

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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- absent

Jim Collett, Mayor - present

Joe Baker, City Attorney - present
George Ripberger, Public Serv Dir- present
Sue Hill, City Clerk – present
Others in attendance: Jon Brown-Viox
Mr. Roy Schmoll

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Santangelo made a motion to approve the minutes of the **August 9, 2010 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Vergamini seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vergamini made a motion to approve the minutes of the **August 23, 2010 Special Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Daugherty present, but not voting.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the painting of the stop bars etc. on the streets is almost completed.
- The **Park** usage will be limited starting November 1st. The bathrooms will be open from 8am to 4:30 pm only, and then on the 15th the bathrooms will be winterized and locked. These dates are weather-dependent.
- The semi-annual **street sweeping** will take place October 23rd and 24th.
- We will be renting a **bucket truck** in the next few weeks, to trim the overhanging trees in order for the busses to travel safely. It will also be used to replace a banner along Buttermilk that has been damaged. A mulcher will also be rented to take care of the branches that are trimmed. The resulting mulch will be used on the walking trails in the Park.
- There is no need for concern over the report of **32 Ford** in Batavia closing. The fleet department will remain open through the end of the year and the quotes for the trucks we have on order will be honored by Ford (Corporate).
- The new landscaping around the flagpole at the City Building is almost complete.
- The **Safe Routes to School grant** process is going slowly because of the new regulations at the Federal level. We will need to put the engineering out to bid for 21

days, and then put the construction out to bid for another 21 days. The estimated timing of completion, based on these regulations, is July 1, 2011.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

- Mr. Daugherty reported that they have installed a louder fire alarm in the sleeping quarters to alert the sleeping firefighters. All equipment is working well.

The Mayor recognized a member of the audience. **Mr. Roy Schmoll**, Crossing Drive, introduced himself and expressed his interest in running for Council. Mayor Collett reminded him of the October 22 deadline for write-in candidates.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baker gave first reading of **Ordinance 2010-8 Creating the position of Public Services Director** with Exhibit A being a revision to the Policy Manual adding the job description. Also included is an amendment to Appendix B of the Policy Manual, adding the position's pay ranges.
- Mr. Ripberger recommended a Municipal Order putting it in writing that Viox and Viox is our City Engineer. Mr. Baker is reviewing. Mr. Santangelo suggested a letter of agreement, the term of which should be discussed at the next Caucus meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- In Mr. Zeck's absence, Ms. Hill reported that the tax bills were sent out the last week of August. The 2010 billed was approximately \$663,500 real estate, and \$36,800 tangible. The Amnesty letters were included in delinquent bills, none of which have yet paid.
- Street Assessment bills have also been mailed.
- **Lou Prabell** has agreed to serve on the Finance Committee, which will meet next on September 23rd.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Collett and Mr. Ripberger met with **Rhonda Whitaker with Duke Energy** regarding several topics: Traffic light usage, what can be done to retrofit the streetlights to solar power, how Duke can become more involved with community events that promote 'green' energy use, and her offer to be involved with any grant-writing related to green technology use in the City. Mr. Ripberger called it to her attention that at one time there were 39 streetlights around the City that were not working: How can we get repair logs to show they have been taken care of, and are we getting charged for the energy use on these, even though several were out for a long period of time. He also questioned the traffic light at Clocktower Way, which is a State highway and should be paid by the State.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Arlinghaus reminded us about the collection for **care packages** for our Adopt A Unit, now deployed to Afghanistan. A list of items is on the website and in the newsletter that is going out tomorrow or Wednesday.
- Mr. Santangelo thanked the Public Works and Administrative staff for their contribution to the Employee/Council Picnic last Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:31 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill

Jim Collett

City Clerk

Mayor

October 11, 2010

Approved: _____