

**City of Crescent Springs  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

Those attending this meeting included the following:

Tom Vergamini, Vice-Mayor  
Dale Ramsey, Council Member  
Matt Zeck, Council Member  
Sue Hill, City Clerk

Christie Arlinghaus, Council Member  
Scott Santangelo, Council Member  
Matt Smith, for Joe Baker, City Attny  
George Ripberger, Public Works Dir.

The Mayor was out of town on business, Vice Mayor Tom Vergamini served in his absence. The Vice Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Santangelo made a motion to adopt the minutes for the October 13, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Ripberger reported The **Buttermilk Pike Turn Lane** construction seems to be on track. The lane from High St. to I-75 should be completed by the end of November. The concrete and bridge work will take until Spring. The big backups now are from heavy equipment coming and going. KDOT has installed several 'Do Not Block Intersection' signs, but are still reluctant to install the 'No Turn on Red' from Anderson onto Buttermilk, that many would see as a simple solution to some of the problem for Buttermilk eastbound traffic. Captain Jansing commented again that supplying police to direct traffic would be cost-prohibitive, but that they had been there regularly issuing citations for unsafe driving. Resident **Dawn Johnson**, Harris Ave, spoke to request additional police presence on Harris and Ireland (an alternate route for many avoiding Buttermilk Pike) and to request the 'No Turn on Red' sign mentioned above. The **welcome monument** that was near Hazelwood is now installed at Buttermilk and Western Reserve, awaiting improved lighting options and a cap for the added column. The **Storm Cleanup** paperwork for FEMA reimbursement is being processed. Mr. Ripberger stated that he is turning in approximately \$38,000 for City expenses plus an additional 3% allowable for administrative costs and 5% for Rumpke fees, of which we should get 75% from the Federal Government and 12% from the State.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Zeck reported that the Committee meeting of November 6, 2008, was cancelled due to members' conflicts. The auditor has been in once and will resume tomorrow. Financials were distributed to Finance Committee and to Council. There were no questions concerning the reports.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Mark Fields was out of town, and Captain Mike Jansing reported in his absence. The completed October report will be presented at November 24 Caucus. Shop With A Cop collections will take place November 22 from 9am to 1pm in partnership with Villa Hills. Ms. Arlinghaus offered to work. The break-ins on Twilight Ave. have been solved and Mr. Santangelo and Mr. Zeck expressed the need for feedback to the citizens – especially those with stolen property.

### **FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Vergamini reported that low-limit credit cards are being issued to several people at the Station, in response to the recent situation during Hurricane Ike when their regular gas stations were closed. There has been some discussion that the bridge from Amsterdam to Villa Madonna may need to be replaced in order for emergency vehicles to safely traverse it.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vergamini reported that the **KLC Convention** in Louisville on 10/17 was beneficial. Attendance may have been down somewhat due to the economy. The emphasis this year seemed to be the City's need to 'brand' themselves, meaning establishing their own identities. He also noted that this area is more and more commonly being referred to as 'Northern Kentucky', giving us more 'regional' recognition. Particularly helpful was a session on Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) laws and statutes. The **Rumpke Contract** is up for its bi-annual rate review. Based on the CPI over the last 2 years, our rate will go from \$11.30 to \$12.26 per month. The results for the November 4, **2008 Council Race** is as follows: Christie Arlinghaus, Mike Daugherty, Dale Ramsey, Scott Santangelo, Tom Vergamini, and Matt Zeck. (all incumbents) We will send a note thanking Gary Klatzke for running and offer an invitation to become involved in the City in other ways. Ms. Arlinghaus is working on the **Newsletter**, set to go out next week.

### **ADOPT-A-UNIT REPORT**

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that cookbooks are being sold at local craft shows last and next weekends. The soldiers from the 101<sup>st</sup> in Ft. Campbell will be coming to visit Feb 19 – 21, with a ceremony Sat morning at the Veteran's Memorial. All Council is encouraged to attend the Ball at Ft. Campbell on Friday, February 27, 2009.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Smith made a suggestion to table the scheduled second reading of Ordinance 2008-10, outlining changes to the current Code of Ordinance dealing with nuisances within the City, and Ordinance 2008-11, which establishes a City Board of Nuisance Code Enforcement. Mr. Santangelo made a motion to table these ordinances, Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the

motion carried. When Mr. Baker returns next Council meeting, we will resume these discussions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Smith conducted the first reading of **Ordinance 2008-12**, concerning the Anderson Road Map Amendment. Mr. Smith conducted the reading of **Municipal Order 2008-13** Appointing Susan G. Hill City Clerk/Treasurer as of August 11, 2008. Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2008-13, Mr. Zeck seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried. Mr. Smith conducted the reading of **Municipal Order 2008-14** Appointing Susan S. Laws Assistant City Clerk as of September 22, 2008. Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2008-14, Mr. Santangelo seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried. The discussion begun at Caucus concerning approval of a **Small Area Study** through the KLC and an outside consultant will be delayed until next Caucus and brought to Council vote at the December Council Meeting.

Ms. Arlinghaus questioned Mr. Ripberger about the abandoned house at **2525 High St.** It is slated for demolition, but we don't know when. The yard and house are really an eyesore and getting worse.

Mr. Ripberger again expressed his interest in installing an **LED sign** or two in the City, with the emphasis on improving communication between the City and the residents. The old sign at Buttermilk and I-75 had to be moved for the Turn Lane construction, but once finished, that spot would be a good place for an LED – the electricity is there still and it would reach a lot of residents. Another could go in front of the City Building. To be most helpful, they should have the ability to run off a generator in the case of a power outage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Zeck made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:39 pm.

**ATTESTED BY:**

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City Clerk

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Mayor