

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Those in attendance included the following:

Council Members:	Jim Collett, Mayor - present
Christie Arlinghaus- present	Joe Baker, City Attorney - absent
Mike Daugherty- present	Debbie Pleatman, Attorney - present
Dale Ramsey- present	George Ripberger, Pub Serv Dir- present
Scott Santangelo- present	Sue Hill, City Clerk – present
Tom Vergamini- present	Others in attendance: Chief Marc Fields,
Matt Zeck- absent	Captain Mike Jansing, Lieutenant Bianci

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **May 11, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Daugherty seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **May 26, 2009 Special Council Meeting**. Mr. Santangelo seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Daugherty present but not voting.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Fields introduced Dr. Beth Sanders, professor at Thomas More College to present the findings of the **survey** recently conducted to determine “customer satisfaction” of the Police Unit. In summary, the survey showed high marks for most of the attributes, including responsiveness and manners, and showed some improvement could be achieved by providing better follow up after the incident. A full copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found in the Police file at the City Building. Chief Fields also noted that the department is also working on communicating better, including website and newsletter improvements.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck was not present, so there was no Finance Report. Mayor Collett asked whether there were any questions or suggestions to the Budget proposals made at the last meeting. None were offered. We will do a second reading on the Budgets at a special meeting before the Caucus meeting on June 22nd.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Mr. Greg Kreutzjans from the Ky Department of Transportation was present to update Council on the progress of the Buttermilk Pike Bridge. The contractors are back on schedule and all height problems have been remedied. They are in the process of pouring the concrete on the new deck, removing the old overlay, replacing the joints, and building the sidewalk. A total overlay will then be poured, first the southbound including the new

portion, then after curing and moving traffic barriers, the lanes will shift onto the new and the old (northbound) lanes will be overlaid. Completion should be by early July. Mr. Vergamini asked about a ribbon cutting and Mr. Kreutzjans will look into it with KDOT.

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the paint on the 50 or so posts in the Handicapped Playground is badly peeling. The best solution would be to have them painted with electrostatic paint. The cost would be \$3,400. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to allow Mr. Ripberger to contract for the necessary maintenance this fiscal year. Mr. Vergamini seconded and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Ripberger reported that Kevin Schneider from K.J.s Pub had come to talk to Council, but left before speaking when he was told that Council can not rule on his outdoor dining case because he did not bring it as a proposed text amendment. Mr. Ripberger would like to have the Attorney and Council consider reassessing our zoning ordinances to allow outdoor dining for those restaurants that meet our specific safety criteria. Our number 1 priority is safety and our number 2 issue is parking. Mr. Santangelo questioned whether the developer of the Buttermilk Crossing property (also the owner) has approved the plan K.J.s submitted. NKAPC would probably be more willing to approve some changes if the owner agreed to conditions such as completely closing the 1-way road in front of the restaurant. Mr. Vergamini concurred that the property owner needed to be included in the planning. Mayor Collett suggested we discuss this further at Caucus and ask our Attorney to look into it further.
- Mr. Ripberger reported on a request from the KLC for an estimate of potential bond money needs over the next five years. Working with the NKAPC, it was reported that we could see the need for \$8.7 million for street and infrastructure improvements. We are not obligated to take on these projects.
- The 2008-2009 HB 413 Police Court Revenue situation is still being addressed with the State.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Fire Authority has accepted a new company to handle its EMS **billing and collections**. It is estimated that this could bring in an additional \$10,000 annually. They bought some **electric cots** for their runs to more easily lift the victims into the ambulances. The federal grant for a new firehouse is still pending, and so the other projects that were out for bid in April, are on hold.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that the committee met last week to look at the shell of the new **website design**, and will meet with the developer on Wednesday to discuss further. Many pages need major revisions. Council members should write their biographical information, and supply a picture or smile for our camera! The **newsletter deadline is July 28th**. Mr. Santangelo and Mr. Vergamini will co-write an update on the Small Area Study. Any other suggestions are welcome.

Mr. Ripberger reported that he has found a company that will install **LED signs** at both the old 'welcome to our City' location at Buttermilk and Hazelwood as well as in front of the City Building for \$34,000, which is the same price as another quote for just the one location. The area in front of Walgreens at Buttermilk and Anderson is not feasible because of lack of useable space. These new signs could both be programmed remotely, either with the same

message or individually, and could be generator-ready in case of a power outage. We are looking for federal money to help fund this.

SMALL AREA STUDY REPORT

Mr. Vergamini reported that the committee met with the Sector/GEM Marketing Study group earlier this evening. He will email Council their report. Some interesting challenges exist for this area. The next meeting will be June 24th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collett reported that there have been some recent reports of **solicitors** going door to door, being very aggressive with their tactics, and knocking at dusk. We need to reevaluate how to deal with unwanted solicitors. Ms. Arlinghaus suggested a No-Knock ordinance like Villa Hills recently passed. Mr. Ripberger will look into this issue and follow up with Council. **St Walburg Convent** celebrated 150s in the Community last weekend. The Mayor commended that and expressed his gratitude. Mayor Collett distributed a letter from the **NKAPC outlining their budget numbers**, including their efforts to deal with the economic downturn. Saturday, June 20th is the **Mayor's Group** meeting, hosted by Crescent Springs. All are invited. The City Clerk's office has been working on contacting **businesses** for their contact information, hours etc. so that we can be better connected with them. We are also offering our resources and trying to establish a connection with the businesses in keeping with our goal of communicating better with our community

OLD BUSINESS

None. We are delaying the second reading of Ordinance 2009-1 Amending the Sign Ordinance in order for Mr. Baker to follow up on a few things, and to be present for questions.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill
City Clerk

James Collett
Mayor

Approved: _____ July 13, 2009 _____