

City of Crescent Springs Regular Council Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022 - 6:00 pm

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The regular meeting of the Crescent Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Justin Hartfiel at 6:00pm. The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call showed the following council members present – Mike Daugherty, Carol McGowan, Patrick Hackett, Deborah Noe, Christie Arlinghaus and Chad Longbons. Also present were City Clerk April Robinson, Public Works Director Tonya Miller, City Administrator Mike Daly and City Attorney Mike Baker.

Others present:

Police Chief Bryan Allen
Fire Chief Jeff Wendt
Andy Videkovich, PDS
Jim Cahill
Eric Chambers
Sue Cassidy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 24, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Mike Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the **January 24, 2022 Council Meeting**. **Patrick Hackett** seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

The January Fire Authority report was distributed to council. Chief Wendt reported the following:

- 46 fire runs
- 430 Ambulance calls
- Villa Hills Civic Club Fire: no one was injured. The building was fully engulfed when personnel arrived. The cause of the fire was determined to be careless smoking. This is unfortunate for Villa Hills but they do plan on rebuilding.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Allen reported the following:

- 1175 calls for service
- Investigation cases closed 93.2%; open cases 6.8%
- 156 citations issued

- 11 hours of overtime
- 18 Crimes
- 24 Collisions
- 57 Courtesy Notices
- The department continues to monitor trouble areas
- Officer Mairose leaves for the academy on April 17th

Chad Longbons asked if the state has a detail on the interstate right now. Chief Allen responded yes and stated that his report listed the detail as FOT “Federal Overtime Grant”. He said that his department has had the grant for over a year.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The report was previously distributed to council. Mr. Daly mentioned the possible grant opportunity for the new firehouse. The NKADD is still working to see if the project qualifies for grant funding and should have an answer by the end of next week.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The report was distributed previously to council. There were no questions. Mayor Hartfiel thanked Tonya Miller and her team for their work during the last couple snow events. Mike Daugherty mentioned that these type of (snow) events bring potholes. The public Works department makes the repairs as the potholes are found. He asked that any missed potholes be reported by calling the city.

Christie Arlinghaus asked about the purchase of new chairs for council chambers. Tonya Miller stated the visitors chairs will be replaced due to the legs tearing up the new carpet in council chambers. Ms. Arlinghaus suggested the trial of feet covers or coasters.

OLD BUSINESS

Firehouse Discussion

Jim Cahill presented information regarding the bids that were received for the construction of a new firehouse. Six bids were received on February 10th. The bids ranged from \$7.43 to \$8.4 Million. This was considerably higher than what was expected. The contractors were concerned with the price of steel, wood and other supplies and it is believed they bid high due to the cost uncertainty.

The brick veneer and training tower were removed from the plans. The folding doors were left in due to the type being quicker. The casework was left in due to the cost through a local hardware store being the same. The epoxy floor was left out and the department will do the landscaping themselves. Due to the change in the location of the new building the storm water retention will change from going toward Buttermilk to going toward Western Reserve. Underground tanks may need to be installed to capture the storm water.

Brandstetter Carroll has been hired to be the project overseer. That cost has been added to the project cost and other costs, such as a firehouse alarm, have been estimated.

There are three options for dealing with the storm water. Option 1 involves running the water down Western Reserve approximately 300 feet to a SD1 manhole. The other two options would involve a contractual agreement to direct the water to private lakes.

\$5.7 Million has already been acquired for the project and an additional \$2.5 million would be needed to proceed with the construction of the firehouse. The fire Authority has sixty days to accept a bid. The deadline is April 8th.

Financing for the additional funds was discussed. Patrick Hackett mentioned Crescent Springs would need to contribute one million dollars and that raising taxes could pay for the cost if the amount is financed. Christie Arlinghaus asked when the one million dollars would be needed. Patrick Hackett stated the money would be put into Fire Authority checking account in September or October. Christie Arlinghaus stated that she was not in favor of raising taxes on the residents in this economy and would prefer to pay cash. Chad Longbons agreed with Christie Arlinghaus in funding the project with cash and not increasing taxes.

Patrick Hackett stated Villa Hills is going to come out with an ordinance to support the firehouse and we should mirror that motion. Patrick Hackett stated he was going to make a motion and he would send a copy to Attorney Mike Baker after he read it.

Patrick Hackett went on to read the following which was sent to Mike Baker:

“Motion on the Firehouse Project”

Crescent Springs supports proceeding ahead with Villa Hills on the new firehouse, and increasing the firehouse building budget to \$8.255M maximum. Crescent Springs will use the ARPA money to make up their portion of the funding difference between the bond money, which has already been secured, and the total cost of the project (not to exceed \$8.255M).

Crescent Springs also gives permission to the fire authority to select a bidder from the bid openings to begin negotiations on the new firehouse project.

