

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010 - 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- arrived at 7:35
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: Lt. Bianchi, Sgt
Vines, Lou Hartfiel

Mayor Collett 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 approve the minutes of the **April 14, 2010 Regular Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Vergamini not present.

The Mayor noted that this meeting is not being recorded by Insight Communications. Insight is no longer offering that service to the Cities, since they are doing away with the local station. Insight will air our meetings, but only if we provide the labor and the tape. Wayne Roberts, with Crystalux, has been the contractor in the past, and quoted us approximately \$250 per meeting to provide this service. Mr. Santangelo noted that there may be other ways to communicate our meetings to the non-attending public (webcast, use volunteers or videography class). Mr. Zeck expressed his opinion that we should not spend that much money on something we are not sure the residents use anyway.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Ms. Arlinghaus thanked Public Works for the nice stone walls around the LED signs. There has been good feedback on the messages being shown on the signs.
- The summer newsletter will be going out by June 1, please submit articles by May 20.
- Lou Hartfiel invited us all to attend the Kenton County Veterans Memorial 5K Run/Walk and the Old Fashioned Picnic on Saturday, May 15, and gave a rundown of events. He thanked Mr. Ripberger for soliciting the funding for the fireworks from several businesses. Mr. Collett then presented Mr. Hartfiel with the ASA Flag we had ordered for him so that he could fly it this weekend at the event.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck announced that Finance has the 1st Draft of the 2010-2011 Budget from the Mayor and Department Heads. The numbers are pretty tight, although revenues are holding up well, considering the economic situation. Under discussion is whether Council will need to take the 4% allowable increase in property and tangible taxes to offset some anticipated decreases in revenue.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the Kentucky Department of Transportation (KDOT) has placed signs notifying residents of coming road construction on Buttermilk Pike. KDOT should be resurfacing the road sometime in the next 30 days. The City is in the process of routine maintenance on several City streets, funding coming from Municipal Road Aid funds. The concrete work amounts to approximately \$13,500 and the asphalt work will cost approximately \$5,700.
- In preparation of a Five Year Plan on road repairs, we now have a spreadsheet listing all streets, their dimensions and age. Added to this will be the condition of the surface and the approximate cost to repair. Mr. Santangelo suggested that repair history and other issues, such as storm water and sidewalks, should be catalogued as well. The Public Works Committee will meet soon to go over things.
- The situation with Norma Lutz's property at the corner of Ferncliff and Enid that she brought to Council at the Caucus meeting in April has been resolved. City Engineer, Jonathan Brown finds there is no encroachment, based on maps and interviews he has had with past surveyors. Attached is a letter stating so, which was copied to Mrs. Lutz.
- Mr. Baker read **Resolution 2010-2**, Approving a Co-op Program Contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for FYE 2011. Discussion followed explaining that the program would be an 'insurance policy' against costly street repairs in the future. The cost to the City is 3% of our monthly MRA deposits, which would amount to approximately \$2,100 per year. The City streets would be accepted into the program as-is. The Mayor called for a motion, Mr. Zeck made the motion to accept, with Mr. Santangelo seconding. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously and was signed by those Council members present.
- Mr. Vergamini arrived at approximately 7:35.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

- Mr. Daugherty reported that there is a model open burning ban ordinance being considered by several Cities. The impetus is the safety of the firefighters and the residents, and to encourage safe practices as well as enforceable penalties for violations. Mr. Baker has reviewed the ordinance and suggested several changes. The discussion will continue at the next meeting to allow for further review. Since the Fire Authority spans neighboring city/county lines, we will work with Villa Hills (and perhaps, the County) to adopt an identical ordinance if possible.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Collett reported his observations from the Forum on health care at Thomas More last week: the country is trending toward one universal health care plan, and the maintenance of it will increase our costs, the age for required dependent coverage will go up to 26, whether in school or not, and coverage will be required for part-time employees. For the City, this means preparing for higher costs as well as pursuing other options, such as HSAs.
- Crescent Springs Presbyterian will be hosting a Spring Fling Art Show the week of May 23rd through 28th.
- We are still collecting sports equipment for KickForNick. Drop off items to the City Building.

- Upcoming Events from the Events Planning Committee (next meeting May 25th at 6:15): Movie Night in the Park is set for July 17, showing a family-friendly movie. We are looking for sponsors and concessionaires. The community night at the Florence Freedom will be August 27th.
- The Mayor noted an email complimenting the police in their response to a resident's concern over speeding on Enid Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Arlinghaus would like to pursue the addition of a concession stand in the Park. Perhaps an individual would be interested in contracting with the City to provide this, and should look into it for next summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Daugherty moved to go into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for purposes of discussing pending litigation. Mr. Zeck seconded. The vote was unanimous excepting Mr. Vergamini who was present but not voting and excused himself from the executive session. The Mayor, all councilpersons (excepting Mr. Vergamini) City Clerk/Treasurer Sue Hill, Public Works Director George Ripberger and City Attorney Joe Baker all convened in executive session to discuss pending litigation involving the city. After discussion the council came out of executive session upon a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Arlinghaus. The vote was unanimous excepting Mr. Vergamini who was present but not voting. Let the record reflect that no official action was taken in the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:44 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill

James Collett

City Clerk

Mayor

6/14/2010

Approved: _____