Members: Ward 1 - Chip Theiben, Ademola Adeniji, Members: Ward 2 - Crystal Johnson, Jim Moll, Members: Ward 3 - Rich Lockwood, Greg Kienzler.

Aldersperson Slayton moved, seconded by Aldersperson Gaz to enter a loan agreement with Hickory Point bank for a wood chipper as amended with a five year loan. The motion carried unanimously. The agreement is Ordinance 463.

Aldersperson Cull moved, seconded by Aldersperson Gaz to pay \$55,779.00 to the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association annual contribution. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Comments:

- Resident Brian Groff, 3 Bridge Terrace:
  - Commented on a possible hazard with an uneven sidewalk in his Ward.
  - Commented that his road is not to the original standard following Ameren's work.
  - Questioned when road improvements will begin. He was told there is a list of priorities.
- Frank Lesko, 2906 West Street, Springfield:
  - As the Springfield City Clerk, he came to observe a meeting.

Adjournment: Aldersperson Cull moved, seconded by Aldersperson Hetherington, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise communicated.

Posted: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_