If the fire authority and the bidder can come to an agreement on a contract, then both councils and mayors may move forward with the contract with the construction firm.

If everything is approved to this point, the ARPA money will be placed in a joint account in either September or October for the firehouse project. Our portion of any unused ARPA money will be returned to Crescent Springs.”

Mike Daugherty seconded the motion.

Patrick Hackett asked Attorney Mike Baker if council should go for a vote. Mr. Baker replied that it needed to be placed in the form of an ordinance since it was involving tax revenues. Villa Hill’s ordinance will be acquired for reference. Mr. Hackett stated Villa Hills would vote on March 9th. Mr. Cahill stated a first reading for Villa Hills will occur on March 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

Andy Videkovich presented details of Senate Bill 148 which required family child care homes to be conditional uses in all residential zones. Letters were sent to each city including the new language. This will add a definition for family child care home to the Crescent Springs zoning code which will match that State. It will also add family child care homes to the list of conditional uses in all residential zones.

Christie Arlinghaus asked if this was referring to a child care center which would be open from 6am to 6pm. Mr. Videkovich stated that it would allow a home owner to run a child care, in their residence, for up to six children not including their own. There is no limits from state law for the hours of operation.

Patrick Hackett asked for clarification stating that each request would have to be approved and the hours could be restricted. Mr. Videkovich stated that would be the purview of the Board of Adjustments to restrict the hours of operation.

Attorney Mike Baker conducted the first reading of **Ordinance 2022-1 AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE CRESCENT SPRINGS ZONING CODE TO DEFINE AND INCLUDE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mike Daugherty questioned if the city was not having Music Fest and putting people on a trailer around the city. Deborah Noe stated that they the city is not having Music Fest as it is or was due to Villa Hills having their 50th anniversary of Fire in the Hills and they will not be participating. Jamming in the City is already set for May 21st. She said we would have to decide what we are going to replace Music Fest with. She said it took a lot of volunteers and was costly; she is trying to watch cost. Mike Daugherty asked said he thought we had a lot of sponsors for Music Fest. Ms. Noe replied, “Yes.” Mike Daugherty asked if we were net negative after Music Fest. Patrick Hackett stated Music Fest cost \$16,000 and sponsorships were \$8,000. He added that the two cities put in \$4000 each. Police and public works salaries for the event would not be split with Villa Hills since they are not participating which would increase cost. Mike Daugherty asked if the City was going to have more than one Jamming in the Neighborhood. Deborah Noe said it was not set yet. Mr. Daugherty asked if our insurance carrier was ok with everyone being on a truck and wanted to know if that had been investigated. Ms. Noe stated she did not know. Mike Daugherty asked what the police costs

were for this event. Ms. Noe stated it would be four hours of overtime. She said the truck and generator are fairly inexpensive and the cost for the band is \$1000. The whole event is about \$4000. Mayor Hartfiel stated that Music Fest is one of our largest and most popular events. He asked council their opinion on the event. Chad Longbons asked what upcoming projects the city had now that we have to fund more for the construction of the firehouse. Patrick Hackett stated the Short Amsterdam Project would begin in 2023 and he received an email that there will be a cost increase. Chad Longbons stated he was getting concerned about costs. April Robinson stated that the only cost for Music Fest is salaries. The past three or so years there has been enough sponsorship that the costs were covered. The past two years resulted in both cities having sponsorship money left over after paying expenses. Mayor Hartfiel stated it sounded like the event brings no cost to the city and suggested that we continue with the planning of Music Fest. This is one of the city's largest events which attracts people outside of the city. He is supportive of moving forward with the event. Deborah Noe asked for hard numbers on what the cost has been.

Mike Daly stated there will be fees charged to vendors for spaces at city events such as the Farmers Market.

Mike Daugherty asked Deborah Noe if the Safety Committee only involved attending Villa Hills meeting. He asked if Crescent Springs' members meet to discuss Crescent Springs Safety issues. Ms. Noe replied that she only attends the Villa Hills meetings. He asked if Crescent Springs' issues were being addressed at these meetings and Ms. Noe replied yes.

Christie Arlinghaus asked if just the equipment was being transported on the truck for the Jamming in the Neighborhood event. Deborah Noe replied no, that the band rode on the truck as well and played the whole time. Mike Daugherty and Christie Arlinghaus expressed concern over this in regards to safety and insurance.

Christie Arlinghaus asked about City projects. She asked Patrick Hackett if the city was still pursuing old Crescent Springs. Patrick responded that thirty days was needed to look at it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Daugherty made a motion to adjourn. **Patrick Hackett** seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

ATTESTED BY:

April C. Robinson, Clerk/Treasurer

Justin Hartfiel, Mayor

Approved: _____