

Crystal Falls, Michigan

April 13, 2009

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Hagglund, Burke, Bicigo, and Smokevitch.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Nordeman, City Attorney Lawrence, and City Clerk/Treasurer Olson.

Visitors: Geri & Wally Trzeciak, Glen Trzeciak, Dave Graff, Brett Niemi, Bob Sherwin, Mark Simeoni, Tara Peltoma, Larry Bicigo, Jeff Sjoquist, Patrick Sommers, Gerard Valesano, Ray Marchi, Emil Bicigo, Randy Curnow, Lynn Perry, and Jeff Bal.

Mayor Hendrickson led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as noted below:

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2009, and special meetings of March 12, March 16, March 26, and April 8, 2009 as written.
2. The following reports for the month of March 2009:
 - A. Joint Fire Authority report, as submitted by Fire Chief Ahola, indicating answering two (2) fire calls; spending approximately 13 man-hours fighting fires; and holding one (1) practice and training session.
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Robert Sherwin, indicating 175 complaints, of which 3 were closed by arrest, and logging of 2,471 miles on patrol duty.
 - C. Electric Department activity report as submitted by David Graff, Chief Electrician.
 - D. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - E. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Dorothea Olson.
3. Payrolls and disbursements in the amount of \$425,465.64, and instruct the City Clerk to draw checks on the City Treasury in payment of same.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson Councilors Hagglund, Smokevitch, Burke and Bicigo. Nays: None

Motion carried.

Brett Niemi of WPPI Energy gave a power point presentation and reviewed the Renewable Recourse & Energy Optimization Plans and

explained to the City Council how these documents fulfill the requirements of PA 295, Michigan's Energy Act.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to authorize Police Chief Robert Sherwin to submit an application to the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for a Hiring Recovery program grant.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson updated the Council on the DDA meeting held earlier in the day.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Smokevitch to approve the DDA allocated expenditure of \$1000.00 to the Lincoln Park Playground Equipment Fund.

Motion carried.

Councilor Hagglund seconded by Councilor Burke moved to approve the payment of \$88.40 to MaryAnn Harrington for DDA clerical services and postage for the months of January -March 2009.

Motion carried.

Manager Nordeman noted that the DDA budget allocation for Crystal View apartments is to be used toward the parking lot and lead paint and asbestos removal.

Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to approve the 2009 - 2010 DDA budget as presented with an amendment to the balance forward (-\$1,000).

Motion carried.

Engineers, Jeff Sjoquist of Coleman Engineering, and Jeff Ball of AECOM, appealed to the Council to hire their respective firms to do the engineering work on an additional water project.

Councilor Hagglund seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to leave the 2009 golf rates the same as 2008 with the exception of a reduction in the 10 play card to \$140.00.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to approve the travel and attendance of Clerk/Treasurer Olson at the NMPSA "Red Flag Rules" program to be held on April 29, 2009.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to approve

the re-appointment of Marlene Bicigo to an additional 3 year term on the Crystal Falls Planning Commission (her new term will expire April 30, 2012).

Motion carried.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to approve the appointment of Lawrence Harrington to a 3 year term on the Crystal Falls Planning Commission (his term will expire April 30, 2012).

Motion carried.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to approve the appointment of Harold Robbe to serve the remainder of a term on the Crystal Falls Planning Commission (said term will expire April 30, 2010).

Motion carried.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to accept the bids on the Crystal Manor equipment from Patrick Sommers as follows: Convection oven - \$100.00; sinks - \$100.00; and Hood system - \$400.00.

Motion carried.

(This equipment is to be sold "as is" with the bidder responsible for the removal of the equipment from the Crystal Manor building.) Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to accept the bids on the Crystal Manor equipment from Lee Nylund as follows: Steam Braiser - \$400.00, and Dishwasher lineup - \$400.00.

Motion carried.

(This equipment is to be sold "as is" with the bidder responsible for the removal of the equipment from the Crystal Manor building.) Discussion regarding participation in the GIS mapping of Iron County resulted in directing Manager Nordeman to respond to the county to let them know that the City will not participate in this program.

Action on a request from Forest Park Community Schools for a donation toward the Summer Recreation Program was postponed to next regular Council meeting.

Electric Department Supervisor David Graff advised the Council that the department will be utilizing Tom Stachowicz in place of

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Axel Anderson and recommended sending Tom to the Great Lakes Energy training at a cost of \$1,100 per year. He went on to explain it is a 3 ½ year program and the only way to become certified as a lineman.

Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to authorize the funding of Tom Stachowicz's training through Great Lakes Energy training to become a certified lineman.

Ayes: Councilor Burke and Councilor Hagglund.

Nays: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Smokevitch and Bicigo.

Motion failed.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to authorize the Public Works crews to make one pass through the city to pick up the spring yard waste debris, with all debris placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11th for this one-time only pickup.

Motion carried.

Councilor Hagglund seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____