

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

July 18, 2022

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on June 18, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

City Manager Valesano presented his manager's report.

Councilor Willman supported by Councilor Kudwa moved to accept with regret the resignation of Helen Barnett from the Library Board effective June 30, 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson supported by Councilor Nocerini moved to accept the bid for auditing services to Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, P.L.L.C. for 3 years in the amount of \$54,450.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini supported by Councilor Willman moved to approve the Sewer Bond Ordinance No. 5.06.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Kudwa supported by Councilor Nocerini moved to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer sign and accept the Sewer Grant agreement.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting at 5:17 pm to conduct a Public Hearing regarding a variance request from Chester E. Pintarelli to construct a garage on lots 165 & 166 along Forest Ave., across the street from his residence located at 612 Forest Ave.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Comment: Councilor Willman noted that Mr. Pintarelli maintains his currently property well and Councilor Kudwa commented the new construction is always a good thing.

Mayor McCarthy closed the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Willman moved to grant the variance

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request to Chester E. Pintarelli to construct a garage on lots 165 & 166 along Forest Ave.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 22-26: Approving to "Opt In" with the provisions of Public Act 95 of 2013 (Low Income energy Assistance Fund) for 2022-2023.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Peterson moved to approve Resolution 22-27: Approving the City's third quarter budget amendments.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 22-28: Approving a date and time for the Budget Hearing of August 15, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Nays: None

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Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 22-29: Approving the change to Article 19 of the City Employee's group (CEG): an employee must reside within 20 miles from the City boundary to: an employee must reside within 30 miles from the City boundary.

Ayes: Councilor Willman

Nays: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Kudwa, Peterson and Nocerini

Absent: None

Motion failed.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 22-29: Approving the change to Article 19 of the City Employee's group (CEG): an employee must reside within 20 miles from the City boundary to: an employee must reside within 40 miles from the City boundary.

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 22-30: Approving the submittal of the Application for Waiver for the Defined Benefit Pension Retirement System for compliance with Michigan Public Act 202 of 2017.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 22-31: Approving the City of Crystal Falls vote for Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve Resolution 22-32: Approving the submittal of the Application for Waiver for the Retirement Health Benefit System.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Peterson moved to approve Resolution 22-33: Approving rates for the City of Crystal Falls electric customers.

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 22-34: Approving the awarding of the Crystal Falls Sewer Improvements Project Construction Contract Bid to FA Industrial in the amount of \$7,191,578.45.

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

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Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

City Manager Valesano reminded the Council that is approval is pending certain conditions.

Councilor Nocerini spoke on his appreciation for the efforts of GEI getting this done.

Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 22-35: Approving and providing the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, construction, enlarging, improving, and or extending its wastewater improvements.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

1. The following reports for the month of June 2022:
 - A. Regular meeting minutes from June 20, 2022.
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean, indicating 112 complaints, of which 4 were closed by arrest, 0 parking tickets, and logging of 668 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.
 - F. Payroll and Disbursements from June 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilors Kudwa and Nocerini commented on how well the Runkle Lake campground hosts are doing and the good job the electrical department did on the upgrades to the electrical.

Mayor McCarthy adjourned this meeting at 6:34 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____