

**City of Crescent Springs  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance included the following:

**Council Members:**

Christie Arlinghaus - absent  
John Goering - present  
Lou Hartfiel - present  
Dale Ramsey - present  
Tom Vergamini - present  
Matt Zeck - present

**Jim Collett, Mayor** - absent

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

**Others in attendance:** Ben Kraft

Tom Vergamini called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm noting that the Mayor was absent due to injury and a quorum was present. A prayer was offered by Mr. Ramsey followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Goering made a motion to approve the minutes of the **November 14, 2011 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Ramsey seconded, and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the **November 21, 2011 Special Council Meeting**. Mr. Hartfiel seconded, and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Mr. Zeck reported that the Finance Committee met last week to go over the first draft of the Audit with Jim Sparrow of Rankin, Rankin & Company. A presentation of the Audit will be made at the January Council Meeting.
- Handouts for the Six Month Budget Revision were distributed. Noteworthy were: 1) inclusion of \$222,222 for the delinquent and current (December 2011) PILOT payments, 2) the addition of several expenditures which were proposed and then removed from the original budget due to income constraints, namely a used Bobcat for the salt handling, the addition of more 4 more hours per week in the part time administrative staff and the promotion of a seasonal Public Works employee to full-time status, starting January 1st. 3) the budgeted net income figure is now approximately \$196,000, and 4) The Special Funds budgets have not changed materially, however it was noted that the Crisler-Ritchie Street Assessment Fund is now closed and all money has been transferred back into the General Fund.
- Mr. Zeck distributed two lists of delinquent taxes currently on the books. Discussion followed concerning how to pursue these. Mr. Baker will prepare further information for the January Council Meeting.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT**

- Mr. Ripberger reported that Mr. Brown, the City Engineer, is continuing to work on the requirements necessary to receive the Safe Routes to School grant for the sidewalks along the second half of Western Reserve.
- The generator grant has been approved and contractors are scheduled to pour the concrete pad tomorrow and install the generator in January.
- The snow removal equipment is prepared, the salt bins are full and the crew is ready for the first snowfall of the winter. All emergency procedures are in place for the safe and efficient removal of snow off the City streets. There was discussion concerning the County's commitment to reimbursing the City for plowing Buttermilk Pike.

## **FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mr. Vergamini announced that the new fire truck will be arriving soon, being financed through Fifth/Third Bank.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vergamini recapped the information distributed at the December Mayor's Group meeting: 1) the group donated approximately \$650 to the 9/11 Memorial Fund, which were the result of closing their dormant checking account, 2) Senator Thayer was present to speak to the group about State issues, namely financial concerns with the retirement account funding and other budgetary struggles and encouraged Cities to contact their legislative representatives with their comments, 3) Sanitation District #1 presented their audit, 4) TANK presented a request for an increase in the cap on payroll taxes to account for inflation and increased costs, 5) Judge Arlinghaus gave an update of 911 Dispatch, and 6) Mr. Hensley from Emergency Management Department alerted us of the work being done next week on the warning sirens.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Baker read **Resolution 2011-4** Declaring the Exercise Equipment from the Police Room Surplus. Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The equipment has been donated to Covington Latin School in Covington.

Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2011-11** - Appointment of Boards & Authorities for 2012. Mr. Vergamini noted that the Committee titled "NKAPC" should read "Northern Kentucky Planning Council". Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the Municipal Order. Mr. Goering seconded and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2011-12** - Designation of Council Committees for 2012. Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to approve the Municipal Order. Mr. Zeck seconded and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker conducted the first reading of **Ordinance 2011-13** - Six Month Revision to the 2011-12 Budget and referenced the previously distributed handouts and discussion during the Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2011-13** - Granting a Water Easement along Eubanks Road. Mr. Ripberger explained the necessity of granting this easement so that a spider line can be run from Euclid through the City's "paper alley" to supply water to the Kennel and Mr. Barnes' property. This includes wording that would allow the City to retain the right to move the line if future development warranted it. At this time, the expense of running dedicated lines and installing fire hydrants is cost prohibitive. The cost of the spider line will be borne entirely by the resident. Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the Municipal Order. Mr. Goering seconded, and upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2011-14** - Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Animal Control Interlocal Agreement with Kenton County Fiscal Court and 18 other cities. Mr. Vergamini explained that this better defines services and creates the animal control bureau with which each City then contracts. Mr. Goering questioned whether this was 'double taxation' since this service is provided by the County to which we pay taxes. Mr. Ripberger explained that the taxes pay the overhead for the shelter and the Cities pay for the services based on population. Mr. Zeck requested an analysis of cost versus service calls and Mr. Vergamini stated the new agreement spells out that reporting will be provided to the Cities quarterly. This is not a new agreement, just a refinement to the one we have had since the 1980s. Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the Municipal Order. Mr. Hartfiel seconded, and upon roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vergamini made several announcements: All are invited all to the Crescent Springs Business Association Social to be held December 14, the Finance Committee Meeting regularly scheduled for December 15th has been cancelled (due to the meeting with the Auditor held 12/8), City offices will be closed 12/23 and 12/26 (Caucus is cancelled) as well as 12/30 & 1/2. Mr. Zeck commented on the great attendance at the 12/1 Tree Lighting Event at the City Building.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Zeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

#### **ATTESTED BY:**

*Susan G. Hill*

*James Collett*

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City Clerk

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Mayor

*January 9, 2012*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_