

**City of Crescent Springs**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2016 - 7:00 pm.**

Those in attendance included the following:

**Council Members:**

Christie Arlinghaus  
Mike Daugherty  
Bob Mueller  
Louis Prabell  
Tom Vergamini  
Matt Zeck

**Lou Hartfiel, Mayor**

Joe Baker, City Attorney  
George Ripberger – City Administrator  
Dewey Krohman, Public Works Dir.  
Susan Laws, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Others in attendance: April Robinson, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Hartfiel called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with a prayer led by Dale Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance led by the Mayor.

Mayor Hartfiel read a Proclamation addressing the City's new website and credit card payment options. The proclamation acknowledged the Clerk and Assistant Clerk's assistance citing the City's "gratitude to Susan Laws, City Clerk, and April Robinson, Assistant City Clerk, for their many hours of effort, patience, perseverance, and devotion to duty to make this undertaking a success."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Christie Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **September 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting** and the **September 26, 2016 Special Meeting**. Mike Daugherty seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

**FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

Mike Daugherty reported there had been a fire in one of the apartment buildings causing \$35,000 in damage. The fire was contained in the unit allowing everyone except that resident to return to their homes. He stated the department did an excellent job keeping the fire contained.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Matt Zeck reported the next finance committee meeting is Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The August numbers show revenues down approximately \$100,000 compared to the first two months of the last fiscal year. The tax revenues had not come in yet due to the bills having not been mailed as of the August meeting. The tax revenues are currently being received and are coming in steadily. Overall expenses were up 18% due to one-time payments such as annual insurance premiums. September numbers should give a better idea of revenues.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

George Ripberger reported that the City has a local business that is looking for more leasable space and parking. Bob Mueller, Mayor Hartfiel, Tom Vergamini and George Ripberger have been looking for ways to accommodate the business at another location although the situation doesn't look promising. At this point in time it does appear a temporary agreement has been worked out for the business at their current location.

The City has been looking at economic development and incentive programs and would like to come up with a program where the City can provide economic incentives to bring and keep businesses in the City. Mr. Ripberger and Mayor Hartfiel will be attending a county-wide meeting on economic incentives on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ripberger stated that it may be in the best interest of the City to bring in a consultant such as Jim Parsons to help put economic incentive programs in place for the future.

The City is currently researching costs for various health insurance options. An estimate was received recently from the City's current carrier showing the costs to go up more than they have in the past couple of years.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Dewey Krohman reported that the fence has now been installed in the park and the concrete walk to the entrance of the City building has been replaced. Riegler Blacktop will be returning to finish work in two areas. An inquiry had been made by Tom Vergamini regarding a steel plate in the road on Twilight. Mr. Krohman stated that the water department had been working on a water line and when they are finished a second crew responds to finish the work. At this point in time we are waiting on the second crew.

Bob Mueller inquired about three low manhole covers along Buttermilk Pike in the left lane. The covers are low due to the last resurfacing of the road. It was mentioned that hot patch could be placed around the covers in order to reduce the jolt felt when a car passes over the cover.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hartfiel stated that the September 24<sup>th</sup> Music Fest was a success being the first year for the event. Mayor Hartfiel announced upcoming events. The Finance Committee will meet on October 12<sup>th</sup>, Halloween in the Park October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Caucus Meeting October 24<sup>th</sup> and the Events and Recreation Committee will meet November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was discussion regarding the mini cell tower license agreement. Attorney Joe Baker stated that if the city wanted to proceed with a license agreement for mini cell towers the City will have to advertise and bid the service out. Mr. Baker asked Council for a consensus on how they wished to proceed. George Ripberger mentioned that Duke Energy has developed a mini cell tower. Their product would double as a street light and cell tower. This dual purpose light/cell tower should be available from Duke in 2017. Mr. Ripberger suggested Council hold off on

the license agreement until next year to see what Duke has to offer. Final consensus of Council was to wait until next year and revisit the mini cell tower license agreement.

There was discussion on the LED street lighting. The City received a quote from Duke Energy at the last meeting regarding changing the street lights in the City to LED. George Ripberger stated that he had given a copy of the quote to Matt Zeck, finance director, who then analyzed the costs associated with updating lights in different sections of the City. Matt Zeck stated that the Duke Energy bills do not have enough detail on them in order to confirm what we are paying for each type of light. He was however able to determine that the best deal seems to be the replacement of the Cobraheads. The payback number for updating these lights in the older section of town is approximately six years. It would not be advantageous to replace the other lights in the City due to the advancement of technology and the payback time being greater than 15 years. More questions need to be answered before moving forward. It was suggested that Keith Kesse, Duke Representative, be called to attend the next Caucus meeting.

Mr. Baker conducted the 2nd reading of **Ordinance 2016-7** providing a zoning change of property at Anderson Road and Spille Court from R-2 to MLU-2. Matt Zeck made the motion to adopt **Ordinance 2016-7**. Bob Mueller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote taken.

Mr. Zeck	Aye	Mr. Mueller	Aye
Mr. Vergamini	Aye	Mr. Daugherty	Aye
Mr. Prabell	Aye	Ms. Arlinghaus	Aye

6 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Baker conducted the 2nd reading of **Ordinance 2016-8** Prohibiting the Discharge of Bows and Arrows within the City. Matt Zeck mentioned his appreciation of the addition of “indoor archery range” to this Ordinance as a permissible use of bow & arrows within the City. Tom Vergamini expressed his disapproval of the proposed Ordinance. He stated there was “no personal factual knowledge that this is a problem.” He also stated that he could not see regulating the use of bows and arrows just because someone believes it to be a problem. Matt Zeck made the motion to adopt **Ordinance 2016-8**. Christie Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote taken.

Christie Arlinghaus	Aye	Lou Prabell	Aye
Bob Mueller	Aye	Matt Zeck	Aye
Tom Vergamini	Nay	Mike Daugherty	Aye

**Roll call vote showed five (5) ayes and one (1) nay. Mr. Tom Vergamini voted against the Ordinance noting the reasons previously mentioned. Motion carried.**

Bob Mueller discussed the status of website issues. He stated he had confirmed that the City’s new website resides on a server maintained and backed up by Action Computers. The website issues have now been corrected. These were issues that were missed during the development such as turning on automatic updates. Mr. Mueller also stated that the City Clerks and our IT

