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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES VIDEO TELECONFERENCE Wednesday, December 20, 2023 6:45pm Agenda

This meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was conducted by video conference, and attended by the public by viewing the video conference at the City's Facebook page online at:
<https://www.facebook.com/CityofCrescentSpringsKY> Facebook LIVE

AND

By attending in person in council chambers of the city building
739 Buttermilk Pike, Crescent Springs, KY

The special meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Daugherty at 6:45pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following council members present –Brian Barclay, Jeannine Bell Smith, Mark Wurtenberger, Bill Schult, Carol McGowan, and Don Kiely. Also present were City Clerk April Robinson, City Administrator Mike Daly and City Attorney Mike Baker.

Discussion on moving forward with the proposed playground reconstruction

There was discussion regarding replacing the playground without grant funding. Jeannine Bell Smith stated that spending a half a million dollars on a playground was concerning. The fire department needs four full time medics and four full time fireman which requires full time employee benefits. She asked if we want the best fire department and safety or the best playground. She then stated she wanted to know what their (Miracle of KY & TN) profit is. Mayor Daugherty replied that a business's profit is not our concern and it is not our place to ask. He stated that the fire department was a separate issue. The playground is a one-time expense to fix an issue and the fire department is a long term issue. He said that the city did not need as much money as we thought (due to extra revenue received) to replace the playground equipment.

Council member Brian Barclay stated that the fact we will not have grant money changes the conversation but the additional revenues mean we will only need \$100,000 instead of \$230,000 for the project.

Council member Don Kiely stated the project feels rushed.

Council member Bill Schult asked about doing an RFP. April Robinson commented that the vendors that were solicited are approved vendors though a bidding process. If an RFP were to be advertised the city would most likely not receive any responses. Bill Schult asked what the quotes were from the vendors. Public Works Director, Tonya Miller, stated that DWA was \$670,000 and Bluegrass came in at \$600,000 with a smaller area design.

Council member Brian Barclay stated that he posted the meeting details in two Facebook groups and received all positive feedback. The playground equipment is for the entire community and that fact that it is all-inclusive is important as well.

Council member Bill Schult said that the problem with asking vendors for a \$500,000 playground is that no one will come in at \$300,000.

Council member Don Kiely said the city should look at all options.

Members asked staff if the cost of the equipment was compared to the size and cost of other playgrounds in the area. Crescent Springs quote was \$54.53 per square foot for 9100 square feet, Pendry Park was \$70.74 per square foot for 2700 square feet and Cold Spring was \$147.32 per square foot for 4100 square feet.

Council member Brian Barclay stated it looked like we were getting a fair quote.

Bill Schult made a motion to table Municipal Order 2023-8 until the January 22nd council meeting. **Don Kiely** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Jeannine Bell Smith	Yes
Mark Wurtenberger	No
Bill Schult	Yes
Carol McGowan	No
Don Kiely	Yes
Brian Barclay	No

Motion Failed 3-3 with Mayor Daugherty breaking the tie with a “No” vote.

READING OF MUNICIPAL ORDER 2023-8

Reading of Municipal Order 2023-8 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE LOU HARTFIEL MEMORIAL PARK

Carol McGowan made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2023-8. **Mark Wurtenberger** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken.

Jeannine Bell Smith	No
Mark Wurtenberger	Yes
Bill Schult	No
Carol McGowan	Yes
Don Kiely	No
Brian Barclay	Yes

Motion passed 3-3 with Mayor Daugherty breaking the tie with a “Yes” vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

ATTESTED BY:

April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer

Mike Daugherty, Mayor

Approved: _____