

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance included the following:

Council Members:

Christie Arlinghaus- present
Mike Daugherty- present
Dale Ramsey- present
Scott Santangelo- present
Tom Vergamini- present
Matt Zeck- present

Jim Collett, Mayor - present

Debbie Pleatman, for City Attorney-present

George Ripberger, Pub Serv Dir- present

Sue Hill, City Clerk – present

Others in attendance: Chief Marc Fields

Mayor Collett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **September 14, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Daugherty seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the final **Park Rental** for this year will be October 23rd. Park hours will be cut back to 8am – 4:30pm when the weather is warm enough to attract participants.
- The **application for the Generator** has been finalized and sent in.
- The Sanitation District #1 agreement has been approved and there will be an amendment to the Municipal Order 2009-6. Attorney Joe Baker is handling.
- Perfection Energy Group has been retained to do an **energy audit** for the City. It will entail reviewing our Duke Energy bills as well as a physical inspection of our buildings, furnaces, windows etc. to see if there are ways to conserve energy. They will then help us apply for grants to help pay for the recommended improvements.
- **Bids** are going out **for the LED signs** (2) for the City. Viox and Viox will assist in the process. Mr. Santangelo requested clarification on the process. Mr. Ripberger said it would be published in the newspaper, with 1 week given to get bids in, and then we will decide on which company to engage to start work as soon as possible.
- Mr. Zeck commended the City for the mums and overall attractiveness of the **Veteran's Memorial** site. Mr. Ripberger said the thanks should go to Shirley Hartfiel for that.
- October 24 and 25 will be our semi-annual **street sweeping** in the City. We have contracted with the City of Florence to do this for \$1,200 per event. Signs will be placed at key position in the City to ask residents to not park on the street those days. This funding will come from the Stormwater Project line item, since we are required to keep the debris out of the drains as much as possible.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Mr. Zeck reported on the Finance Committee met with the Auditor David Baker, on Sept. 30 to go over numbers and questions concerning the Audit. It was a good meeting and a couple of modifications are being made but overall the Financials are just about complete.
- Tax Receipts are coming in well, Approximately 96% of the 2009 taxes billed have been received, totaling approximately \$675,000.
- We are talking with Bear Creek Capital concerning the PILOT payment for December 2009. They wish to again make monthly installments beginning shortly, with all being paid before June 2010.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Daugherty reported that he was sick and did not attend the last Fire Authority meeting but can update us anyway. We were not selected for the federal grant application for a new firehouse in the first round. There will be an ALS meeting tomorrow, which Mr. Ripberger will attend (Mr. Daugherty may be working) Mr. Arlinghaus requested firehouse pictures for the website (the link is already there) and Mr. Daugherty mentioned this month is Fire Prevention month.

POLICE REPORT

- Mayor Collett called to our attention the nice article in the Enquirer about the merger. Chief Fields agreed, but also noted that there were some misleading statistics in the article that we should be aware of: The cost numbers were somewhat distorted because of inclusion of the dispatch budget. He also reported that the department received 2 grants last week, for MDC replacement and for highway safety education.
- Ms. Arlinghaus met with several business owners since the recent break-ins, and reported that there is a need for better communication with the owners. Chief Fields and Ms. Arlinghaus will work on that issue. An intern at the police station will be used to improve communications by newsletter and website updates. There was an arrest in the Crescent Springs Hardware case this afternoon.

SMALL AREA STUDY REPORT

Mr. Vergamini reported that the Public Meeting on October 7th at the City Building went well and was well attended. There were many good comments and all written suggestions will be compiled by the NKAPC for our review. The next meeting of the Task Force will be October 28th at 6pm. There will probably be another Public Meeting at a later date.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that the newly designed website is now operational. We will be training with Nexigen soon so that we can begin doing the updates to the site ourselves. The next newsletter will go out in mid-November. The deadline for articles is November 2nd. Halloween in the Park will take place Saturday October 24 from 3 to 4pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collett asked Mr. Ripberger to update council on the Occupational License Agreement. At this time, the apprehension the Mayor has is with the fees that the County charges being increased without prior approval. The old contract should be in effect (with the 1% fee) until all the Cities sign it. The additional 1% the County has withheld from Crescent Springs since October 2008 amounts to approximately \$8,000; what leverage do we have to get it back? Mr. Ripberger will meet with Boone County and the City of Florence to see if either would be a viable new partner in collections. Mr. Baker, Mayor Collett and Mr. Ripberger will continue trying to resolve this issue.

Trick or Treat will take place in the City on Saturday October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

The Safe Routes to School grant we applied for in the amount of \$163,840 was approved; however, the grant process has gotten more complicated. The NKADD is offering to administer grants for us for a 1% fee. We will look into budgeting money for future grant applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zeck commented on the logging business that appears to be taking place on Croley Street. Is it legal and are the large trucks and heavy equipment used to deliver the trees damaging the street? Mr. Ripberger commented that the activity has been taking place there for approximately 12 years and that it is a non-conforming use in the Neighborhood/Commercial zone. Area Planning has been alerted and letters were sent in the past. Mr. Vergamini noted that the zoning administrator should do a letter, and the Board of Adjustments would then review the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill
City Clerk

Jim Collett
Mayor

Approved: November 9, 2009