

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

November 9, 2020

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held via RingCentral (virtually) on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. Central Time.

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

Absent: None

Also, present: City Manager Gerard Valesano, Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma and City Attorney Daryl R. Waters.

Mayor McCarthy led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McCarthy congratulated Councilors Nocerini and Kudwa on being elected and is looking forward to work with them.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to nominate Councilor Peterson for the Mayor Pro-tem.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Kudwa, Willman, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Abstained: Councilor Peterson

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy will postpone the appointments of the Council members to the City Boards and Committees until the Council can meet face to face. Mayor McCarthy will assume the vacated assignments until that time.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to accept the proposed agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Public comment: Mark Bromley introduced himself as the new ICECA director.

Barbara Luck representing the CFBA spoke on the Hometown Christmas parade and possible fireworks. After the CFBA meets, Barbara will speak with City Manager Gerard.

Mayor McCarthy publicly announced what a wonderful job Barbara is doing with the CFBA (Crystal Falls Business Association).

Councilor Peterson congratulated Barbara on the success of the Halloween Trick or Treat with the businesses on Superior Ave.

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

Presentations: City Manager Valesano updated the Council on the Rural Development Sanitary Sewer Improvements. The City is currently working on new sewer agreement with Crystal Falls Township.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Willman motioned to set a public hearing on December 14th for the sale of Parcel "A" in the industrial zoned property at the end of Cloverland Drive (snow dump). Minimum bid is \$25,000 for the 2-acre parcel.

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

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Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Kudwa motioned to give the all the full-time employees a cost of living increase of 2% effective December 1, 2020.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Peterson, Kudwa, and Nocerini

Nays: Councilor Willman

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Mayor McCarthy motioned to increase City Manager Gerard Valesano's salary by an additional \$2,000.

Ayes: Mayor Mike McCarthy, Councilors Kudwa, and Nocerini

Nays: Councilor Willman

Abstained: Councilor Peterson

Motion carried.

Public Hearing: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Nocerini motioned to approve Resolution 20-46: Approving Employee Holiday Bonuses (\$100 for full time employees and \$60 for active part-time employees).

Ayes: Councilors Willman and Peterson

Nays: Mayor McCarthy and Councilors Kudwa and Nocerini

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Absent: None

Motion failed.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa motioned to approve Resolution 20-46: Approving Employee Holiday Bonuses (\$250 for all active full-time and part-time employees).

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy and Councilors Kudwa and Nocerini

Nays: Councilors Peterson and Willman

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 20-47: Approving the Write-off of Uncollectable Utility Funds in the amount of \$7,349.41.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 20-48: Approving Electronically Held meetings of the City Council.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 20-49: Approving the authorization for the City Manager to sign the Municipal Employees' Retirement System Adoption Agreement Addendum.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 20-50: Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City budget to meet the end of year expenditures.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

1. The following reports for the month of October 2020:
 - A. Regular meeting minutes from October 12, 2020
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean, indicating 86 complaints, of which 6 were closed by arrest, 0 parking tickets, and logging of

508 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 by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.

(Payroll and disbursements will be approved once Council meets in person)

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Willman reported that the Ski Hill meeting was cancelled so she does not have any updates yet.

Mick Valesano, electric journeyman has accepted another position with UPPCO and will be leaving the City at the end of November.

Mick is wished the best of luck!

Mayor McCarthy and the City of Crystal Falls Council wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mayor McCarthy adjourned this meeting at 6:29 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____