

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

Those attending this meeting included the following:

Jim Collett, Mayor
Mike Daugherty, Council Member
Scott Santangelo, Council Member
Matt Zeck, Council Member
Sue Hill, City Clerk

Christie Arlinghaus, Council Member
Dale Ramsey, Council Member
Tom Vergamini, Council Member
Joe Baker, City Attorney
George Ripberger, Public Works Director

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes for the August 25, 2008 Public Hearing. Mr. Zeck seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Santangelo made a motion to adopt the minutes for the August 25, 2008 Special Meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Daugherty present but not voting. Mr. Zeck made a motion to adopt the minutes for the August 26, 2008 Special Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Daugherty present but not voting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Ripberger reported that roads are being patched and milled in spots. Some areas are being sealed. The Sidewalk project on Western Reserve is progressing. The original design has had to have some field modifications – small retaining walls etc. – but should be within budget nonetheless. Signs for SR2S will be installed upon completion. The Nordman speeding situation is being addressed with Police radar. Mr. Ripberger is looking at a grant for \$4,600 for new equipment for the Handicapped Play area. The walking paths have been sealed.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Daugherty reported that they are working to see how best to service the unincorporated areas. He will plan on attending the Wednesday morning meeting with Erlanger concerning the ALS Contract with us.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck reported that the Committee did not meet this month. He reported that tax bills for 2008 were sent August 28th and that the audit will be done by Fossett and Associates, CPA.,

the company that absorbed Gerald Hunt and Assoc. The contract was signed and returned and we will proceed with them.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Mark Fields reported that of the 133 offences for the Department for August, 37 were from Crescent Springs. He will give an email recap soon, and plan on attending the caucus meetings in the future to give a full report of the prior month's activities. He is looking into the Cincinnati Bell bills showing extra charges for 911 services. Mayor Collett and Mr. Ripberger are working on the installation of the outside phone for the City Building. Chief Fields reported that the Police Department is in the process of upgrading their phone system and software, to be completed by January 1, 2009. The Mayor asked for an update on the MDT Units being sold/given to the Fire Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that the tax rate was held down (the Compensating Rate taken, not the Allowable +4% Rate) for the first time in his memory. This is due to cost saving measures the City has recently taken. The Board of Adjustments meeting has not fully addressed the Woodhill Apartment issue. The Governor is coming September 24th from 3:30 – 4:15 and all Council should plan to attend. Mr. Vergamini reported on House Bill 88 which addresses Ordinances for Nuisances, and the establishment of a Code Enforcement Board for this. Mr. Baker gave his endorsement, since it allows the City to have more 'teeth' in these matters, and also allow for recovery of costs of enforcement. Mr. Ripberger noted that the current system is working well with Mike Schwartz and Dennis Gordon doing letters, citations and follow ups. Mr. Baker clarified that the Nuisance Board would deal with high grass, old cars etc, and the Code Enforcement Board would handle zoning issues and problems. The Mayor reported on the search for a new Assistant City Clerk yielded 40+ resumes and Ms. Arlinghaus is chairing the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Santangelo seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

City Clerk

Mayor