

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

Those attending this meeting included the following:

Christie Arlinghaus, Council Member
Dale Ramsey, Council Member
Tom Vergamini, Council Member
Matt Zeck, Council Member
Sue Hill, City Clerk
Joe Baker, City Attorney

The Mayor was out of town, so Chairman of Council, Tom Vergamini, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Absent were Scott Santangelo and Mike Daugherty, in addition to Mayor Collett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **January 12, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Zeck seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.
Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **January 12, 2009 Public Hearing concerning the Land and Water Grant Application**. Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.
Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **January 12, 2009 Public Hearing concerning the Safe Routes to School Grant Application**. Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Brown and Mr. Ripberger were not present; there was no report except to say that the Public Works Department did a wonderful job with the snow and ice last week. Our roads were considerably better cleared than many in this area, including Ohio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck reported that the Finance Committee met February 5th and began work on evaluating our financial position given the probability that the \$100,000 PILOT payment due 12/31/08 from **Bear Creek Capital** would be delayed considerably (probably not make this fiscal year's budget). We are in sound financial shape, with reserves in place, however, we will need to do some more work on the budget given the fact that the budgeted expenses can not exceed the now decreased budgeted income. The proposed transfer of \$65,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund will not be feasible and other cuts will have to be made. Mr. Zeck asked Mr. Baker to look into the contract/agreement with Bear Creek to see what recourse we have for collection and what triggers there were to the default process.

Mr. Zeck reported that the Finance Committee is also looking into the **financial aspects of the annexation** of several properties, at the Mayor's request.

There was discussion concerning the collection of the PILOT payment and the financial health of Bear Creek, in light of more newspaper articles highlighting their situation with several different developments around the area. Mr. Vergamini is in contact with Greg Scheper, and Mr. Collett is talking to Matt Daniels, a partner at Bear Creek. Close monitoring of the situation is advisable.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Vergamini reported that the Fire Authority is looking at doing an addition to the Firehouse to provide overnight accommodations. The FEMA grant for a generator has been approved. With all the recent publicity of the cost saving advantages of interlocal cooperation, the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Fire Authority is proud to say that they have been providing this for the last 33 years.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 3rd was postponed until Feb 10th due to the snow. The main emphasis will be on **website redesign**. The committee has gotten a bid for both **computer upgrades**, including off site backup, and website work from Nexigen Communications. Nexigen provided a free computer analysis and identified several potential problem areas. The committee will contact at least one other company for a quote before proceeding. It has become more apparent that the magnitude of the upgrades will require outside help, not just volunteers. The **newsletter** will go out by next week, which will include information about the Small Area Study Informational Meeting to be held Monday February 23 at 6:30 (in lieu of the Caucus meeting usually held that night) and the Veterans Memorial service for the troops on Saturday, Feb 21 at 10am.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collett being absent, there was nothing to report.

ADOPT-A-UNIT REPORT

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that soldiers will arrive here Thursday, February 19, go to visit schools on February 20, and have a casual dinner at Summit Hills CC that night. The cost will be \$30. On Saturday, there will be a 10am service at the Veterans Memorial, where a bench will be dedicated to the servicemen. The dedication will take place at the Firehouse in the event of bad weather. Public Works is putting up the flag street banners and they are arranging a Police Escort from Drawbridge to St. Joseph School on Friday, and to the Park on Saturday. The committee is working hard on publicity of this, and expects a warm welcome and thank you from the citizens to the servicemen.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vergamini reported that Long Range Planning Committee – Mr. Santangelo, Mr. Rogge and he – met with the representatives from NKAPC concerning the Small Area Study (SAS). The first step is to begin a public awareness campaign and to begin receiving interest and

suggestions on membership in the Focus Group. There will be a Public Meeting on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 for all interested parties.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Baker conducted the reading of **Municipal Order 2009-3 – Accepting NKREA’s appointments to the Enforcement Committee** for the two year term ending 1/31/2011. Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve, Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Resident **Claire Moriconi**, Western Reserve, brought before council the request to limit parking on her street and Horton St. to vehicles smaller than the commercial tow truck that is currently parking on the street too close to the intersection and creating a danger to traffic, emergency vehicles, school busses and garbage trucks. Her yard is being damaged by cars trying to make the turn, and it is a safety hazard. Policeman Mike Bianke suggested doing what Erlanger does which is to impose size and weight restrictions and also special restrictions based on the individual situation, if so necessary.

Ms. Moriconi also requested that Public Works look into resealing Horton, Lorraine and the other streets in the areas due to recent deterioration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

____Susan G. Hill_____
City Clerk

____James Collett_____
Mayor

Approved: __March 9, 2009_____