

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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- present
Matt Zeck- present

Jim Collett, Mayor - present

Joe Baker, City Attorney - present
George Ripberger, Public Serv Dir- present
Sue Hill, City Clerk – present

Others in attendance: Sgt. Troy Vines

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the **July 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Mr. Zeck reported that the Finance Committee has selected Rankin and Rankin as our new Auditor. All notification letters have been sent. The firm has extensive history and knowledge of the City, and will be easy to work with. A letter of engagement is being prepared and we are ready to begin the audit work.
- Due to Dave Macke's resignation from the Committee, we are actively recruiting a new member.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the area in front of the City Building has been re-landscaped and the bench has been installed. Work will next be done around the flagpole area.
- The water line leak on the Bear Creek property has been addressed. The attorney has been notified and we expect a quick resolution to the problem.
- Street work is being wrapped up, with only re-painting the stop bars still to be done.
- The play slide at the park is being temporarily removed. The in-house patch did not prove effective, so we will have to order a new one costing approximately \$1,000. Overall, the equipment has held up well given it is 11 years old and gets quite a bit of use. The Mayor questioned the vandalism situation and Mr. Ripberger noted it seems to be better.
- Mr. Ripberger is still working with the cell tower company who wants to locate something at the existing tower at the entrance of the Park. They are assuring us the waves are not harmful and we are negotiating our charge for allowing it (ie, a new shelter and/or additional parking). There was further discussion on the details of the size and location of the box.
- Mr. Ripberger noted there are grants for park improvements, but they are 50/50 grants (so we will have to budget for them) and the regulations are more complex than before. The

Safe Routes To School grant is hung up in the wording between the State and Federal regulations. It will probably be spring before we can begin work.

- Mr. Zeck questioned whether we need surveillance cameras at the Park to address the recent reports of vandalism and drug activity. Mr. Ripberger does not feel that would be feasible, and commented that, for the amount of use the Park gets, the calls have been relatively minor. Sgt. Vines said they are stepping up the bike patrol and keeping a closer watch at night.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

- Mr. Vergamini reported that at the last Fire Authority meeting, there was discussion of replacing a vehicle within the next year and a half or two years.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Collett reminded all of the Florence Freedom game on August 27th.
- The Business Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for September 1st, from 6 to 8 and is to be an effort to thank businesses for locating here as well as promote community spirit within the business community. The Area-wide Business Association will co-sponsor the event.
- There will be a picnic for employees and council on September 10.
- Any articles for the newsletter?
- The deadline for filing to run for a City office is tomorrow at 4:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Vergamini announced that the Small Area Study of the City's Gateway Area was presented to the NKPC last Thursday and has now been included into the Comprehensive Plan. The next step is to form an implementation team and start on the objectives.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baker gave first reading of **Ordinance 2010-5 Setting the Ad Valorem tax on real and tangible property in the City of Crescent Springs** at the 'compensating rate' of .0228 per \$100 of assessed value of Real Property, and .0190 per \$100 as assessed value of Personal Property.
- Mr. Baker gave first reading to **Ordinance 2010-6 Amnesty Program of Delinquent Property Taxes** (real and tangible) if paid in full by September 30, 2010. Discussion followed concerning whether to offer amnesty for penalty-only, or interest as well as penalty.
- Mr. Baker gave first reading to **Ordinance 2010-7 Amending the Code of Ordinance regarding Pay Ranges** for various Classifications.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill

James Collett

City Clerk
Approved: 9/13/2010

Mayor