

**City of Crescent Springs  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

Those in attendance included the following:

**Council Members:**

Christie Arlinghaus – present  
John Goering – present  
Lou Hartfiel – present  
Dale Ramsey – present  
Tom Vergamini – present  
Matt Zeck - present

**Jim Collett, Mayor** – present

City Attorney, Joe Baker - present  
George Ripberger, Pub Services Dir. – present  
Sue Hill, City Clerk – present  
Others in attendance: Craig Bohman (NKADD), Chief  
Wendt (CVFA), Brett Gaspard (Rumpke Waste),  
Heather Hoss (KC Recorder), Ben Kraft

Mayor Collett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Zeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the **November 12, 2012 Regular Council Meeting**. Mr. Hartfiel seconded, and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Brett Gaspard, Public Sector Representative for Rumpke, noted that due to low CPI increases for the past two years as well as declining diesel fuel costs Rumpke would like to offer the final two-year renewal on the trash removal contract at \$12.62 per household per month, which is the current rate. He thanked the City for working with the company in auditing non-payers which has helped compliance and is part of the reason they could offer this zero-increase rate.

Mr. Baker read **Municipal Order 2012-8 Authorizing the Mayor to Extend the Contract with Rumpke of Ky, Inc.** for Solid Waste Collection from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014 at the Rate of **\$12.62** per month. Mr. Hartfiel made a motion to approve the municipal order, Mr. Goering seconded and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

**NKADD/LONG RANGE PLANNING PRESENTATION**

Craig Bohman, NKADD representative, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the study previously presented to Long Range Planning Committee dealing with the intricacies regarding annexation of unincorporated properties. He looked specifically at 16 parcels that are 'surrounded' by Crescent Springs properties and found that if those properties would someday join the City, there could be an increase in population count of approximately 10% and an increase in taxable real estate of approximately 4%. He explained the different types of annexation, various monetary impacts, and the timeline of the process. If this were to be placed on the ballot, the earliest this could happen would be in November 2014. The Mayor reiterated that this is an early discussion and many details would have to be worked out before this would take place. The LR Planning Committee will be in further discussion. Thanks goes to Mr. Bohman for his work on this analysis.

## **FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT**

- Chief Wendt reported that the bid proposal for the new squad truck came in at \$164,949, which is more than expected. Some \$9,000 of optional equipment was removed. The plan is to finance \$100,000 over 7 years (to be paid by currently budgeted funds) and \$64,900 from Fire Authority reserves. They are in the process of going to Crescent Springs banks to get the best financing rate possible. They must sign the agreement by December 31.
- The State ALS inspections took place last Friday and the new squad went 'live' on Saturday.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- Matt Zeck distributed copies of the preliminary draft of the Six Month Budget revisions. He highlighted the following: 1) Bank Deposit revenue down \$7,000, 2) Soccer Field Maintenance and Buttermilk Crossing Improvement Bond Income were up, but exactly offset by the corresponding expenses, 3) Employee Health Ins. expense up \$5,400 due to 33% increase vs 15% expected, 4) Workers Comp expense up \$2,100 for the audit of 2011, 5) Seasonal (concrete workers) Public Works pay up \$32,275 for recommended additional work to be done in the Spring, 6) Park Capital outlay up \$12,800 for grills and tables for the 2nd shelter plus new concession stand supplies, 7) Park Maintenance down \$4,000 because repairing the trails came in less, 8) Concrete Crew Materials up \$60,000 to add Triplelake repairs in the Spring, 9) Street Contractors (line item added) \$133,400 in order to overlay Triplelake (this money will come from the Capital Improvement Fund reserves), 10) Gasoline up \$3,000 and 11) Municipal Road Aid Expense up \$88,000 to account for work authorized this Fall and for overlay of Foresthill in the Spring. This depletes the MRA reserves which was saved up over the last several years with these projects in mind. We will do the 1st reading of the 6-month budget revision at the January 14, 2013 Council meeting.
- Mayor Collett announced that the State has given us official notice that we may start the bidding process for the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project. This work will take place in the Spring.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT**

- Mr. Ripberger clarified that we have not gotten the money for the SRTS grant, only the authorization to proceed. Ads for bids will go out in a week or so, bids will be opened and read by the January meeting, and work will start in April or May. After all work is finished, we will submit the bills for reimbursement (up to \$163,000 maximum grant).
- The salt bin is full and the trucks are ready for snowy weather.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Collett had Mr. Baker send a letter to the County requesting that they reimburse Erlanger Dispatch the full \$85 collected from residents within Crescent Springs (the same treatment as they are proposing for Erlanger residents). If this is arranged, only then will we remove the landline fee. We have been told that the County will not collect any fees from our residents after 2013. Mayor Collett expressed to Erlanger's Mayor Rouse that we are pleased with the Police service and have no intention of leaving Erlanger Police. Mediation will be pursued before any legal action is initiated. Mr. Ripberger reported that all other cities, excluding Elsmere, have agreed to go with the County's dispatch and that Villa Hills had the second reading to remove the fee on the landlines.
- The Mayors' Group will meet this Saturday in Elsmere, and a new executive committee of the Mayors' Group will be elected.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mayor Collett informed Council of the upcoming events: 12/19 Business Assn. End of Year Party, 12/20 Finance Committee meeting including budget and auditor's review, 12/24 and 12/25 Office Closed and Caucus canceled, 12/31 Office Closed.
- Please consider participating in the Business Association Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win one of the prize baskets of donated items.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Tree Lighting on December 1st. All went very well, except for the PA system, which needs work. The decorations around the City (wreaths on the poles and new decorations and lights at the City Building) are appreciated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mr. Goering made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Arlinghaus seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.

**ATTESTED BY:**

*Susan G. Hill*

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City Clerk

*James Collett*

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Mayor

*January 14, 2013*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_