

City of Crescent Springs
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2021 - 7:00 pm

**This meeting was held in council chambers of the city building
739 Buttermilk Pike, Crescent Springs, KY**

Mayor Justin Hartfiel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call showed the following council members present — Chad Longbons, Mike Daugherty, Carol McGowan, Christie Arlinghaus, Deborah Noe and Patrick Hackett. Also present were Mayor Justin Hartfiel, City Clerk April Robinson, City Administrator Mike Daly and City Attorney Mike Baker.

The following people were also in attendance:

Police Chief Bryan Allen
Sgt. Matt Hall
Fire Chief Jeff Wendt
Vince Albanese
Tony Hester
Rose Wilson
Cathy Croley
JB Smith
Bob Flaherty
Nick Banschbach
Joel McMonigle
John Huffman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the **May 10, 2021 Special Council Meeting**. Patrick Hackett seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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| Chad Longbons | Yes | Christie Arlinghaus | Abstained |
| Mike Daugherty | Yes | Patrick Hackett | Yes |
| Carol McGowan | Yes | Deborah Noe | Yes |

Motion passed 5-0.

CITIZENS & GUESTS

Bob Flaherty of 905 Crossings Drive addressed council. Mr. Flaherty thanked new councilmember, Carol McGowan, for stepping up to the plate and doing her civic duty. Ms. McGowan thanked him. Mr. Flaherty asked council woman McGowan to tell him about herself and what her qualifications were. Ms. McGowan answered that she was the only person to step up to the plate (for the vacant council position). She had lived in the city for four years and started coming to city meetings almost immediately. She stated she was very concerned about the number of apartments in the city. She said that she feels a lot of people that live in apartments do not have a vested interest in the city. She stated that she was also interested in the

safety of our police officers and firemen. Ms. McGowan has a bachelors in criminal justice and worked with kids for eight years. She likes this city because it is small and would like to everything she can to keep it high quality.

Bob Flaherty asked Ms. McGowan, as a new council member, "What do you think about the increase in contract services of over \$88,000?" Ms. McGowan stated that if the contract services are for the betterment of the city without affecting employees she is for contract services.

Mayor Hartfiel asked Mr. Flaherty to limit his questions to one more for the sake of the agenda. Mr. Flaherty stated he didn't know there was a limit and has three more questions. Mayor Hartfiel requested that he ask one more question in order to allow others to speak. Mr. Flaherty stated "I object to that and I want it to go on record that you are limiting my free speech." Mayor Hartfiel stated he was not trying to do so and asked that he proceed with his last question. Mr. Flaherty addressed the Mayor stating that he had read where he (the Mayor) is going to change the name of RIPS ROAD to VETERANS WAY. He asked why the road was originally named RIPS ROAD. Mayor Hartfiel stated he could not speak to that since it was before his time living in the city. Christie Arlinghaus stated that she could answer the question. She said that George Ripberger and the public works employees, along with Mayor George Stewart and the council at the time, built that park. George Ripberger spent a lot of time getting the park ready to open. City council and the Mayor voted to name the road for George Ripberger in appreciation for his service in making the park what it is today. Mr. Flaherty stated that he knows George Ripberger since he has been in the city for over twenty years and believes George Ripberger has been working for the city for over forty years. Mr. Flaherty stated he believed it was important to recognize people that have dedicated their life to hard work and making the city better.

Vince Albanese addressed council. He asked that for everyone on council to really think about what we are doing here as far as George Ripberger goes. He stated that George Ripberger has been here for over forty years and knows every nook and cranny of what goes on in this city. He is a valuable resource to be able to contact and use. Mr. Albanese said that council should really think about this and not alienate George Ripberger but go to him if you need something. Mr. Albanese stated he was really concerned about this because it will really cost the city in the long run.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kim Banta addressed council regarding a couple legislative updates. She said that bill HR44 has passed. Firefighters did not have the same access to mental healthcare that policemen did. Firefighters had to go to Maryland for treatment of extreme PTSD. This bill allows firefighters to be paid to be trained in crisis intervention therapy. They can then help others with crisis intervention therapy and then be paid to help others once certified.

Ms. Banta stated that education had a big win this year with public and private with school choice. They are going to gather information and let everyone know how to apply for grants and tuition.

When people leave incarceration it is difficult for them to get a job. Justice reform will allow them to leave jail with a file containing items such as their ID, certificate of work, and social security number in order for them to go out into public and become a productive citizen.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hartfiel announced that Tonya Miller has been named as the interim director of Public Works. He stated that she has been with the city for two years and has prior experience in the field as well.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

The April Fire Authority report was distributed to council prior to the meeting.

