

City of Crescent Springs
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm.

Those in attendance included the following:

Council Members:

Mike Daugherty
Carter Dickerson
Bob Mueller
Tom Vergamini
Matt Zeck
Christie Arlinghaus - Absent

Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Mike Baker, City Attorney, George Ripberger, City Administrator, Dewey Krohman, PW Director, Susan Laws, City Clerk/Treasurer

Others in attendance: Rhonda Whitaker with Duke Energy, Assistant. Police Chief Todd Brendel and City Administrator Matt Kramer of Erlanger, Mayor Butch Callery, Chief Brian Allen and another police officer with Villa Hills, Tom Noll, Jim Cleves, Nick Banschbach, Michael Monks with River City News and Josh Flowers, Videographer.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the **October 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**. Carter Dickerson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Taken.

Mr. Mueller	Aye	Mr. Zeck	Aye
Mr. Dickerson	Aye	Ms. Arlinghaus	Absent
Mr. Vergamini	Aye	Mr. Daugherty	Aye

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, **Motion passed.**

Rhonda Whitaker with Duke Energy presented a \$5,000 check to Carter Dickerson for a Japanese honeysuckle Grant at the park. Duke Energy will have volunteers to help with this project.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Mike Daugherty reported the Fire Authority received a check from the county for the taxes billed.

FINANCE REPORT

Matt Zeck reported we currently have \$1.6 Million in cash. We recently received two large IPT checks. The expenses are lower this year than at this time last year. The City will explore more automated options available for banking.

RETIREMENT

Mayor Hartfiel read a letter from Susan Laws stating she is retiring on December 31, 2017.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tom Vergamini reported there are two recommendations from the Economic Development Committee.

1. That energy efficiency and improvement funding options under KRS 65.205 allowing for the creation of an Energy Project Assessment District (EPAD) be considered, adopted and approved for the entire City area.

2. That the City hire and retain Jim Parsons, an attorney with Keating, Muething & Klekamp, whose practice includes economic development, to advise the Economic Development Committee and City Council on the means and opportunities for economic development. Mr. Parsons is to work and collaborate with Pat Wingo, the Kenton County Tri-Ed liaison for municipalities, who has participated to date with the Committee, in order to develop and outline a City economic development plan and present proposed economic development ordinances for City Council to consider for adoption and approval. The Committee recommends that legal fees for hiring Mr. Parsons be capped at \$15,000.

Mike Baker conducted the reading of **Municipal Order 2017-16** Authorize Mayor to Enter into Contract with Jim Parsons to Advise the City on Economic Incentives

Mike Daugherty made a motion approve Municipal Order 2017-16. Bob Mueller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Taken.

Mr. Mueller	Aye	Mr. Zeck	Aye
Mr. Dickerson	Aye	Ms. Arlinghaus	Absent
Mr. Vergamini	Aye	Mr. Daugherty	Aye

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent **Motion passed.**

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dewey Krohman reported the street work has been completed, sprinklers have been turned off, banners are hung, the snow plows are ready, salt bin is full and the Christmas decorations are being put up. The tot land equipment has been repaired. The restrooms at the park are open from 8 to 4 during the week. The Villa Hills Soccer Association needs to remove the nets and goals

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

George Ripberger reported in April the City made a zone change application for a text amendment and map amendment for the Small Area Study. PDS sent notification of the Public Hearing late so the map amendment will be presented in January. PDS is drafting a text amendment to the IP-1 Zone for the storage units on Schmidt Lane. The City has received the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. This is a 50/50 Grant for the restroom at the Park which will be started in the spring.

ABC

Mike Baker conducted the first reading of **Ordinance 2017-13** Amending Section 114.40 Regarding Hours when Alcoholic Beverages may be Sold.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Mueller reported the NKADD and the Finance Committee recommend to proceed to award the Request for Proposal to Villa Hills for Police Services.

Matt Zeck made a **motion to proceed with drawing up a contract with the City of Villa Hills for Police Services.** Bob Mueller seconded the motion.

Discussion began with Tom Vergamini stating that in the February 13, 2016 minutes the Mayor was authorized to draw up a contract with the City of Erlanger for Police Services. Bob Mueller stated we did attempt to draw up a contract however, the proposed contract received from Erlanger was not acceptable. Matt Zeck also stated that we could not come to terms to reach an agreement. Mike Daugherty asked Matt if he would alter his motion to include the removal of the Duke Franchise Fee when we switch to the County Dispatch Center. Matt Zeck stated these were two different areas and declined to amend this motion. Bob Mueller explained the difference is the Council interpretation of what the Franchise Fee was put in place to do. Tom Vergamini said the dispatch fee will now be on your tax bill.

Tom Vergamini made a **motion to amend the motion of proceeding to draw up a contract with the city of Villa Hills by adding that the Duke Franchise Fee be eliminated upon completion and enactment of a successful contract.** Mike Daugherty seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Taken.

Mr. Mueller	Nay	Mr. Zeck	Nay
Mr. Dickerson	Nay	Ms. Arlinghaus	Absent
Mr. Vergamini	Aye	Mr. Daugherty	Aye

2 Ayes, 3 Nays, 1 Absent. **Motion Failed**

A Roll Call Vote was taken on the original motion.

Mr. Mueller	Aye	Mr. Zeck	Aye
Mr. Dickerson	Aye	Ms. Arlinghaus	Absent
Mr. Vergamini	Nay	Mr. Daugherty	Nay

3 Ayes, 2 Nays, 1 Absent. **Motion Passed.**

MAYORS REPORT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS

Mayor Hartfiel updated Council on upcoming dates of November 15 Finance Committee meeting, November 23-24 office Closed for Thanksgiving, November 27 Caucus Meeting, December 2 Christmas in the Park, December 6 Events & Recreation, December 11 Council Meeting and December 13 Christmas Party.

Bob Mueller asked who would be guiding the committee for the police contract. The Mayor stated it would be the same people who have been working on this which is Mayor Lou Hartfiel, George Ripberger, Bob Mueller, and Matt Zeck. Tom Vergamini remarked that the Committee reviewing the police services was not approved by Council. The City’s attorney will review this statement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Daugherty made a motion to adjourn. Matt Zeck seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Susan S. Laws, City Clerk/Treasurer

Lou Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: _____