

**City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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: Mark Rogge, KCPC
representative, Ben Kraft

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Collett noted an error in the information regarding IPT tax rates in the August 8th meeting minutes. Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to amend the minutes (as noted in the filed minutes) Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all were found in favor. Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the **August 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Zeck seconded, and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **August 22, 2011 Public Hearing**. Mr. Hartfiel seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Zeck present but not voting. Ms. Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **August 22, 2011 Special Council Meeting**. Mr. Ramsey seconded and upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with Mr. Zeck present but not voting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zeck noted that the tax bills were sent out at the end of August and taxes are coming in as expected. The payroll and gross receipt revenue from businesses are also holding up and are actually up from the first 3 months of last year. We are preparing for the audit, and the Finance committee will be reviewing the budget in light of the Council's decision not to take the budgeted +4% tax rate. Mayor Collett raised his concern over potential costs associated with the termination of the NKAPC and the uncertainty there. Mr. Baker reported that the scheduled mid-October auction of the Buttermilk Towne Center has two potential buyers. It is in the City's best interest to work with these potential buyers to avoid bankruptcy.

PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

- Mr. Ripberger reported that the Croley Lane slippage repair is finished. We have received the \$9,177 from FEMA and the remainder of the \$33,000 will be taken from our Municipal Road Aid Fund. The guardrail should be installed tomorrow.
- The 9/11 Event was last Sunday, with a wonderful program and a large turnout for the 10th anniversary of the tragedy. The 9/11 Memorial construction is progressing as well and the

concrete has been poured. There are many businesses coming on board with in-kind services and donations, in addition to the cash needed. The goal is to have the memorial in place by the 2012 September 11th anniversary event.

- The Park bathrooms will be closed November 1st but if there are days that are sunny and nice until November 15th, they may be kept open during business hours.
- Mark Rogge, the City's representative to the Kenton County Planning Commission since November 2008, came to address questions concerning the NKAPC and the KCPC. The most recent issues addressed by the KCPC on the City's behalf are the flood plane regulations and the subdivision regulations. There was much discussion concerning the services, costs and quality of the work done by the NKAPC. If the entity goes away, there will have to be a transition period to allow cities/counties form interlocal agreements, to hire the needed manpower and expertise, and figure out how to fund the changes.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

- Mr. Vergamini distributed a mock up of the new LED sign that is on order to replace the one destroyed several months ago.
- There have been 11 new volunteer firefighters to join the authority since last year. Things are running very smoothly at the firehouse and Chief Wendt is to be commended for that.
- The current response time for getting the trucks out the door and on their way to the run, is 3 minutes and 40 seconds. That is the time from when the calls come in, to when the truck leaves the station.
- Mr. Vergamini invited everyone to the Safety Day event at Home Depot on October 1st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Collett thanked Mr. Ripberger for the picnic he had last weekend at his home. Many staff and volunteers of the City were there and it was a very nice event.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

None to report

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Zeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hartfiel seconded and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17 pm.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan G. Hill

James Collett

City Clerk

Mayor

October 10, 2011

Approved: _____