

Crystal Falls, Michigan

July 30, 2007

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 4:30 pm Central Time.

Present: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Heikkinen, Valesano, Smokevitch, and Bicigo.

Absent: None

Also present were City Manager Nordeman, City Attorney Lawrence, and City Clerk/Treasurer Olson.

Visitors in attendance included: Robert Sherwin and Mark Simeoni

The purpose of this special meeting was to consider the following:

- Conduct Public Hearings on amended Ordinances No. 2.03 and No. 2.18
- Snowmobile Grant Application
- Façade Grant architectural and grant administration services proposal
- Business Association request regarding Fungus Fest activities
- Budget Workshop for 2007 - 2008 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Hendrickson led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hendrickson temporarily adjourned the meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2.03 at 4:34 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Police Chief Robert Sherwin explained the necessity of amending Ordinance No. 2.03, an ordinance to regulate open storage of disabled automobile and repair. He noted that the only change will be the wording in Section 8, Definitions to change the word "streets" to "highways" and also change "the past twelve (12) months" to read "the past sixty (60) days". Sherwin stated that these changes will make the ordinance more effective.

There were no public comments regarding this ordinance.

There were no Council comments regarding this ordinance.

Public Hearing was closed.

Meeting reconvened at 4:38 p.m.

Councilor Heikkinen supported by Mayor Hendrickson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2.03, an ordinance to regulate open storage of disabled automobile and repair, as amended.

Motion carried.

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(The foregoing ordinance will become effective upon publication and a complete copy of the ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Mayor Hendrickson temporarily adjourned the meeting to conduct a public hearing on amended Ordinance No. 2.18 at 4:39 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Police Chief Robert Sherwin advised the Council on the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 2.18, an ordinance to prevent, reduce, or eliminate blight, blighting factors or causes of blight, within the City of Crystal Falls. The amendments include a change to Section 2 (A)(2) to include the language "and if the construction is not completed within 12 months", and also, to add the definition of "garbage" to the ordinance. Regarding Section 4, Enforcement the following were added:

"B. Prosecution may be commenced against a violator(s), without prior notice, in any instance where a violation notice had previously been sent, within the previous 12 months, relating to the same address." And "C. Each day that a violation under this ordinance continues to exist shall be considered a separate violation subject to the penalties hereinafter set forth." Added to Section 5, Penalty is: "C. In addition to ordering that the person found in violation of this Ordinance must pay civil fines and costs the District Court Judge or District Court Magistrate may issue any writ or order necessary to enforce the Ordinance including but not limited to the authority to order the person found in violation of this Ordinance to correct the blight condition giving rise to the civil infraction within 30 days or be subject to the contempt powers of the District Court as authorized and provided for by applicable Michigan Statutes."

There were no public comments regarding this ordinance.

There were no Council comments regarding this ordinance.

Public Hearing was closed.

Meeting reconvened at 4.44 p.m.

Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Valesano moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2.18, an ordinance to prevent, reduce, or eliminated blight, blighting factors or causes of blight, within the City of Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan; to provide for the

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enforcement hereof; and to provide penalties for the violation hereof, as amended.

Motion carried.

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Councilor Bicigo seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to approve the 2007-2008 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant application.

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Valesano moved to accept the proposal from U. P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. for the Façade Grant as follows:

- Up to \$4,500.00 for the Schematic Design and Cost Estimates for three downtown buildings (\$1,500 each)
- Up to \$10,000 for Grant Administration
- Up to 10% of the construction cost of Architectural Construction Drawings, Bidding and Construction Administration
- All of the above costs will be paid by the participants at no cost to the City

Motion carried.

Mayor Hendrickson seconded by Councilor Heikkinen moved to approve the requests of the Crystal Falls Business Association for the annual Fungus Fest including the use of the parking lot and lawn behind Plowe Furniture and the relaxation of the noise ordinance until midnight on Friday, August 10, 2007.

Motion carried.

At 5:16 p.m. the annual Budget Workshop was conducted. Manager Nordeman reviewed his "budget message" with the Council. The following items were discussed:

- The proposed 1 mill increase for fire protection
- The possibility of future mills for street improvements
- The implementation of user fees for Runkle Lake Park
- The 5 year capitol plans for the Golf Course, Public Works, Police, and Electric Departments

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- Wages and for employees
- Health care benefit for employees
- The need to reduce the dependency of the general fund on the electric fund

Mayor Hendrickson set a wage committee meeting for Tuesday, August 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Manager Nordeman advised that a Health Care Committee meeting will also take place later this week with the date and time yet to be determined.

Mayor Hendrickson set the date and time of the Public Hearing for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget to be Monday, August 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Heikkinen seconded by Mayor Hendrickson moved to adjourn this special meeting of the City Council.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Presiding Officer

Presiding Clerk