

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

July 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers and Bicigo

Absent: None

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

Also Present: Dan Ebert, Gerard Valesano, Dave Graff, and Bill McCarthy

Mayor Hendrickson led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Dan Ebert from WPPI updated the Council on the projected power costs and sales revenue.

There was no DDA meeting held due to summer break.

City Manager Dorothea Olson reported to the Council on the Scrap Tire Clean-up Project.

City Manager Olson reported to the Council on the 2014 Spring Clean Up.

City Manager Olson also reported to the Council the damage costs from the unusually cold winter that caused broken water lines and the City wide let run of water.

City Manager Olson continued with a report from Coleman Engineering regarding the Phase I assessment report of the Malkin Building.

City Manager Olson informed the Council that the Contemporary Center Building is for sale with REMax Reality for the amount of

\$44,500.

Dave Graff, Electric Department Supervisor spoke to the Council about the need for the use of chemicals for brush control.

Councilor Sherby supported by Councilor Schiavo moved to go ahead with use of chemicals for brush control under rural power lines.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

Electric rate increase was discussed.

Dave Graff spoke on the need for an additional lineman in the Electric Department.

City Manager Olson publicly thanked the Crystal Falls Lion's club for their donation of 4 picnic tables for the Veteran's Park by the power plant.

Councilor Bicigo supported by Councilor Sommers moved to approve the investment allocation of \$300 to the MI UP Travel and Recreation Association.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Schiavo supported by Councilor Sommers moved to participate in the third 2014 ATC Additional Capital Call for the amount of \$1,784.51.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and

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Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Olson presented a letter of resignation from Alice Clement for the Crystal Falls Community Library.

City Manager Olson announced the City Hall 100th Birthday Celebration on Friday, August 8th during sidewalk sales. There will be cake and refreshments along with City Hall tours.

The 2014-2015 Budget Hearing will be set for August 11th at 4:30 pm., before the regular City Council meeting.

Councilor Sommers moved and supported by Councilor Bicigo moved to vote for the three incumbent Trustees to the MML Workers' Comp Fund Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Bicigo supported by Councilor Sherby moved to direct City Manager Olson check references on current customers and try to get other bids within a week before purchase for the new phone system from Solutions Telecommunications in the amount of \$8,876.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Olson announced the MML Fall Convention will be in

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Marquette, MI from October 15th - 17th.

Mayor Hendrickson supported by Councilor Sherby moved to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSAL 1 ON THE AUGUST 5, 2014 BALLOT

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

WHEREAS, small business and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does – and most of those states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation and libraries; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and create more jobs while providing a stable revenue source for local communities; and

WHEREAS, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes; and

WHEREAS, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services and business have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on equipment for years; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot, will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Associations, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses and the Michigan Manufactures Association, among others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Crystal Falls hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014, ballot.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Resolution adopted.

Mayor Hendrickson supported by Councilor Sherby moved to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Crystal Falls City Council is desirous of recognizing recently retired Forest Park Varsity Football Coach, Bill Santilli, for his dedication and leadership to the Forest Park Football program, and the Crystal Falls community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the City of Crystal Falls owns and controls within its local street system, 8th Street, which extends South from the West end of Marquette Avenue to the West end of Michigan Avenue and runs adjacent to and oversees the Forest Park Football Field/practice field,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crystal Falls City Council hereby re-names 8th Street to "Santilli Way" in recognition and appreciation of Coach Bill Santilli, truly a shining example of the City's slogan, "City of Community Pride".

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo

Nays: None Absent: None

Resolution adopted.

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

1. The following reports for the month of June 2014:
 - A. Regular meeting of June 9, 2014.
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Robert Sherwin, indicating 120 complaints, of which 4 were closed by arrest, no parking ticket issued, and logging of 1,547 miles on patrol duty.
 - C. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - D. Electric Department activity report as submitted by Chief Electrician David Graff.
 - E. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted City Treasurer Tara Peltoma.
 - F. Payrolls and disbursements in the amount of \$348,456.63, and instruct the City Clerk to draw checks on the City Treasury in payment of same.

Ayes: Mayor Hendrickson, Councilors Sherby, Schiavo, Sommers, and Bicigo
Nays: None Absent: None

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Motion carried.

Councilor Sommers seconded by Councilor Schiavo moved to adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____