

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009
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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zeck made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **February 9, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Santangelo present but not voting. It was noted that there was an error in the Minutes of December 8, 2008: The dollar figure for the Land and Water Conservation Grant is \$106,800.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck reported that the Finance Committee met March 5th and heard from Mr. Baker the triggers and action steps concerning the delinquent \$100,000 PILOT payment from **Bear Creek Capital**. The Attorney sent a letter to Bear Creek notifying them of the delinquency. Under the terms of the Development Agreement, if the delinquency is not cured within 30 days, Bear Creek will be in formal default. The committee is also continuing to look at cost saving measures, and will forego a January Budget Revision in favor of a year-end revision with better information on our standing. Mr. Zeck is looking at moving to monthly budgeting, not the annual-only numbers we currently use. The Mayor asked if our revenues are off due to the economic downturn. Mr. Zeck reported that revenues seem to be fine, and in fact, the Insurance Premium Tax income is up, due in some part to better reporting of physical location on the Insurance companies' parts. The city is working to keep expenses down. There were no further questions for Finance.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Fire Authority is looking at some by-law revisions that Council should see soon, and is also reviewing the projected budget. The Friday Night Fish Fries are well attended. Mr. Collett will be meeting with Villa Hills Mayor Sadouskis to further discuss the interlocal agreement between our cities, specifically addressing the issue of the fair division of costs.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that the **newsletter** went out February 13, with another to go out in the next couple of weeks. The Committee met March 4th to work on what the website should be – function, categories, links – for the residents. The aesthetic considerations are important, but will come later. Ms. Arlinghaus told Council to mark their calendars for the **April 4th Easter Egg Hunt** at the Park – back by popular demand – and asked for a volunteer (Mr. Vergamini!) for the bunny costume. Mr. Collett reported that Nexigen Communications is now our IT support provider (replacing Action Computers) and most of the switch over is finished.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collett read a Proclamation declaring March 27, 2009 **Cindy Byerly Day** in the City of Crescent Springs, in recognition of her years as mailcarrier and city resident, upon her retirement. He presented the Council a plaque that he received February 27th at the Ball at Ft. Campbell given as a thank-you for our City's support of the troops through our **ASA Adopt-A-Unit** program. He thanked Christie Arlinghaus, Lou Hartfiel, Claire Moriconi, Julie Schuler, Janie Terrell, Cindy Wise and others for their involvement in this very worthy cause. The **Veteran's Day event** at the Park will be held Sunday, May 24th. It is a day long event and provides fundraising for the Veteran's Memorial. Also, Saturday, May 16th will be the Kenton County Veteran's Memorial **5K Run**.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Daugherty asked Mr. Baker to address the **sign ordinance** changes being considered, specifically requesting gas stations be allowed to install electronic signs which would aid their frequent price changes. The high winds are taking a toll on the numbers and those trying to install them. Mr. Baker said he would again address the County's Model Sign Ordinance, and Mr. Santangelo suggested we discuss this issue, plus the implementation of the Nuisance Board, at our next Caucus meeting. The **Horton St. parking** situation is being dealt with: A sign was installed saying "No Parking 30 Ft. from Intersection" and the curb will be painted soon. The Mayor hopes that these changes, plus the more stringent enforcement of our current ordinances concerning oversized vehicles blocking the street, will be enough to rectify the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor asked if there was any new business. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

____ Susan G. Hill _____
City Clerk

____ James Collett _____
Mayor

Approved: _____ April 13, 2009 _____