

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

May 13, 2024

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on May 13, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

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

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

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 Cudnohufsky moved to approve the agenda as proposed and excuse Councilor Kudwa.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Sue Alexa asked the council why there is a sign-up sheet for attendance for the meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Peltoma responded that she does not know everyone that comes to the meetings and the sign-up sheet is very helpful when writing the minutes.

Floyd Bowman shared his opposition to the live trapping of feral cats in the city.

Rob Damske defended his position on trapping the feral cats.

Mayor McCarthy referred to the Ordinance 2.07 Animal Nuisance. A citizen needs to keep their pets off of other citizen's property. There is also a limit of 4 domestic animals in residential areas.

Rob Damske was asked to leave the meeting by Mayor McCarthy.

Barbara Luck commented that it is not ok to let feral cats run around. She feels it is cruel. They should be cared for.

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James Danske contributed the he has trail cameras set up at his residence and he sees multiple cats at night rooming around. The area smells of cat urine and the cats are using children's sandboxes. There is a problem he feels and the humane thing to do is live trap them and bring them to the animal shelter.

Michelle Smokevitch stated she is unaware of any program that will spay/neuter cats at no cost. She provides for a cat at the Harbour House that was a stray. She also believes there is a problem with too many cats rooming around at night.

City Manager Valesano presented his manager's report.

Presentations:

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Hautala moved to set a Public Hearing regarding the potential grant funds for the sidewalk area from Wagner Street, Fairbanks Road, and North Sixth Street for Monday, June 3rd at 8 a.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Public Hearings:

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267, Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting at 5:28 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding Act 33 Special Assessment for Fire protection.

Public Comment: None

Councilor Comment: None

Mayor McCarthy closed Public Hearing at 5:28 p.m.

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Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 24-18: Approving Special Assessment Pursuant to Act 33 Public Act of Michigan 1951.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 24-19: Approval to award WPPI grant funds.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Councilor Nocerini seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 24-20: Approving the City's second quarter budget amendments.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 24-21: Approving the 22nd draw payments to FA Industrial Services, Inc. (\$21,643.38) being paid out of USDA project funds and GEI Consultants of Michigan, PC (\$2,467.00) being paid out of the

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Substantial Public Health Risk (SPHR) grant funds. Also approving change order #10.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Hautala moved to approve Resolution 24-22: Approving appointment of James Nocerini Sr. to the Crystal Falls Planning Commission. Term expires April 30, 2027.

Ayes: Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Cudnohufsky and Hautala.

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Abstained: Councilor Nocerini

Motion carried.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 24-23: A resolution to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for the resurfacing of Erie Avenue, Floodstrand Road, Fairbanks Road, Water Street, Wisconsin Avenue, South 7th street, Runkle Lake Road, S. 6th Street, Rock Crusher Road, and N 6th Street funded by the Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B program.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

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Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Nocerini moved to approve Resolution 24-24: Authorizing publication of notice to issue bonds and declaration of intent to reimburse (2024 Capital Improvement Bonds).

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

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

1. The following reports for the month of April 2024:
 - A. Regular meeting from April 8, 2024
 - B. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - C. Electric Department activity report as submitted by Electric Supervisor David Graff.
 - D. Treasurer's Revenue and Expense Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.
 - E. Payroll and Disbursements from April 2024 as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.
 - F. Quarterly Investment Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilor Kudwa

Motion carried.

Mayor McCarthy adjourned this meeting at 5:48 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____