

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017 - 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Lou Hartfiel at 7:05pm. Roll call showed the following council members present – Carter Dickerson, Matt Zeck, Christie Arlinghaus, Mike Daugherty and Bob Mueller. Councilman Tom Vergamini was absent from the meeting. Also present were Assistant City Clerk April Robinson, City Administrator George Ripberger, City Attorney Joe Baker, and Dewey Krohman of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the **March 13, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**. Christie Arlinghaus seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

Bob Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes of the **March 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting**. Matt Zeck seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mike Daugherty reported this would be the last week for the firehouse fish fry. The new pumper was in and working out well with no issues. Emergency runs have remained about the same. There was a heroin run in Villa Hills recently involving vehicle vs pedestrian. This was a very serious accident in which air care was called in.

FINANCE REPORT

Matt Zeck distributed an updated financial report for the nine (9) months ending March 31, 2017. Total assets are 1.7 million. Revenues this year are down 2.4% compared to last year at this time. This is due to the Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) rates being lowered and the fact that no one can predict when an insurance policy will be written. Most of the IPT revenue comes from first time policy holders. There was a large policy last year which is also skewing the IPT's. Payroll Gross Receipts and Utilities Franchise fees are up. "All Other" revenue is also down. This year there was a \$42,000 transfer for Capital Improvements and income increased due to special events. Last year included \$110,000 of loan proceeds and \$14,000 of equipment sold. Administration expenses are up 26.2% due to payroll and insurance. Public Works is down from last year. Last year included \$110,000 of truck purchases and this year there were \$45,000 in expenses for the park and \$41,000 for the construction of the parking lot. Safety Services are up 3% and the City's property loan is paid off. Total Expenses are up 3%. Revenue verses income shows (\$30,111) for 2017 and \$75,903 for 2016.

Mr. Zeck proposed a schedule for the budget process. He recommended the first budget reading take place May 8th and the second reading on June 12th.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dewey Krohman reported that grass cutting is underway with this being the second time for cutting this season.

Mr. Krohman spoke of the Easter egg hunt and said that the police department had a problem with people not knowing where to park. Next year plans will include signs for parking areas such as the park, fire department and public works garage.

Mr. Krohman reported that the sandboxes have been filled and the mulch chips have been put down throughout the park. He also mentioned that metal plates within the playground will need to be replaced due to age. Shelter rentals are coming in and several rentals have already occurred. Public works has a dump truck down. Repairs were attempted at the garage with no luck so the truck will have to be towed to Kenton County garage.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hartfiel reported that on Saturday, July 29th volunteers will be going door to door in the city distributing brochures about heroin. Six or seven cities have already participated in this project. Crescent Springs is in need of volunteers to help with the distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS

Matt Zeck attended the Easter Egg Hunt. He mentioned as he was leaving the event he heard a family saying the park was very nice.

George Ripberger mentioned the playground sets in the park are made by a single manufacturer (Game Time) due to a patent on their playsets. When parts are needed they have to be purchased from Game Time and are very expensive. There was discussion about the advertised life of the playground equipment and it was determined that the advertised life has already been exceeded due to the City's yearly maintenance and upkeep.

Carter Dickerson reported the date has been set for Music Fest and the bands have been selected. Matt Zeck recommended space rental for food trucks at the event.

Matt Zeck questioned if the basketball goals in the park could be moved. One goal had been moved to the side of the court last year to make room for the Music Fest stage. George Ripberger said they could be moved but the current position allows two different games to be played at one time. When it was set up as a full court one group would be playing while others had to wait. George Ripberger said possibilities for an architect for the community center were still being explored. The numbers coming in for plans to be drawn up are high and another quote is being requested. Mr. Ripberger will report back to caucus with more information. The \$15,000 expense for this is still open.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Daugherty made a motion to adjourn. Christie Arlinghaus seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan S. Laws
Susan S. Laws, City Clerk/Treasurer

Lou Hartfiel
Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: May 8, 2017