

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018 - 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Lou Hartfiel at 7:00pm. The meeting began with a prayer led by Mayor Hartfiel followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call showed the following council members present – Matt Zeck, Christie Arlinghaus, Mike Daugherty, Bob Mueller, Tom Vergamini and Carter Dickerson. Also present were City Administrator George Ripberger, City Clerk April Robinson, City Attorney Mike Baker, and Dewey Krohman of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christie Arlinghaus made a motion to approve the minutes of the **May 14, 2018 Regular Council Meeting**. Bob Mueller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the **May 21, 2018 Regular Council Meeting**. Christie Arlinghaus seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Villa Hills Police – Introduction of Officers

Chief Bryan Allen introduced all of his officers to City Council.

Officers present were:

Pat Noll
James Bird
Thomas Bradford
Bryan Panko
Brian DeWaine
Joe Krull
Emily Horseman
Donnie Powell
Sean Dooley

Officers away at training:

Sgt. Matt Hall
John Karl
Jacob Bolton

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mike Daugherty reported there was a fatality on Bromley Crescent Springs Road. There were also two structure fires; one on Route 8 and one in Fort Mitchell in which the Crescent-Villa Fire Department assisted. There was no damage to any equipment. A couple firefighters suffered heat exhaustion at the Fort Mitchell fire and were treated at the scene.

Mayor Hartfiel reported he had received a call from the Fort Mitchell Mayor thanking CVFD for their assistance.

FINANCE REPORT

Matt Zeck will update Council with a report at the June 25th Caucus meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dewey Krohman reported the following:

- Drains are being kept clean of debris
- Grass is being cut
- Mulch has been put down at the City building
- Roads are being inspected for resurfacing needs. Reigler Blacktop will be contacted soon to do the work.
- A plumber and electrician have been scheduled for the construction of the new restroom near shelter #3. The Restroom should be completed by August 2018.
- Flowers have been purchased and planted in the large pots located throughout the city.
- The air conditioner went out on the Police Department side of the city building. The unit was seventeen years old.
- Right-of-ways have been cut back on Croley

City Administrator George Ripberger stated that they have been in contact with the block layer and trusses have been ordered for the construction of the restroom. The block layer will assist with setting the trusses and putting the roof on.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

George Ripberger reported that he had made application on behalf of the City for a PD overlayment and text amendment to the current MLU-2 zone which was authorized at the last Council meeting. Order follows:

Municipal Order 2018-3 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, GEORGE RIPBERGER, TO FILE A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE MLU-2 ZONE TO ALLOW AREAS OF LESS THAN TWO ACRES TO BE DEVELOPED WITHIN THE MLU-2 ZONE

This request will be heard at the July Planning Commission meeting.

There has been interest in a lot at the intersection of Terry Lane and Ritchie Street. This is a vacant lot owned by Mr. Huey. The City has a good deal of right-of-way on this corner. The interested party had the property appraised and is interested in purchasing some of the right-of-way from the City for the amount he paid per square foot for the lot. Greg Sketch, with Berling Engineering, is currently researching how much right-of-way the City owns. Mr. Ripberger will present information regarding how much property the City owns and any offer from the interested party at the June 25th Caucus meeting. An express car wash has been proposed for the site. This would be a single drive through car wash. One of these currently operates in Cold Spring, Kentucky. The building has a nice appearance and is well maintained.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Mike Baker read the following Ordinances:

Ordinance 2018-5 – 2nd Reading - AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-3 APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

Matt Zeck pointed out a change to the budget since the 1st reading. This change was discussed at the May 21st special meeting. There was a move of Federal grant money for the restroom in which \$5000 was placed in the revised 2017-2018 budget.

Bob Mueller made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2018-5**. Matt Zeck seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-6 – 2nd Reading - ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

There was discussion on the 2018-2019 budget. Matt Zeck pointed out a change to the budget since the 1st reading. This change was discussed at the May 21st special meeting. There was a move of Federal grant money for the restroom from Park Capital Outlay to Public Works Federal Grants in the 2018-2019 budget.

Councilman Mike Daugherty stated he would like the \$20,000 for the traffic lights in Villa Hills removed from the proposed 2018-2019 budget due to the email received earlier in the week stating Villa Hills did want construction traffic using their streets for Crescent Springs' developments. Councilman Tom Vergamini and Councilwoman Christie Arlinghaus both agreed. Councilman Matt Zeck said he was not opposed to the comments and understood what the other council members were saying. He then explained that they could either remove the money entirely or leave it in the budget. The money being in the budget doesn't mean the project is approved; it is just a way of allocating the money until Council approves the project. Mr. Daugherty stated he understood Mr. Zeck's comments but preferred the money be removed at this time.

The Villa Hills City Administrator/Clerk, Craig Bohman, then approached Council and thanked them for considering his request for \$20,000 for the traffic lights (at the intersection of Buttermilk and Collins). He stated he was thankful Crescent Springs had placed the money in the budget but was not surprised at the request to remove it due to the current misunderstanding between the two Cities regarding the construction traffic for the Meadow Wood development. Mr. Bowman stated there has been a lot of effort over the past couple years building good will and bridging bad blood from the past. Crescent Springs and Villa Hills are getting ready to begin a great joint venture with the Villa Hills Police Department. He said that Villa Hills is benefitting from that as much as Crescent Springs due to having a bunch of new quality officers on staff that will serve both cities. Mr. Bohman stated there was some insensitivity in the comments made, from the Villa Hills side, in regards to the construction traffic on Meadow Wood for two reasons. He said there is an issue with placing the police department, which now serves both cities, in the middle of the situation. There is also an issue with the fact that there has been a lot of construction activity in Villa Hills

over the years. One being Rosewood which had taken a long time to build out and there is only one way in and out which is through Crescent Springs. Villa Hills had the best of intentions in trying to protect their city streets as any city would be expected to do. Mr. Bowman went on to point out that a portion of the intersection at Buttermilk and Collins was in the City of Crescent Springs. Villa Hills cannot do the project by themselves.

