

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018 - 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was called to order by Councilman Bob Mueller at 7:00pm due to the Mayor not being available for the meeting. The meeting began with a prayer led by Bob Mueller followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call showed the following council members present – Matt Zeck, Mike Daugherty, Bob Mueller, Tom Vergamini and Carter Dickerson. Christie Arlinghaus was not present. Also present were City Clerk April Robinson, City Attorney Mike Baker, and Dewey Krohman of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the **March 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting**. Carter Dickerson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

KY VETERANS HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

HB Deatherage was present to induct the City of Crescent Springs into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

Councilman Bob Mueller read a proclamation from Mayor Hartfiel recognizing the Veterans, their families and the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. The Proclamation was presented to H.B. Deatherage.

H.B. Deatherage played a three minute video and briefly explained the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. He then read a Proclamation from the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame to the City of Crescent Springs. The City of Crescent Springs was given the proclamation and three signs to be placed within city limits naming Crescent Springs as a Hall of Fame City. In order to remain a Hall of Fame City the City is required to submit one nomination per year of a Veteran to the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES INC

Laura Thako with the Kentucky Refugee Ministries gave Council a presentation which explained her organization and how they help refugees in the Northern Kentucky area. Main offices are located in Lexington and Louisville, however, a satellite office was opened here in Northern Kentucky this past August. Ms. Thako has been meeting with local police departments and cities. She is reaching out to communities in order to share information such as services that are available and the refugee communities that are located in Villa Hills and Crescent Springs. Ms. Thako explained that there are two communities of refugees in Northern Kentucky. One group is the Hakha Chin (Burma) located in the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills area and consists of 400-500 individuals. The other group is 3000 Somali individuals who are located in Florence. Current needs for these groups include landlords/property managers, employers, and congregations of faith/community co-sponsors, volunteers and financial support.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mike Daugherty reported that the delivery of the new ambulance is on track and should be delivered sometime after January 1, 2019.

FINANCE REPORT

Matt Zeck reported the finance committee had reviewed a possible change in the City's banking account structure in order to earn more interest in the funds. This change would involve the bank setting up our accounts in a cash sweep which would spread City funds out to a number of financial institutions. This action would result in a higher interest rate. BB&T contacted Mr. Zeck on Thursday to inform him the bank has decided to keep the funds within their institution, keep the City's account structure exactly the same, and they would also provide a higher interest rate on the City's funds.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dewey Krohman reported the following:

- Potholes are being repaired.
- Drains are being kept clean of debris
- Lawn equipment is being prepared for use if the weather ever allows
- Mulch and chips have been put down in the park
- A few street signs have been repaired/replaced.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilman Bob Mueller reported that there had been two committee resignations. Lou Prabel has resigned from the finance committee due to having recently moved out of the city. Mike Gronefeld has resigned from the Board of Adjustments due to no longer being available at meeting times. There is a Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for April 17th however it will have to be postponed due to the City Attorney being unavailable.

With Mr. Gronefeld's resignation there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustments to be filled. Attorney Mike Baker explained that the Board of Adjustments meets to hear requests for zoning variances. The Board meets once a year unless a hearing is called. This past year hearings have been called about three or four times which is unusual. The board is chaired by Gary Smith and named Sarah Bilot as the other board member.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Brian Allen updated Council on the transition of police services. He stated they have completed all of their hiring and all equipment has been ordered and should be in by May 1st. The changeover will be June 27th.

Councilman Carter Dickerson asked where the new hires came from. Chief Allen stated two officers are new and will attend the academy April 22nd through October 20th. He has also hired a Federal Law Enforcement Officer as well as a lateral from Covington. The fifth officer is a retiree from Covington. Chief said that his new hires are a good mix with a lot of experience.

Melissa Gaines, Mike Weber and his Attorney Frank Wichmann addressed council. Mike Weber is the property owner at 632 Buttermilk Pike and Melissa Gaines owns 630 Buttermilk Pike. Mr. Weber stated that he and Ms. Gaines currently have shared access to Buttermilk Pike. He further shared that he has been informed by City Engineer, Greg Sketch that the Kentucky State Highway Department will not permit access to Buttermilk for any future developments of his or Ms. Gaines property. This is due to the restriction of curb cuts and access that has been granted to Anchor Development on the adjoining property. Mr. Weber explained that his developer (Mid-Atlantic) is requiring true access to Buttermilk Pike or they will terminate the contract with him. He stated that without true access his property would not be developable. Mr. Weber then distributed copies a letter from Mid-Atlantic explaining this.

Attorney Frank Wichmann then addressed council. He presented council with a site plan of Anchor's development and pointed out the proposed Buttermilk access and then explained that Mr. Weber would like to see shared access. Mr. Wichmann and Mr. Weber asked for the City to arrange a meeting between Mid-Atlantic and Anchor Development in order to come to a resolution in regards both developments access to Buttermilk. Councilman Tom Vergamini offered to set up the meeting.

Tom Vergamini inquired about the Marshall Property deed. Mike Baker stated he was waiting for the document to be signed.

Carter Dickerson stated that the City's Earth Day Honeysuckle Eradication Project will take place on April 21st and 22nd. He said the project is less than two weeks away and he was looking forward to seeing all of the volunteers willing to help us remove all the honeysuckle from the park and restore it to a more natural environment.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS

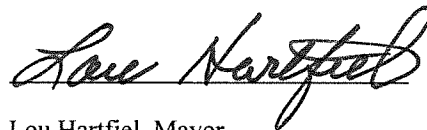
ADJOURNMENT

Matt Zeck made a motion to adjourn. Mike Daugherty seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

ATTESTED BY:



April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer



Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: May 14, 2018