

CITY OF CRESCENT SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 23, 2023

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer, Mayor Daugherty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers of the city building.

All members of council were present and responding at roll call as follows: Councilmembers Brian Barclay, Don Kiely, Carol McGowan, Bill Schult, Jeannine Bell Smith, Mark Wurtenberger, and Mayor Daugherty. Also present were CAO Mike Daly, City Attorney Mike Baker, Public Works Director Tonya Miller, Police Chief Matt Hall, Fire Chief Jeff Wendt, and Assistant City Clerk Amy Beth Able.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McGowan made a **motion to approve** the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Special Meeting; Mr. Barclay offered a second to the motion. There being no questions or corrections the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Ms. McGowan:	Aye
Mr. Barclay:	Aye
Mr. Kiely:	Aye
Mr. Schult:	Aye
Ms. Smith:	Aye
Mr. Wurtenberger:	Aye

Motion carried 6:0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor has spoken to Rep. Banta regarding concerns about KYTC Dist. 6 response on State maintained roads in the City during the snowfall over the weekend. Public Works was able to respond to Buttermilk and other locations as needed.
- Villa Hills has promoted Matt Hall to Police Chief and Black to Sgt.
- Financial Statements and CAO Reports will be added to the website soon.
- Kenton County Occupational Tax increase was discussed at the recent Mayor's Group meeting.
- Mayor's Group passed a resolution to oppose SB50/HB50 for partisan local elections; the group asked local cities to pass similar resolutions in opposition.

Mr. Schult made a **motion to approve Resolution 2023-2** opposing Kentucky Senate Bill 50 and House Bill 50; second to the motion was offered by Mr. Barclay. Mr. Baker read Resolution 2023-2. Following brief discussion, with no further questions or comments offered, Mayor Daugherty called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Schult:	Aye
Mr. Barclay:	Aye
Ms. McGowan:	Aye
Mr. Kiely:	Aye
Ms. Smith:	Aye
Mr. Wurtenberger:	Aye

Motion carried 6:0.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

Chief Wendt reviewed year-end figures and responded to questions from Council. The total loss amount is high due to the complete loss of the Civic Club. The ISO rating is 2, a ranking held by only about five percent of departments in the country. There were two civilian injuries and two firefighter injuries. Members of the department were recognized for a recent recognition of a stroke and immediate action taken.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Hall reviewed the report council received in their packets. There were 1,220 calls in December compared to fewer calls in other local cities (such as 665 in Park Hills.) There were 21 arrests on 21 warrants. The highest number of collisions are on Buttermilk, Anderson, and the highway ramps. The detective has six active cases. The department had 85 hours of overtime in December; this was high in part because of Christmas in the Park. Children participating in the Shop with a Cop program are students from River Ridge but may live in neighboring cities. Though down two officers currently, there is no problem currently with staffing overtime. Axion is an elite camera system that should be installed in September with advanced features such as activation when cruiser lights are on and when weapon drawn.

CAO REPORT

- Z-21 group meets Thursday.
- The Finance Committee is a recommending body only.
- Altafiber installation has begun in the city, this was a county-initiated project to bring high speed internet to all residents of Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties. Residents with concerns are referred to Altafiber.
- Woodhill Court sidewalk was previously suggested for exploration. Following brief discussion the consensus is to move forward with getting a general cost estimate to determine if it can be addressed in the current or coming budget.
- Regarding Eubanks two groups could do a study – OKI or PDS.
- KYTC comprehensive study of 75 to 275, comment period is now open.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

- Salt will be replenished after the next storm.
- Park equipment is being repaired when possible but some equipment may soon need to be removed if it becomes unsafe. Discussion ensued including looking for grant opportunities and the possibility of making replacements in phases. Mayor noted his intent to put major reconstruction for the park in the upcoming budget.
- The obsolete and inoperable dump truck goes up for online auction through GovDeals this week.

NEW BUISNESS

Mr. Baker read in full **Municipal Order 2023 - 5** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN UPDATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL ETHICS AUTHORITY (NKREA).

Mr. Schult made a **motion to approve**; Ms. Smith offered a second to the motion. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Schult:	Aye
Ms. Smith:	Aye
Ms. McGowan:	Aye
Mr. Barclay:	Aye
Mr. Kiely:	Aye
Mr. Wurtenberger:	Aye

Motion carried 6:0.

Mr. Baker read in full **Municipal Order 2023 - 6** ACCEPTING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARCUS CAREY, DARRYL CUMMINS, ROBERT SANDERS, TOM QUIRK, BRYCE C. RHOADES, AND JACK WESTWOOD, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES DADY AS MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL ETHICS AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A TWO (2)-YEAR TERM, COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 2023, AND EXPIRING ON JANUARY 31, 2025.

Ms. McGowan made a **motion to approve**; Mr. Schult offered a second to the motion. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

Ms. McGowan:	Aye
Mr. Schult:	Aye
Mr. Barclay:	Aye
Mr. Kiely:	Aye
Ms. Smith:	Aye
Mr. Wurtenberger:	Aye

Motion carried 6:0.

Mr. Baker read in full **Resolution 2023- 1** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A JOINDER AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DEFERRED COMPENSATION AUTHORITY (KDC).

Mr. Barclay made a **motion to approve**; Ms. McGowan offered a second to the motion. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Barclay:	Aye
Ms. McGowan:	Aye
Mr. Wurtenberger:	Aye
Ms. Smith:	Aye
Mr. Schult:	Abstain
Mr. Kiely:	Aye

Motion carried 6:0.

Mr. Baker gave First Reading in full of **Ordinance 2023 - 1** DESIGNATING WILLIAM SCHULT TO PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO KRS 83A.130(10).

Mr. Baker gave First Reading in full of **Ordinance 2023 - 2** WHEREBY THE CITY REPEALS SECTION 35.03 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CRESCENT SPRINGS AND HEREBY ABOLISHES THE TREE COMMISSION.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Barclay stated CVFA met and discussed being short personnel. He expressed concerns about limited compensation. A proposal of an 8% increase in wages would be a \$150,000 increase in costs. One ambulance is down; several departments are having trouble getting repairs for this model.

Ms. Smith regarding transparency, people are requesting financials on the website. A presentation by Kenton County Homeland Security may be postponed due to predicted weather.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Flaherty addressed council with concerns about the Kenton County payroll tax increase.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schult made a motion to adjourn; second to the motion was offered by Ms. McGowan. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Amy Beth Able, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Mike Daugherty

Attest:

April C. Robinson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved: _____
(Date)

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