

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

December 9, 2024

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on December 9, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor Tim Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki.

Absent: None

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

Mayor Bean led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the proposed agenda.

Ayes: Mayor Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

City Manager Valesano presented the City Manager's report.

Presentations: Mayor Bean presented a proclamation honoring and recognizing the 2024 MHSAA Division 2, 8-player football state champion Crystal Falls Forest Park Trojans.

Public Hearings:

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267, Mayor Bean closed regular meeting at 5:08 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding raising offense costs of Ordinances.

Mayor Bean resumed regular meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Councilor Maki seconded by Councilor Hautala moved to increase all Ordinance Fines that contain \$50 first offense, \$150 second offense, and

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\$250 third offense to \$100 first offense, \$250 second offense, and \$500 third offense. Affected Ordinances are:

Ordinance No. 2 Designating Certain Actions to be Public Nuisances

Ordinance No. 2.02 Establish what Constitutes Disorderly Conduct

Ordinance No. 2.03 Regulate Open Storage of Disable Automobile and Repair

Ordinance No. 2.07 Animal Nuisance

Ordinance No. 2.08 Prohibiting Solicitation of Business on Private Property

Ordinance No. 2.09 Prohibiting Electrical Interference with Radio Reception and Providing for Punishment for the Violation Thereof

Ordinance No. 2.15 Prevent Excessive Sound which may Jeopardize the Health and Welfare of the Citizens of this Community or Degrade the Quality of Life and to Establish Appropriate Standards for Regulation of Sound Producing Activities

Ordinance No. 2.18 Prevent, Reduce, or Eliminate Blight, Blighting Factors or Causes of Blight, within the City of Crystal Falls; to Provide for the Enforcement Hereof; and to Provide Penalties for the Violation Hereof

Ordinance No. 2.19 Provide for the Removal of Snow from Public Sidewalks on Superior Avenue

Ordinance No. 2.20 Prohibit the Feeding of Deer within the City of Crystal Falls

Ordinance No. 2.21 Regulate the Use and Operation of Off-Road Vehicles (ORV'S) within the City of Crystal Falls

Ordinance No. 2.22 Regulate the Installation and use of Outdoor Furnaces Designed for Structure Heat

Ordinance No. 2.25 Keeping of Chickens within the City of Crystal Falls

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Ordinance No. 2.35 Regulate Noxious Weeds and Tall Grass and to Provide Penalties for Violations

Ordinance No. 3.03 Prohibit the Use of Vehicles on City Property in the City of Crystal Falls

Ordinance No. 3.04 Truck Permit for City Streets

Ordinance No. 3.05 Relative to Obstructions on the Public Streets

Ordinance No. 3.06 License and Regulate Taxicabs and Automobiles for Hire within the City of Crystal Falls

Ayes: Mayor Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267, Mayor McCarthy closed regular meeting at 5:14 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the elimination of Section 2 of City Ordinance 2.07.

Mayor Bean resumed regular meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to eliminate Section 2 of City Ordinance No. 2.07 *No proceeds shall be instituted to enforce this ordinance unless a complaint is signed by at least two (2) adult persons of different households and who are not related, and investigated by the City of Crystal Falls Police Department.*

Ayes: Mayor Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to set a Public

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Hearing for the regular meeting on January 13, 2025 at 5 pm to increase the fine for Parking Tickets.

Ayes: Mayor Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Hautala moved to approve Resolution 24-52: Approving to Comply with the Provision of Public Act 152 of 2011 by Exercising the City's Right to Exempt Itself from the Requirement of the Act for 2025.

Ayes: Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Hautala seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 24-53: Approving the appointment of Scott Laurie to the Crystal Falls District Library Board.

Ayes: Mayor Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

1. The following reports for the month of November 2024:
 - A. Regular meeting from November 13, 2024
 - B. Treasurer activity report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma
 - C. Police Department report as submitted by Sgt. Brian Zelakiewicz
 - D. Electric Department activity report as submitted by Chief Electrician David Graff.
 - E. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - F. Assessor's report as submitted by Assessor Tammy Hendrickson
 - G. Payroll and Disbursements as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.

Ayes: Mayor Bean, Councilors Cudnohufsky, Smith, Hautala, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Happy Holidays!

Mayor Bean adjourned this meeting at 5:28 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____