

**City of Crescent Springs  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance included the following:

**Council Members:**

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

**Jim Collett, Mayor** - present

Joe Baker, City Attorney - present

George Ripberger, Pub Serv Dir- present

Sue Hill, City Clerk – present

**Others in attendance:** Lt. Mike Bianchi

Mayor Collett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence for our Veterans and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **October 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Proclamations were read honoring **Shirley Hartfiel** for her beautification efforts and making Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> (today) Shirley Hartfiel Day, and **Lou Hartfiel** for his support of the Veterans Memorial, making Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> (Veteran's Day) Lou Hartfiel Day.

Jim Kem from **Rumpke** was present to apologize for the early trash pick ups. Mayor Collett reminded him that the contract states 'no trucks on residential streets prior to 7am'. Mr. Kem is looking into the situation and will be sure to communicate this again to the drivers. He also reported that recycling can now accept jugs and bottles of all recycling numbers (anything where the neck is smaller than the bottom of the container) and clean pizza boxes.

**PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the **Park is officially closed**. The restrooms are locked and the picnic tables are put away.
- The City **trucks** are being readied for snow removal. Tune ups and repairs are being done, and the new salt spreaders are mounted.
- The **roads** around the City are in pretty good shape. There are twenty-three street lights out, and Duke has been notified. They are checking to see if there are others. Problems along Bromley-Crescent Springs Road are being addressed. Public Works is trimming brush and doing some shoulder work, and is hoping to partner with the County to install additional street lights and guardrails along certain stretches.
- The City's two **LED signs** are on order now so that they could be installed by mid-December. The electricity is being run and radio transmitters are being installed at the City Building and the Public Works garage so that either computer could reprogram the signs.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Mr. Zeck gave a quick recap of collections. Of the approximately \$706,000 billed, \$687,000 has been collected (including some pre-2009 taxes due). The October numbers look to be on-budget.
- The audit work is just about finished. Finance Committee meets Nov 19 to finalize this, and will report at the December Council Meeting.
- Bear Creek Capital's PILOT payment is now coming in monthly; there will be more on this later.

## **FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

- Mr. Daugherty reported that there was a fire last week that was contained to one bedroom. It was electrical in nature, and no one was injured.
- The grant for the new firehouse is still under consideration, pending more money coming available.
- The chairmanship of the Fire Authority will come back to Crescent Springs in January 2010. Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Collett will deal with the ramifications of this.

## **SMALL AREA STUDY REPORT**

Mr. Vergamini reported the committee met at the end of October as follow up to the Public Meeting earlier in October. Interesting problems are apparent for the Study area: 47 different lots, 2 access points, difficult traffic flow and the impact rerouting it would have on the retail businesses. One consideration: Hazelwood would be one way in and one way out with no left turn onto Buttermilk. High St. would be the main entry point. The first area of concentration for development will probably be the Ritchie St. area. The study should be completed by March 2010. There will be another presentation by GEM Marketing at the December Council meeting. NKAPC will be responsible for notification.

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

In Ms. Arlinghaus' absence, Ms. Hill reported that the newsletters (with Season's Greetings signed by Council and staff tonight) will go out tomorrow or Thursday. The website will be thoroughly reviewed at least every Monday morning for necessary updates.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Collett updated council on the Occupational License Agreement. The County is in the process of adding a cap of .5% to the bi-annual fee increases. County Commissioners meet tomorrow and should pass this. They are also working on a list of criteria to use to justify the increase.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None to report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Baker conducted the reading of **Ordinance 2009-7** Setting the Tax Rate for the Public Improvement Bond of Buttermilk Crossing at \$1.53 per \$100 Assessment. This Ordinance declared an emergency because the November 1st deadline for setting the rate is already past. Mr. Vergamini moved to approve the Ordinance, Mr. Daugherty seconded and upon vote of two-thirds of Council (all those present) the Ordinance was adopted.

- Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2009-7** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement in Lieu of Taxes authorizing monthly installments for the Buttermilk Towne Center PILOT Payment. Mr. Vergamini made a motion to approve, Mr. Zeck seconded and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the letter amendment is attached to these minutes.
- Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2009-8** Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the First Amendment to the Reserves of Buttermilk Development Agreement. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve, Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously. A drawing of the changes is attached to these minutes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Mayor asked Mr. Ripberger to update Council on the status of providing water to the property on Eubanks Road owned by Mr. Jim Barnes. Playpen Kennels has been there as a non-conforming use. Mr. Barnes requested a water line be installed, however Northern Kentucky Water has quoted \$280,000 which he can not afford, nor can the City. Mr. Barnes has also talked to his neighbor, Mr. Mintor, who has agreed to allow him to tap into his spider line coming from Euclid Ave., and perhaps put a meter there. This would require the City granting an easement through the City’s right of way. Mr. Ripberger is working with Mr. Brown (Viox and Viox, City Engineer) to determine the feasibility of this option. The two neighbors would need to agree to a split payment arrangement. Another argument for pursuing grants or other avenues is the fact that there are no fire hydrants there, and fire trucks would have a difficult time getting back the road. Mr. Vergamini suggested looking into an Infrastructure Authority Loan.

**POLICE REPORT**

- Lt. Bianchi reported that Heritage Bank on Buttermilk was robbed Friday morning. The robber then tried to rob a bank in Lexington, was caught, and confessed to both.
- The Business Community Meetings took place November 4<sup>th</sup> at both 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. There were 11 businesses that sent representatives and good discussion took place. Chief Fields received helpful input; the biggest recommendation is that patrolmen make more personal contact with the businessmen and women.
- Interviews are being conducted for lateral moves at this time. The new recruit process has begun to determine a pool of candidates for future hiring needs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Zeck seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:52 pm.

**ATTESTED BY:**

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Susan G. Hill  
City Clerk

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James Collett  
Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
December 14, 2009