

Crystal Falls, Michigan

January 11, 2010

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Lawrence, Interim City Manager Olson, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Peltoma.

Visitors: Robert Rafferty, Richard Hendrickson, Scott McNelis, Jeff Sjoquist, Mary Lahna, Larry Bicigo, Carl Lind, Bill Todish, Robert Rafferty, Lynn Perry, and Don Boulanger.

Mayor Hendrickson led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Bicigo moved that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as noted below:

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2009, were amended to state Michael Casanova's name to the easement and special meetings of December 21, 2009, and January 5, 2010 as written.
2. The following reports for the month of December 2009:
 - A. Joint Fire Authority report, as submitted by Fire Chief Ahola, indicating answering one (1) fire call; spending approximately 88.5 man-hours fighting fires; and holding no(0)practice and training sessions.
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Robert Sherwin, indicating 159 complaints, of which 2 were closed by arrest, 4 parking tickets issued and logging of 2,341 miles on patrol duty.
 - C. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - D. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted by Intern City Manager Dorothea Olson.
3. Payrolls and disbursements in the amount of \$388,559.66 be approved, 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.

Mayor Hendrickson motioned with Councilor Hagglund supporting to renew Trico annual contract as presented for landscape maintenance for a total of \$1,860.00.

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

Motion carried.

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

Councilor Burke moved with support from Councilor Bicigo to pay a bill for \$73.03 to Mary Ann Harrington (\$13.03 for postage/envelopes and \$60.00 for DDA secretarial services).

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

Motion carried.

Councilor Burke supported by Councilor Smokevitch moved to pay \$53.97 from DDA funds, to Ben Franklin for bows for the flower planters along Superior Ave.

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

Motion carried.

Jeff Sjoquist advised the Council on the deficit in the water fund.

The Council directed Sjoquist to submit a plan to Rural Development regarding a rate adjustment that will be put into effect pending the approval of Rural Development to lower the minimum gallons backward from 4,500 to 3,000 gallons per month with the minimum charge raised from \$36.00 to \$37.00.

Interim City Manager Olson publicly thanked Jeff Sjoquist for all his above and beyond help in the last few months.

Sewer Project - Western Lift Station is moving along with no new developments currently.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to appoint Mayor Hendrickson and Councilor Bicigo to represent the City of Crystal Falls for the fire protection committee. (Also representing the city will be Interim City Manager Olson and City Attorney Lawrence).

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

Motion carried.

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Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Burke moved to eliminate the reimbursement for drug amounts over \$5.00, effective January 1, 2010, to all employees and retirees, who are not named in the "Stipulation and Agreement for Entry of Consent Judgment" that was agreed to by City Council action on November 11, 2004.

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

Motion carried.

Action was postponed pending notification of when Paul Sundquist is ready to pursue the installation of a private well. Consensus of the Council was to possibly grant a waiver to Mr. Sundquist to excuse him from the Water Ordinance restriction of mandated City water service at that time.

Councilor Hagglund seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to grant a 2 year extension of construction requirements in the warranty deed which states that the Margaitter's will build a new residential home of not less than 850 square feet on Lots 1 and 2, Block 8 of the Wagner and Carey's addition to the Village of Crystal Falls within 10 years or the property reverts back to the City of Crystal Falls. (Said deadline for construction is now 1/11/2012)

Ayes: Councilors Hagglund, Smokevitch, Burke, and Bicigo. Nays: Mayor Hendrickson.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Hagglund moved to have Interim City Manager Olson seek quotes for the Radon Gas problem.

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

Motion carried.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Hagglund to extend to all eligible non-union employees the same health insurance options as those offered to the union employees and to also pay longevity benefits to each eligible non-union employee in the same manner as the union employees (on each bi-weekly paycheck).

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

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Motion carried.

City Council postponed action on CATV rates until next meeting.
No action from the Council to print the CATV schedule in the
Reporter.

Councilor Hagglund seconded by Councilor Smokevitch moved to
adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____