

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

September 9, 2019

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Willman, Anderson, and Nocerini.

Absent: None

Also, present: City Manager Gerard Valesano, Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma and City Attorney Geoff Lawrence.

Mayor McCarthy led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Anderson moved to accept the proposed revised agenda.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Willman, Anderson and Nocerini.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public comment: John Faccin addressed the Council about the City's Utility Deposit Policy and issues with people dumping unauthorized furniture at his Bristol Mine property.

City Manager, Gerard Valesano presented his manager's report.

Presentations/Discussions: City's Auditor (Scott Kenney, CPA) has accepted the Crystal Falls Township Supervisor position. Discussion on whether the City would retain his services or go to one of the other bidders proceeded.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Anderson moved to retain Scott Kenny as the City's auditor.

Ayes: None

Nays: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Willman, Anderson, Peterson, and Nocerini

Absent: None

Motion denied.

Councilor Anderson seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to offer the Audit for fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021 to Makela, Pollack &

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Ahonen, P.L.L.C. from Ironwood, MI for the amount of \$42,450.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Willman, Anderson and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy closed the regular meeting at 6:03 pm for a Public Hearing regarding the amendment of Section 6-Signs of the Zoning Ordinance.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Comment: None

Mayor McCarthy closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; Section 6 - Signs.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Willman, Anderson, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy opened bids for the City owned property extending Lots 64 and 65 of the Glendale Addition of the City of Crystal Falls (Urban Ave). One bid was received - William McCarthy for the amount of \$12.00

Mayor McCarthy closed the regular meeting at 6:05 pm for a Public Hearing regarding the sale of City owned property Lots 64 and 65 of the Glendale addition of the City of Crystal Falls on Urban Ave.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Comment: None

Mayor McCarthy closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Councilor Anderson seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve the sale of City owned property on Urban Ave. Lots 64 and 65 of the Glendale Addition of the City of Crystal Falls to William McCarthy in the amount of \$12. Mr. McCarthy will also cover all costs in the transaction.

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Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Willman, Anderson, Peterson and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

There were no bids received for the 1993 Ford L-8000 VacCon truck. Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Anderson moved to approve Resolution 19-63: Approving a 5-year service agreement with Merit Network Inc. for City Hall internet service in the amount of \$3,222.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Anderson, Willman and Nocerini.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 19-64: Approving the change order of additional charges for the Sanitary Sewer improvements performed from Logan to Wagner Streets for the amount of \$7,826.65.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Anderson, Nocerini and Willman.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Anderson seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve Resolution 19-65: Approving the City of Crystal Falls Privacy Policy

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Anderson, Nocerini, and Willman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Anderson supported by Councilor Willman moved to approve

Resolution 19-66: Approving the revisions to the City of Crystal Falls Employee Handbook.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Anderson, Nocerini, and Willman.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Anderson supported by Councilor Willman moved to approve Resolution 19-67: Approving the proposal from GEI Consultants to provide preparation and submittal services for the United States Department of Agriculture/Rural Development for sewer improvements in the amount of \$862,500.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Anderson, Nocerini, and Willman.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Anderson seconded by Councilor Willman moved to add the proposed addition to the September 3, 2019 Special meeting:

During the discussion regarding the sale of the golf course City Attorney Geoffrey Lawrence advised the City Council that he wanted to go on record that setting a price for the golf course without first obtaining an appraisal from a certified appraiser was a breach of the Council's obligation to exercise due diligence when setting a price for the golf course.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Willman, Anderson, Peterson, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

1. The following reports for the month of August and September 2019:
 - A. Regular meeting minutes from August 12, 2019
 - B. Budget Hearing minutes from August 12, 2019

- C. Special meeting minutes from September 3, 2019 with the additional statement from Attorney Geoffrey Lawrence
- D. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean, indicating 118 complaints, of which 2 were closed by arrest, 0 parking tickets, and logging of 1095 miles on patrol duty.
- E. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
- F. Electric Department activity report as submitted by Chief Electrician David Graff.
- G. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.

- 2. Payrolls and disbursements in the amount of \$638,277.07 be approved, and instruct the City Clerk to draw checks on the City Treasury in payment of same.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Anderson, Nocerini and Willman.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Attorney Geoffrey Lawrence apologized for the viewed personal statements made regarding the golf course at the September 3, 2019, meeting. Mr. Lawrence is a City resident and will approach the podium for future comments.

Mayor McCarthy adjourned this meeting at 6:18 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____