

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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- present
Matt Zeck- present

Jim Collett, Mayor - *absent*
Joe Baker, City Attorney - present
George Ripberger, Pub Serv Dir- present
Sue Hill, City Clerk – present
Others in attendance: Sgt. Vines

Mr. Vergamini, Council Chair, presiding in Mayor Collett's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **August 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Santangelo made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **August 10, 2009 Public Hearing**. Mr. Daugherty seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adopt the minutes of the **August 17, 2009 Special Council Meeting**. Mr. Daugherty seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Zeck present but not voting.

PUBLIC SERVICES/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that much of the **street maintenance** /repair has been completed. Amsterdam Road has been overlaid and striped, Foresthill area, Buttermilk Crossing and other side street overlaying, have all been completed. There is continuing work on drainage ditches and joint patching is taking place in various areas.
- The **Playground area** has been cleaned up. The drainage repairs are finished, the brown bridge has been replaced. Several benches that were showing wear are being replaced.
- The decision has been made to trim back branches from the large **pine** that is infringing on the walkway to the City Building. If that doesn't solve the overhang problem, it may need to be taken down completely.
- Building and Zoning Report: Fifty or so **letters were sent** out to businesses in connection with the new sign ordinance that allows LED signs. Several businesses have inquired and may consider changes to their signs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck reported on the state of the City's revenues. 1) FEMA \$14,500+ check for Jan/Feb 2009 Ice Storm damage should be arriving within the week, 2) Bear Creek has paid all the delinquent 2008 PILOT payments, 3) Approximated numbers to date: Revenue \$447,000, expenses \$398,000, leaving a net of \$49,000. 4) 2009 taxes are coming in well, with approximately \$158,600 (23%) paid to date. Most of the money is expected the last week of September. There were some delinquencies recently cleaned up as well, 4) In response to Mr.

Vergamini's question concerning changes to collections of Insurance Premium Taxes to start January 1, Mr. Zeck responded that Crescent Springs can expect to benefit from the GIS mapping and more attention to proper city identification requirements.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Fire Authority's federal grant application for a new firehouse is still pending. Chief Wendt is considering working with the City to bring a piece of steel from the Twin Towers to be made into a memorial for 9-1-1. Mr. Ripberger responded that plans and designs are being considered.

SMALL AREA STUDY REPORT

Mr. Vergamini reported that the committee met late August and set the date of the public meeting for Wednesday, October 7th at 6pm at the City Building. This will be open to all interested parties. Notices will be sent to residents and businesses within the study area.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vergamini noted that the Occupational License Interlocal Agreement is close to being resolved. Neither he nor Mayor Collett can attend the monthly Mayor's Group Meeting this Saturday, and asked for volunteers to represent the City.

OLD BUSINESS

The Tree Commission issue is still pending. Mr. Ripberger has asked Mr. Rachal, our tree representative, to contact the Urban Forestry Commission to determine if grant applications can only be submitted from a city's tree board. If so, we should not disband ours. Mr. Rachal has not heard back on this issue. Ms. Arlinghaus requested that Mr. Rachal contact the City of Ft. Mitchell's tree board, since they are quite active.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baker conducted the reading of **Resolution 2009-2** Designating George Ripberger as FEMA Representative for the City. Mr. Zeck called for adoption of Resolution 2009-2, Mr. Santangelo seconded, and upon vote, the resolution was adopted unanimously.
- Mr. Vergamini requested a quick police update from Sgt T. Vines, who reported that he had just finished the department's Lieutenant Test and placed first, meaning he is first in line to be promoted when a spot opens up. He would still be our district supervisor. Mr. Vergamini announced that Alexandria Police Chief, Mike Ward, a past Crescent Springs officer, received the Police Chief of the Year award. Congratulation will be sent.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill
City Clerk

James Collett
Mayor

Approved: October 12, 2009