

**City of Crescent Springs**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Those attending this meeting included the following:

Jim Collett, Mayor	Christie Arlinghaus, Council Member
Mike Daugherty, Council Member*	Dale Ramsey, Council Member
Scott Santangelo, Council Member	Tom Vergamini, Council Member
Matt Zeck, Council Member	Joe Baker, City Attorney
Sue Hill, Assistant City Clerk	George Ripberger, Public Works Director

\* arrived at 7:08 pm

The Mayor called the meeting to order with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Zeck made a motion to adopt the minutes for the July 14th, 2008 Regular Council Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Santangelo made a motion to adopt the minutes for the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Public Hearing. Mr. Zeck seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Vergamini present but not voting. Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes for the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Special Meeting. Mr. Santangelo seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Vergamini present but not voting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Zeck reported that the Committee met August 7<sup>th</sup>. Melanie Jones-Gant has resigned as City Clerk-Treasurer effective August 8, 2008 to pursue other career options. Before she left, she prepared a Debt Service Recap for Finance and went over the numbers to Mr. Zeck's satisfaction. Mr. Zeck also reported that the Auditor, Gerald Hunt & Associates, has resigned and refunded all fees for the 2007-2008 Audit that Ryan Hunt was not able to complete due to personal reasons, including the death of his father and business partner. We will be looking for a new Auditor soon, to satisfy the February 2009 deadline for filing with the State. Additionally, the Mayor reported that he, Mr. Zeck and Ms. Arlinghaus will serve on the committee concerning personnel within the Clerk's Office. Sherry McHugh will be retiring Sept 30. Erlanger will have a new part-time police clerk in place by the end of August.

**FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Daugherty reported that things are going well at the Firehouse. In response to a newspaper article citing our response times as over 6 minutes (this is from 2006, prior to increased staffing) and he cited a report prepared by Chief Wendt calculating response time to

be 5 minutes 23 seconds, and that includes non-emergency runs where speed is not essential (downed trees, for example). The Mayor commended the staff and the volunteers.

### **JOHN GOERING RECOGNITION**

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring today John B. Goering Day in appreciation for his service to the City as Finance Member and retiring Chairperson.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor brought up the KC&MP&ZC meeting on August 7 where 2 issues important to our City were discussed. On the first, Mr. Baker recommended that we do not discuss the Crescent Springs-Erlanger Rd. proposed map amendment outside of the official record. The second issue is the proposed variance to the property adjoining the Woodhill Apartments to allow a pool and clubhouse for the apartments and the proposed new townhomes by the Erpenbecks. Mrs. Gronefeld (755 Western Reserve) voiced strong opposition to the plan and the destruction of the 300 ft green space/buffer near her house. Mr. Baker confirmed the next meeting of the Board of Adjustment will be to discuss only the pool and clubhouse issue, not the additional townhomes. The Mayor and Mr. Santangelo also offered their sympathy, but noted that the City has no recourse or say in any of this and if the residents wish to fight it, they could enlist an attorney and/or be prepared to voice their opinions at the next Board of Adjustment Meeting to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Mark Fields reported that the St. Joseph Festival went well this past weekend, with no incidents. The Mayor was pleased with the coverage. Mr. Zeck commended the police on being polite and engaging. Chief Fields introduced Sgt. Troy Vines, who is in charge of the District including Crescent Springs. Sgt Vines reported that he is in the process of building a database of the area. He is also tracking speeding on Nordman Dr. with the stealth-radar (hidden from site) and will need 2 weeks or so to collect information and then will make a recommendation regarding putting a speed hump there. The Mayor produced a petition signed by residents on Nordman requesting one; Mr. Ripberger is getting cost estimates and he feels a speed hump warranted.

### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Mr. Ripberger reported that Western Reserve Sidewalk installation (2007 SR2S Grant) was awarded to TMS Construction. The City should have the necessary easements by the end of the week. The contractor should be able to start construction next week for completion in 4 to 6 weeks. The Land and Water Conservation Grant application (for upgrades to the Park) was turned down, for now.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to KRS61.810 (1)(c) for purposes of discussing pending litigation against the City. Mr. Santangelo seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Santangelo seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. No final action was taken in the Executive Session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor noted that anyone wishing to run for Council needs to file at the Courthouse by 4pm tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20p.m.

**ATTESTED BY:**

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City Clerk

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Mayor