

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance included the following:

Council Members:

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

Jim Collett, Mayor - present

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

Others in attendance: Roy Schmoll,
Tom Wurtz, Garth Kuhnhein, Pat Crowley

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the **June 13, 2011 Regular Council Meeting**. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the **June 27, 2011 Special Council Meeting**. Mr. Goering seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **June 27, 2011 Municipal Road Aid Public Hearing**. Mr. Hartfiel seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck noted there was not anything to report since the Special Meeting on June 27 when the budgets were adopted. As updated revenue numbers become available, Council will be informed.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the blacktop work around the City has been finished, and concrete work will begin soon.
- The contract with Hinkel Contracting for repair of the slippage on Croley Road is being revised by Mr. Ripberger and Mr. Baker. Once this is worked out, repairs should be able to proceed, in perhaps three weeks. The \$9,100 check from FEMA has already been received. A Hazard Mitigation Grant is being pursued for similar, but preemptive, work on Eubank Road. Mr. Ripberger is also working with the Firehouse on a grant for weather radios.
- The Safe Routes To School (SRTS) grant is hitting new challenges due to stiffer regulations from the federal government. Frankfort is even confused about some of the requirements. Mr. Vergamini later questioned whether we would even be able to get this accomplished this

year. Mr. Ripberger assured Council that once the grant is approved, the bidding process and actual work should go more smoothly. He hopes it will start by September and be completed in 45 to 60 days.

- Street Repairs are going well. Rosewood Rd. apron is a big improvement. There are some areas still needing sections replaced, new curbs and improved drainage.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Vergamini reported that the Firehouse sign has not been reconstructed yet, and discussion followed on whether an LED sign was necessary or desired considering the potential cost to the Cities. The old sign cost approximately \$11,000 and the digital sign they are looking at will be \$24-27,000. It was noted that the old sign was funded with private funds and through fundraising events, so the new sign may be done likewise, and that the sign is a necessity, not a luxury. They are proposing a sign of similar size to the City's LED sign. Mr. Vergamini also reported that the new fire truck is being constructed and that Chief Wendt's vehicle was struck and that the damage will be repaired with the other vehicles insurance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Collett introduced Mr. Garth Kuhnhein (Edgewood) and Mr. Tom Wurth (Ft. Mitchell) who gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the NKAPC and their efforts to place its dissolution on the November ballot. They noted that the Tea Party's three core values are Limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility and Free Markets and they feel that the NKAPC violates all three. Comparisons were made between costs to taxpayers and services provided for Boone, Kenton and Campbell County residents. The main concerns of the Council were 1) the validity of the cost numbers used (are they 'apples to apples' comparisons), 2) the level of service that the other entities are providing versus what the NKAPC is providing, and 3) what would happen if the NKAPC were dissolved; who would provide the services to our residents, builders etc. and how would it be funded. The City could not afford to take on the responsibilities. Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to support the Resolution encouraging citizens to sign the petition necessary to put it on the ballot. The Resolution was distributed and read by Mayor Collett. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded the motion, and Mayor Collett asked if there was discussion. Mr. Zeck asked the city attorney if the motion to table the matter was proper. Attorney Baker said that since the question had not been called the motion was proper. Mr. Vergamini made a motion to table the vote on the resolution, Mr. Goering seconded and upon roll call vote, the motion to table passed with a 4 to 2 majority.
- Mayor Collett updated Council on the possible sale of the Bear Creek property. Mr. Baker and an ad hoc committee of Mr. Zeck, Mr. Goering, and Mayor Collett will be meeting to help bring this to fruition.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Baker read Municipal Order 2011-5 Appointing Scott Mills as replacement on the Finance Committee, for the resigning Chris Bell, effective immediately. Mr. Zeck made a

motion to approve the Municipal Order, Mr. Vergamini seconded and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Baker gave first reading to Ordinance 2011-8 Amending the Crescent Springs Code of Ordinances dealing with Park Shelter Rental Rates: \$40 for residents, \$80 for non-residents.
- Remember to attend the Movie in the Park this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ramsey seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill

James Collett

City Clerk

Mayor

August 8, 2011
Approved: _____