

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

December 11, 2023

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on December 11, 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 Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve the revised agenda as proposed.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Barbara Luck representing the Crystal Falls Business Association asked if the City sells the parking lot across from the Crystal Steel House and behind Ben Franklin, what would the back-up plan be? She indicated the City needs parking and the parking lot behind her store on Crystal Ave needs to be repaired. The \$2,000 that is expected to get for the parking lot will not be enough to create another one or to fix the parking on Crystal Ave.

City Manager Valesano presented his manager's report.

Presentations: Bid received for vacant lot on 424 South Fifth Street from Bethany Leonard in the amount of \$950. Assessors minimum bid is set at \$950.

Public Hearings:

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267, Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting at 5:09 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the sale of a city owned parking lot behind Ben Franklin and across the street from Crystal Steel House.

Public Comment: Randy Peterson representing the Crystal Steel House reported that he believes it could be a safety issue with his materials placed in the parking lot and if he owned the parking lot, he would not have a problem with the public parking after hours and weekends.

Councilor Comment: Zach asked if the City does much maintenance on the lot. City Manager Valesano replied that Randy Peterson does the snow maintenance in the winter because by the time the City gets to the parking lot to plow it, the employees are already parked and it is not possible to plow with the vehicles in the way.

Mayor McCarthy closed Public Hearing at 5:11 p.m.

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to set a public hearing for the recommendation from the City Planning Commission to change zoning for new building lots along Wagner Street from Residential - 4 to Residential - 2 at the next regular Council meeting on January 8th.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Kudwa moved to approve the bid from Crystal Steel House in the amount of \$2,000 for the parking lot across

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the street and behind Ben Franklin on 3rd Street.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Kudwa seconded by Councilor Hautala moved to approve Resolution 23-61: Approving an employer sponsored life insurance policy for all fulltime City employees.

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 23-62: Approving to comply with the provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the City's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for 2024.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 23-63: Approving the seventeenth draw payments for the lagoon/sewer lift station to FA Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount

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of \$456,177.76 (\$315,960.05 paid out of USDA project funds and \$140,217.71 coming from the Substantial Public health Risk grant funds) and GEI Consultants, PC of Michigan in the amount of \$20,743.65. Also, change order No. 8.

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 23-64: Approving a \$25 compensation for each meeting of attendance for the City Planning Commission Members.

Ayes: Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, and Nocerini

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Mayor McCarthy

Motion carried.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 23-65: Approving a bid for vacant City property, Parcel #052-180-130-00, located at 424 South Fifth Street.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Kudwa, Hautala, 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 November 2023:
 - A. Regular meeting from November 13, 2023

- B. Police Department activity as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean.
- 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 and Expense Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.
- F. Payroll and Disbursements from November 2023 as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Hautala commented the he witnessed City Manager Valesano and Public Works employee Rod Nylund helping a resident stuck in the snow on a weekend. He wanted to commend them on a good job.

Mayor McCarthy adjourned this meeting at 5:23 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____