Mr. Ripberger made a recommendation that the \$20,000 remain in the budget until later in the year when a decision would be made on the project. He also addressed Mr. Bowman and explained that Crescent Springs needed help as well because the use of Meadow Wood is needed for construction just as Villa Hills needs the use of Meadow Wood for garbage collection. He also said that Rosewood had to be overlaid at a cost of \$150,000 due to Villa Hills' construction traffic. Mr. Ripberger said he would like to see the money remain in the budget until a decision is made on the traffic lights but would need to see goodwill from Villa Hills between now and that time; but we need it soon.

Mr. Daugherty stated he wanted the \$20,000 removed from the budget until the situation is worked out. He is not opposed to the traffic light project; it needs to be out of the budget based on the events of the last week.

Ms. Arlinghaus stated that the construction is a source of tax revenue for Crescent Springs. Villa Hills needs to use Crescent Springs' streets as well and goodwill needs to be shown between both cities. Not allowing Crescent Springs the use of Villa Hills' streets is not showing goodwill.

Mr. Vergamini stated that Villa Hills, by taking action to restrict use of public streets for Crescent Springs related construction traffic, have "shot themselves in the foot with this one". He said that Crescent Springs needed to pull out and if Villa Hills changed their mind the issue would be reviewed sometime later.

Ms. Arlinghaus asked if the Ordinance could be tabled until a June 25th special meeting.

Attorney Mike Baker stated the ordinance could be tabled but it (the budget) would have to be approved before July 1st.

Councilman Bob Mueller said that even though we (Council) does not feel like Villa Hills comments were the right move or a good move that the only thing worse was to complicate it and be petty about it.

Councilman Carter Dickerson stated that he agreed with Mr. Bowman in that bridges have been attempted to be mended and it's time to move forward and keep mending them. Just as they may have shot themselves in the foot in the way they communicated their concern about their street, we need to not shot ourselves in the foot by being petty.

Mayor Lou Hartfiel stated that the intersection at Buttermilk and Collins is a safety concern for our residents. There have been a lot of major accidents at that intersection.

Carter Dickerson made a motion to table **Ordinance 2018-6** until a 6/25/2018 meeting. Tom Vergamini seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote Taken.

Mr. Dickerson	Yes	Mr. Zeck	Yes
Mr. Mueller	Yes	Ms. Arlinghaus	Yes
Mr. Vergamini	Yes	Mr. Daugherty	No

5 Yes, 1 No. **The motion to table Ordinance 2018-6 passed 5-1.**

Ordinance 2018-8 – 2nd Reading - APPROVING STAGE II DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THREE SPRINGS TOWNHOMES L.P., AN AREA CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 2.12 ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN LYNN STREET AND QUEEN CITY AVENUE AND ACROSS FROM CREST AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 930 FEET NORTHEAST OF BUTTERMILK PIKE IN CRESCENT SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2018-8**. Bob Mueller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Ordinance 2018-9 – 2nd Reading - APPROVING STAGE II DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 615 AND 621 IRELAND AVENUE AND 616, 618, 620, AND 626 BUTTERMILK PIKE, AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 2.9 ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN BUTTERMILK PIKE AND IRELAND AVENUE BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD TO THE SOUTHEAST AND HARRIS STREET TO THE NORTHWEST, APPROXIMATELY 450 FEET NORTHWEST OF ANDERSON ROAD IN CRESCENT SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

Bob Mueller made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2018-9 with an amendment of adding “#6 The use of Allen Block for the retaining wall is approved by Council, with the color to be mutually approved by the City Administrator and the Developer” to Exhibit A.**

Christie Arlinghaus seconded the motion. Councilman Carter Dickerson abstained from voting. **Motion passed 5-0.**

There was discussion on the Duke Franchise fee revenues which are included in the 2018-2019 budget. Mr. Vergamini stated that as it stands, there would be \$125,000 surplus from the fee with elimination of the Erlanger Dispatch fee expenditure. Residents will now receive a dispatch fee on their tax bills. The purpose of the Duke Franchise Fee is no longer there with the elimination of the City’s Dispatch fee payment. He requested that the Franchise fee either be eliminated or put it towards some specific purpose such as replacing all the City street lights with LED lighting.

Matt Zeck stated that the Utilities Franchise fee is projected to bring in \$125,000 in revenues and the Police Contract savings is approximately \$443,000 per year.

Mr. Vergamini asked if the 2018-2019 proposed budget included compensating rate plus 4%. Mr. Zeck replied that the budget included the compensating rate for Real Estate only.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS

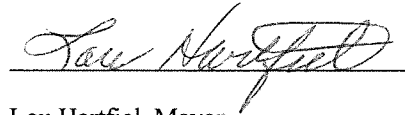
ADJOURNMENT

Christie Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn. Carter Dickerson seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

ATTESTED BY:



April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer



Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: 