Chief Wendt reported the following:

- 37 fire calls, 196 YTD
- 67 squad calls, 308 YTD
- There are still a few cases of COVID each month
- The department received a grant from Scripts Howard for a new ID printer thanks to Mike Daugherty
- The new squad has been delayed. The department will have to wait for a 2022 squad due to the microchip shortage

POLICE REPORT

The April report was distributed to council prior to the meeting.

Chief Bryan Allen reported the following:

- There were 1106 calls for service
- 13 crimes
- 18 accidents
- 53 citations
- 45 courtesy notices
- 9 call responses
- 4 JC-3's
- Of the total crimes 2 were larcenies and the rest were misdemeanors
- 94.4% closure rate with 12 open cases and 3 inactive
- The top accident areas are between Anderson Road and I-75

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator, Mike Daly, reported the following:

The city will have a Memorial Day prayer service this Sunday, May 30th to honor our military and first responders who have died in service to our community, the nation and the world. The service will take place at 2pm at the Kenton County Veterans Memorial.

OLD BUSINESS

Joseph Nagrant, Revize (The Government Website Experts) presented his website product to council.

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the reading of Resolution **2021-9** amending Resolution 2021-8 DESIGNATING THE ADDITIONAL USES OF FUNDS CREATED TO ASSIST IN THE FUNDING OF THE NEW CRESCENT-VILLA FIRE AUTHORITY FIREHOUSE

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-9**. Patrick Hackett seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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| Chad Longbons | Yes | Christie Arlinghaus | Yes |
| Mike Daugherty | Yes | Patrick Hackett | Yes |
| Carol McGowan | Yes | Deborah Noe | Yes |

Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Himes, PDS presented changes to services offered by Kenton County Planning and Development.

The changes presented were limited to code enforcement services. The city will now be responsible for 100% of code enforcement services provided by PDS.

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the **first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-3** ADOPTING AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND CITIES FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

Nick Banschbach presented the new and revised budgets.

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the **first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-4** ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the **first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-5** AMENDING ORDINANCE 2020-8 APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the **first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-6** REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10 REGARDING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED POSITION DESCRIPTION

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the **first reading of ORDINANCE 2021-7** CHANGING THE NAME OF A CITY ROAD FROM RIPS ROAD TO VETERANS WAY

Christie Arlinghaus stated that after an employee works forty-five years in the city she does not like to see them "cancelled". She said that George Ripberger started with the city as a police officer and worked his way to Police Chief, Public Works Director and City Administrator. She said he oversaw the development of Buttermilk Towne Center. Ms. Arlinghaus continued stating that "council is better than this. This is untimely, inappropriate, vindictive and sad. It is sad that we cancel someone out after forty-five years of service to this community."

Mike Daugherty stated he would like to see an amendment to the ordinance. He suggested naming the entrance to the park RIPS Road or leaving RIPS Road alone and naming the entrance to the park Veterans Way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

EVENTS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Deborah Noe reported Jamming in the Neighborhood was well received and they will do it again. There were 180 to 200 people at each location. She also stated she has an event in the works for June.

Mrs. Rose Wilson asked why, as a resident, she was not informed of the Jamming in the Park Event. It was explained that several areas in the city were selected for the band location and those residents in close

proximity were notified. Mrs. Noe explained that this event was the Late Mayor Hartfiel's idea. He was trying to find a way for people to get out safely during the pandemic and enjoy themselves. The idea was to move the band to different areas for all to enjoy at some point.

COMMUNICATIONS & TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Mike Daly – no report.

Mike Daugherty stated he would like to see the details for the water and sewer line warranty letters that residents are receiving. He has received many complaints and would like to know when the contract ends.

VILLA HILLS SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

Christie Arlinghaus stated a Villa Hills resident did an open records request for the police department's use of force policy. She said she was told the document was very outdated. She said that our residents need to know that the department's use of force policy has been updated at the next meeting. Ms. Arlinghaus also stated that the Police Chief will be featured on WKRC tomorrow evening.

CRESCENT-VILLA FIRE AUTHORITY

No report.

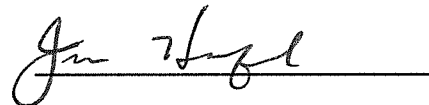
ADJOURNMENT

Christie Arlinghaus made a motion to adjourn. Deborah Noe seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

ATTESTED BY:



April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer



Justin Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: June 28, 2021