

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

May 8, 2023

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on May 8, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Kudwa, Cudnohufsky, Hautala, and Nocerini.

Absent: None

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

Mayor McCarthy led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve the revised agenda.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Evelyn Gathu, Director for the Crystal Falls District Library recommended Robert Surface for the library board.

City Manager Valesano presented his manager's report.

Presentations:

Two bids were opened to purchase city owned land.

David and Kathy Butts - Parcel #1 bid \$400 (minimum bid set by assessor was \$400) - Legal description - Part of RR r/w beginning at the intersection of the South r/w line and the Northwest corner of Lot 152 JB Schwartz 1st addition to city then North 105 feet m/l to the North r/w line of said RR then Southeasterly along r/w line 340 feet m/l to center line of alley lying East of Lots 137 & 138 of JB Schwartz 1st addition then South 51 feet m/l to center line of RR, then Northwesterly 71 feet m/l to the Northly extension of the West line of the E 1/2 of lot 138, JB Schwartz addition then South 52 feet Northly along said line to South r/w line then Northwesterly along South r/w line 359 feet m/l to POB.

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Dana Bennett - Parcel #3 bid \$201 (minimum bid set by assessor was \$200)

- Legal description - part of former RR r/w of Menominee River RR located in N ½ of SE 1/4 beginning on East r/w line at SW corner of Lot 56 of JB Schwartz 1st addition to City of Crystal Falls, then West 50 feet m/l to center line said RR, then Southerly along center line to a point 190 feet South of West extension of South line of Lot 56, then East 50 feet m/l to East r/w of said RR, then Northerly parallel to and 50 feet from center line along r/w to POB.



Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to sell Parcel #1 to David J. and Catherine A. Butts for the amount of \$400 plus costs incurred (registering and cost of deed).

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Hautala moved to sell Parcel #3

to Dana Bennett for the amount of \$201 plus costs incurred (registering and cost of deed).

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Hearings:

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267, Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting at 5:14 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Special Assessment District millage rate for fire protection.

Joanne Burns which has a rental property at 1121 Popular Street expressed her concern with an increase in the fire protection on her property taxes. Mayor McCarthy suggested she contact Clerk/Treasurer Peltoma to get an estimated amount.

Mayor McCarthy closed the Public Hearing at 5:17 p.m.

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267, Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting at 5:17 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Adoption of a final project planning document for Water System Improvements and Designating and Authorized Project Representative for Wagner Street and Fairbanks Road areas.

Public Comment:

Kevin Trevilian and Gary Lessard representing Coleman Engineering presented a brief overview of the lead service replacement project along Wagner Street and Fairbanks Road. Costs are estimated at \$6,000,000. Once the paperwork is submitted to EGLE, notification will come around August or September for funding. Council at that time can discuss and

decide on options.

No other public comment.

Mayor McCarthy closed the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 23-18: Approving Robert Surface for an appointment to the Crystal Falls District Community Library Board. His term will expire December 31, 2023.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 23-19: Approving to award WPPI grant funds:

High School Scholarship - Sam McKissack - \$1,000
Forest Park Alcohol Free Senior Party - \$500
Crystal Falls Contemporary Center - \$250
Forest Park Bank Boosters - \$250
Lorraine Siler - Pickelball Set - \$250
Forest Park BPA - \$500
Crystal Falls District Library - \$500
Crystal Theatre - \$250

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 23-20: Approving the write-off of uncollectable utility funds due to foreclosure and to have City Manager Valesano proceed if feasible for court action against property owners.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

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Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 23-21: Approving the tenth draw payments to FA Industrial Services, Inc. (\$189,650.40) and GEI Consultants of Michigan, PC (\$24,587.07)

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 23-22: Approving final project documents for water system improvements and designating an authorized project representative.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 23-23: Approving appointments to the Crystal Falls Planning Commission (Mark Ahola and Travis Cudnohufsky) of which terms will end on April 30, 2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Councilor Cudnohufsky

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Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 23-24: Approving amendment to owner-engineer agreement No. 1 with GEI Consultants, PC of Michigan.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve Resolution 23-25: Approving the Special assessment levy for fire protection costs and expenses in the amount of \$76,783, which will be spread against the district in the regular tax roll in the estimated levy amount of 2.75 mills.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Kudwa 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 April 2023:
 - A. Regular meeting minutes from April 10, 2023
 - B. Special meeting minutes from April 14, 2023
 - C. Police Department activity as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean.
 - D. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - E. Electric Department activity report as submitted by Chief

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Electrician David Graff.

F. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer
Tara Peltoma.

G. Payroll and Disbursements from April 2023.

H. Treasurer's quarterly investment report.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and

Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy adjourned this meeting at 5:33 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____