

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 9, 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, Bob Mueller, Tom Vergamini and Carter Dickerson. Mike Daugherty was not present at the meeting. Also present were City Administrator George Ripberger, City Clerk April Robinson, City Attorney Mike Baker, and Dewey Krohman of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Vergamini made a motion to approve the minutes of the **June 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting** with the following amendment. On page four (4), fifth paragraph the following text shall be added: *“by taking action to restrict use of public streets for Crescent Springs related construction traffic,”* Carter Dickerson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Matt Zeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the **June 25, 2018 Special Meeting.** Bob Mueller seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Tom Vergamini reported that the new ambulance has arrived and crews will begin training on it tomorrow. The ambulance should be in service later this week. The old ambulance has been sold via govdeals.com to Cumberland County, Kentucky for \$23,375. They were anticipating receiving 10-12,000 for the used ambulance.

On July 3rd at approximately 5:30pm a young man tried to hop a train and got his foot stuck between the couplers of two cars. The fire department with the help of the engineer were able to extricate the man from the train couplers. He did not lose his foot.

There was a large tractor trailer accident on I75 in Fort Mitchell which shut down the interstate for eight (8) hours.

FINANCE REPORT

Matt Zeck distributed financials for the eleven months ending May 31, 2018. From the Caucus meeting there was concern over a number from the previous financials. Mr. Zeck met with the auditor and determined there was a communication issue which led to the auditors supplying an entry to be made at the end of the last fiscal year (on paper only). It was determined that this entry needed to be reversed. This action has been taken and the issue has now been corrected. Mr. Zeck stressed issue was on paper only and no funds were missing. The adjustment is reflected in the report that has been distributed.

The adjustment that was made brought \$178,565 in revenues back into gross receipts. Year to date revenues are over expenses by \$136,000 compared to last year to date. This is due to last year's

projects and the last payment of gross receipts tax that had to be reimbursed to the City of Erlanger.

Real Estate, Personal Property and Insurance Premium Tax revenues are up 9.4%. Payroll gross receipts, Utilities Franchise Fees, Cable Franchise Fees and Liquor license revenues are down 2.3%.

There was an issue where it did not appear the City was receiving all funds from Kenton County for the gross receipts tax. A large payment of \$213,000 was received in May from Kenton County which included a catch up payment. At this time gross receipts are 1% less than last year so it appears the county was just behind in payments.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dewey Krohman reported the following:

- Riegler blacktop began street repairs this week
- The air conditioner for the Police Department side of the city building has been replaced
- All of the locks in the Police Department side of the building have been rekeyed
- The department is in the process of replacing sections of concrete at the firehouse
- Currently waiting on a plumbing permit for the new restrooms in the park. The permit is expected to be issued this week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Greg Coop from Anchor Development has reviewed the development agreement between Anchor and the City. An agreement has been reached on the block wall. Construction is expected to begin in August. The property owners should be giving tenants notice.

Mr. Ripberger spoke with Mike Weber who said they were moving forward with their development. (Mid-Atlantic)

The City has received a favorable recommendation from the Kenton County Planning Commission regarding the PUD overlay for the MLU zone.

Mr. Ripberger spoke with David Shank regarding the addition to the development of Crescent Springs Commons. An AT&T store will be going in.

There is a contract on the Huey property on Terry Lane. The buyer of that property would like to purchase excess right-of-way from the City at the same price per square foot as the property he is purchasing from Mr. Huey. There is approximately 5000sqft. 5000sqft at \$9 a square foot would come to \$45,000 for the City's sale of the excess right-of-way.

A developer has approached the City regarding building a model home which would house offices for his business. This would be built on Ritchie Street near Menninger Auto body. PDS says it meets the zoning requirements as long as he meets the setbacks.

Mr. Ripberger spoke to Mitch with Duke regarding the LED light poles. The old plan the City has from Duke will not meet the new lighting requirements. Mitch believes, with the new requirements, that the city should be able to use less lights as well as poles for the upgrade. Duke should have numbers by the next council meeting.

Duke will look at moving the pole on Bromley Crescent Springs Road which keeps getting hit by vehicles.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Crescent Springs McDonald's has remodeled and installed kiosks for ordering. McDonalds will donate \$1 for each purchase made at these kiosks from July 3rd through July 9th to the Charters of Freedom Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Carter Dickerson thanked Chief Allen for the increase in police services in the City.

Chief Allen said the transition from Erlanger to Villa Hills went smooth and everything is going well.

George Ripberger mentioned the City needed a new dump truck and a bobcat. A bobcat is needed to replace one that is currently used in the salt bin. The city's second bobcat will be moved to the salt bin while the new one will replace it. A backhoe attachment was purchased in 1998 and needs to be replaced as well. Prices have been obtained to replace these items. The quote received was \$186,000. If financed the items could be purchased now with the first payment being in July of 2019. The truck needs to be ordered as soon as possible since there is a waiting list. The new truck will be used on Forest Hill, Triple Lake and Crossings areas.

Mr. Vegamini inquired about a recent bid for trash collection. The bid came back higher than what the city was currently paying.

NEW BUSINESS

The following orders were read by Attorney Mike Baker:

Municipal Order 2018-6 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED AND OTHER DOCUMENTS TO ABANDON AND CONVEY ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, TO A 5,000 SQUARE FEET PARCEL ON RITCHIE AVENUE, MORE OR LESS

Tom Vergamini made a motion to approve **Municipal Order 2018-6** with amendment of the municipal order to include the term that the City is abandoning the excess right-of way in addition to accepting the offer to sell it. Carter Dickerson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Municipal Order 2018-7 A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ORDER A DUMP TRUCK, A BOBCAT, AND A BACKHOE ATTACHMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000.00

Tom Vergamini made a motion to approve **Municipal Order 2018-7** with an amendment including text that the cost is not to exceed \$190,000. Matt Zeck seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

COMMENTS

George Ripberger thanked April Robinson and Lori Mathews for renegotiating the property and casualty insurance with KLC. This has resulted in the City saving \$10,000.

A purchase order for the truck will be signed this week.
A rate for the bobcat will be obtained and presented for financing. The old bobcat will be sold.

Angela Cook from SD1 was a guest that was present. She stated she was attending community meetings to be more proactive. She will also leave her contact information.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Zeck made a motion to adjourn. Carter Dickerson seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

ATTESTED BY:

April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer

Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: _____