

Crystal Falls, Michigan

March 26, 2009

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall on Thursday, March 27, 2009 at 4:30 pm Central Time.

Present: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Burke, Smokeyvitch, Hagglund, and Bicigo.

Absent: None

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

Visitors in attendance were: Anthony Starr, Tim Bean, David Graff, Eric Peterson, Robert Sherwin, Deborah Kubisko, John Ahola, Leon Fabbri, Steven Fabbri, Lindsey Hawks, Judy Benda, Mark Simeoni, Emil Bicigo, Richard Smithson, Jack Stachowicz, Geri Trzeciak, Wally Trzeciak, Alex Simbob, Ted Reinke, Dan Graff, Monica Wheeler, Robert Fabbri, Tom Stachowicz, Cheryle Spicer, Dick Hendrickson, Curt Spicer, Randy Hegstrom, Dennis Mitchell, Axel Anderson, Diane Hilbert, Ray Margoni, Jeff West, Gary Hilberg, Larry Bicigo, Pete Albarello, Betty Diqui, Angelo Diqui, Dennis Bay Fabbri, Gerard Valesano, Randy Curnow, and Kelly Stankewicz.

The purpose of this special meeting was to conduct a workshop on reducing the expenditures of the City.

Mayor Hendrickson led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Nordeman explained that the City has been realizing reduced revenues from the State, i.e. Revenue Sharing, while seeing increases in health care, pension, and electric costs.

Manager Nordeman presented the City Council with a list of "Potential Expenditure Reductions" that he had compiled. The list was broke down into two sections: Reduction of Services; and Reduction of Pay/Benefits.

Following Manager Nordeman's review and explanation of his thoughts on each of the items on the expenditure reduction list Mayor Hendrickson called for comments from the City Council.

Councilor Bicigo commented on the Manager's suggestion to withdraw from the Fire Authority and to contract with the County for police protection noting that he thought that the people of the community should be allowed to vote on these issues.

Mayor Hendrickson suggested that a moratorium on travel and

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training be put in place to keep the expenditures down. She also urged all the employees to not buy anything unless they absolutely need it.

Visitors in attendance who spoke with various suggestions and insights were Alex Simbob, Marlene Bicigo, John Harrison, Kurt Spicer, Cheryle Spicer, Randy Hegstrom, Tony Starr, and David Graff.

Mayor Hendrickson thanked everyone for their comments and recommendations and noted that they would be taken under advisement. She announced that the Council will need to meet again to address the expenditure issues, however, at this time a meeting date was not set. Mayor Hendrickson advised that the City hopes to maintain as many services as it can, however, there will need to be sacrifices made to do so.

Mayor Hendrickson supported by Councilor Hagglund moved to adjourn this special meeting of the City Council.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Presiding Clerk