

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 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- *absent*
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: Lieutenant Bianchi,
Regan Coomer (Community Recorder)

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 **June 8, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Santangelo seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Zeck present but not voting.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **June 22, 2009 Special Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Santangelo present but not voting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS PRESENTATION

Mayor Collett presented a proclamation to **Denise Schickling**, owner and pharmacist of Crestville Drug Store, declaring July 13, 2009 as **Crestville Drug Store Day** in recognition of her 40 successful years of business in the City.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that Mr. Kreutzjans from the Ky Department of Transportation is hopeful the Buttermilk Pike Bridge will be fully opened by this weekend. The traffic has been rerouted in order to strip and overcoat the west bound lanes. Total clean up will take up to 2 weeks.
- We received a letter yesterday from the Department for Local Government stating that we were not awarded the LWCF Grant that we had applied for in early 2009.
- Our Municipal Road Aid hearing will be held prior to the July 27 Caucus meeting.
- Mr. Ripberger reported that the posts in the Handicapped Playground area have been painted and the area looks like new again. They are putting drain tiles to alleviate the wetness around several of the pieces of equipment. This is being paid for out of 2008 grant money.
- Ms. Arlinghaus questioned the timing of the Homeland Security funds that we will use to buy and install electronic signs and generators to run them in case of emergency. Mr. Ripberger reported that the process may be stalled in Frankfort and that it may be Fall before we hear.

- Mr. Scott Conradi (Nordman Dr.) spoke to Council concerning speeding on his street, raising again his request for a speed bump. There are 3 special needs children living on the street (with signage in place) as well as the posted school zone, and traffic still does not obey posted limits. Additionally, the waterline work crews are in peril. In response: Mr. Ripberger said the repairs to the water lines would need to be completed independent of this situation. Lt. Bianci offered again to utilize the stealth radar to determine how wide spread the problem is. Mr. Ripberger mentioned the process of surveying neighborhood support for a speed bump and Mr. Conradi mentioned his already submitted petition of support signed by all the residents on the street. Mr. Santangelo cautioned acting in haste, suggesting these steps be taken: 1) police determine actual incidences 2) postcards soliciting residents' support 3) proceed only if last resort. It was noted that the school should be included in the decision making process, especially with the busses traveling that route. Mr. Conradi felt certain Father Brodnick would support any measures that would restrict speeding.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck reported that he and the City Clerk met with David Baker, of Fossett and Associates CPA, to determine ways to prepare for the upcoming audit and go through changes to our reporting procedures. The PILOT payment from Bear Creek is coming in regularly.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Fire Authority's federal grant for a brand new firehouse is still pending, but that feels they are prime candidates. The generator has been installed and the Cascade system (to refill the oxygen tanks) is in the process of being installed, both using FEMA funds.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Arlinghaus reported that the committee is gathering information for the new **website**. We hope to have it up and running by the end of July. The **newsletter deadline is July 28th**. Mr. Santangelo and Mr. Vergamini will co-write an update on the Small Area Study. Mr. Zeck will write something about the budgets. Please submit any other suggestions.

SMALL AREA STUDY REPORT

Mr. Vergamini was absent and Mr. Santangelo did not make the last SAS Meeting, but did report that they are formulating a Vision Statement, and will be meeting again in a couple of weeks. Mr. Baker added that he had attended the last meeting and it was long and productive, focusing heavily on circulation patterns and how to best reconfigure the streets for better traffic flow. A traffic engineer is analyzing the effect of a 1-way traffic flow. The topic of light rail was mentioned however is most likely to be too big of a use for that area. Mayor Collett noted that they have 3 scenarios, none of which is a stand-out winner.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Collett reported that the KLC is surveying cities for their opinion on the imposition of a Restaurant tax. The Mayor's pre-meeting email on this subject resulted in a 'no' vote from the Council members of Crescent Springs. He will pass this opinion on to the KLC.
- There is no resolution to the matter of Outdoor Dining. Mr. Baker contacted Ft. Mitchell to review their zoning code. They allow it in 2 zones only: PO (professional office) and MLU (mixed land use), but not in any retail areas, such as shopping center zones. It is a

'conditional use' not a 'permitted use' so would need to be approved by the Board of Adjustments. Our recommendation would be to table this discussion.

- Mr. Ripberger, as ABC Administrator, wanted to make the Council aware of situation at Bleachers Bar on Ritchie. He has met with the owner about the high number of police calls and they are working on measures to stop the problems. Mr. Ripberger has warned him that he needs to act decisively otherwise the City or the Police have the authority to shut the bar down.
- The Mayor reminded us of the upcoming 2010 Census and our responsibility to pay close attention to filling out the forms. Many federal and statewide revenue items are calculated from these numbers. Our citizens should be encouraged to answer them honestly and promptly.
- There is a small patch of vacant land within the SAS that belongs in Crestview Hills. We will look into the process of incorporating it into our City.
- Mr. Ripberger has reviewed the SD1 maps and localities for the sewer transfer. There will be a new interlocal agreement with the contract being enforce 30 days after the Mayor signs it. Mr. Baker is reviewing.
- Also pending is the reallocation of the County-wide Occupational License monies collected by the County for the various Cities.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Baker conducted the second reading of **Ordinance 2009-1 Amending the Sign Ordinance to Permit Changeable Copy**. In summary: 1) It will be permitted in 3 zones: NC, NSC and LHS (highway retail types) 2) The change can not take place any faster than 8 seconds 3) the change should be immediate, with no rolls, fades or flashes. Discussion ensued concerning certain specific examples and clarifications. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-1. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baker conducted the first reading of **Ordinance 2009-4 Repealing the ban on display of for sale signs in parked vehicles** which may be in violation of 1st Amendment rights.
- Mr. Baker conducted the first reading of **Ordinance 2009-5 Abolishing the Tree Commission** for lack of utilization. Mr. Rachal of the PW Department will continue to serve as the Tree Representative when needed and to pursue grant availability.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Zeck seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:11 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Sue Hill
City Clerk

Jim Collett
Mayor

Approved: _____ August 10, 2009 _____