

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

June 20, 2022

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on June 20, 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 Willman 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: Randy Hegstrom expressed his disapproval of the Act 33 special assessment adding 2.75 mills to the winter taxes. He was confused on the amount that would increase. It was explained to him that the current 1.5 mills would be taken off and replaced with the 2.75 mills. He was encouraged to come see the Treasurer, Peltoma for a copy of the budget explained to him.

Mark Bromley announced that the planters on Superior Ave have all been painted and planted (by Mrs. Bromley). The council all agreed that they look great!

Mr. Robert Otto Sr. spoke regarding the increase in his taxes. He asked about why it was needed. It was explained that half the cost of the fire protection from Crystal Falls Township has been taken out of the general

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fund and that people need to pay for fire protection based on what their property is worth.

Zach Hautala from the ICEA (Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance) announced that Mark Bromley is stepping down and to Zach he has been a mentor and always an encouragement. Zach also announced that the City's own Deputy Clerk, Brett Smithson will be joining the ICECA.

Adam Schiavo presented the informational flyer for the annual DARE tournament on August 6th at the Crystal View Golf Course.

Eric Moon wanted to know the status of the unlicensed cars in the City and what is being done about it. Chief Bean answered that the current Ordinances need to be looked at and changed to be more effective.

City Manager Valesano presented his manager's report.

City Manager Valesano reported on the status of the sewer project and that he is looking into ways to remedy the fact that the bids came in around 2 million dollars over budget.

Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting to conduct a Public Hearing regarding Act 33 City of Crystal Falls Fire Protection Special Assessment at 5:22 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Comment: Councilor Willman explained that this special assessment needs to be done every year and it could change. Councilor Peterson said that it is only right that residents pay for what their property is worth. Councilor Kudwa commented that people are paying for their fire protection which is needed especially if there is a fire.

City Manager Valesano explained that the Act 33 special assessment is needed because the City currently does not have enough industry to support

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the general fund.

Mayor McCarthy closed the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Peterson seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 22-22: Approving the Write-off of uncollectible accounts receivables in the amount of \$602.77 (all were from unpaid grass cutting done by the City public works department).

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve Resolution 22-23: Approving assessed costs for Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, for fire protection from the Crystal Falls Township in the amount of 2.75 mills.

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 22-24: Approving a daily permit fee of \$25 to Ordinance 3.08 Food trucks within the City of Crystal Falls.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Motion carried.

Councilor Willman seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 22-25: Approving an alternate (Rayven Jacobson) for the \$1,000 WPPI Scholarship.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

1. The following reports for the month of May 2022:
 - A. Regular meeting minutes from May 16, 2022.
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean, indicating 70 complaints, of which 1 was closed by arrest, 0 parking tickets, and logging of 930 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 May 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

PRESIDING OFFICER _____