

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

August 11, 2025

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on August 11, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

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

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 revised agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Pursuant to OMA 15.268(e), Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to go into closed session for the purpose of consulting with attorney regarding the attorney's opinion at 5:01 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 5:20 p.m.

Public Comment: Tammy Hendrickson, City Assessor gave a report that because of the new road Valesano Way, the residents that live in the Western location will not have their property taxes increased. She explained that the only time your taxes will increase is for state mandated inflation or if you add an improvement.

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Randy Curnow from 104 Fairbanks Road spoke on the safety issue with the confusion of Fairbanks Road and Fairbanks Drive. He said that the ambulance has gotten lost because of the similar names.

Barbara Luck spoke regarding the new road Valesano Way is a good thing, but that the council should listen to the public.

Barbara Webb handed out papers that described the history of the airport that closed around 1963.

Mike McCarthy spoke on the history of the Valesano family and their contributions to the City of Crystal Falls.

Jill Curnow asked the council to listen to the elderly in the community and not to forget some of the history in the City of Crystal Falls.

City Manager Valesano presented the City Manager's report.

Presentations:

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to change the September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting to September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Property Bid:

Sandy Peterson bid on City owned property along Fairbanks Road. A bid in the amount of \$8,500 was received. Minimum bid set by the Assessor, Tammy Hendrikson is \$8,500.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve bid from the Sandy Peterson in the amount of \$8,500 plus \$130 for recording/deed preparation for Parcel 3 along Fairbanks Drive. Legal

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**description:** *Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 20 marked by a concrete monument; thence S 00°20'43" E along the East boundary line of the NE ¼ - SE ¼ a distance of 800.29 feet to a rebar pin located on the South right-of-way line of Fairbanks Road; thence N 85°15'45" W along the South right-of-way line of Fairbanks Road a distance of 178.17 feet to a P.I.; thence N 87°42'32" W a distance of 30.47 feet to a rebar pin; thence continuing N 87°42'32" W a distance of 115.24 feet to a P.I.; thence S 86°36'57" W a distance of 96.16 feet to a rebar pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 00°20'43" E and parallel to the East boundary line of the NE ¼ - SE ¼ a distance of 537.36 feet to a rebar pin located on the South boundary line of said forty; thence S 89°40'15" W along the South boundary line of the NE ¼ - SE ¼ a distance of 297.18 feet to a rebar pin; thence N 00°20'43" W a distance of 331.96 feet to a plat concrete monument; thence N 42°32'05" E a distance of 120.98 feet to a rebar pin; thence N 05°00'52" E a distance of 105.67 feet to a rebar pin located on the South right-of-way line of Fairbanks Road; thence N 86°27'01" E along the South right-of-way line of Fairbanks Road and the South boundary line of the Assessor's Plat of Fairbanks a distance of 196.28 feet to a plat concrete monument; thence N 86°36'57" E a distance of 9.03 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 3.32 acres of land.*

The deed will have a stipulation that construction of a new home must start within 2 years and must be occupied within 4 years.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Hearings: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-37: Approving the annual budget and millage rates for the City of Crystal Falls for the 2025-2026 budget year.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Fabbri seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 25-38: Approving the 26<sup>th</sup> draw payments of \$37,898.

GEI Consultants of MI - \$1,545.36

Crystal Steel House - \$3,355.00

Energetics Process Control - \$8,184.14

Crane Engineering - \$ \$18,040.00

City of Crystal Falls Administrative work - \$6,773.63

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Cudnohufsky moved to approve Resolution 25-39: Approving a 3-year contract that will provide residential garbage and recycling services within the City of Crystal Falls to GFL (Green for Life).

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-40: Approving and authorizing Ahonen & Tregembo, PLLC auditing services for the fiscal years ending September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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

Nays: None

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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 July 2025:
  - A. Regular meeting from July 14, 2025
  - B. Treasurer activity report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma
  - C. Police Department report as submitted by Chief Brian Zelakiewicz
  - D. Electric Department activity report submitted by Electrical Supervisor David Graff
  - E. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Robert Fabbri
  - 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, Fabbri, Smith, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Fabbri reported on the 911 Advisory Board meeting. RFPs were sent out and on September 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting to discuss the proposals from Marquette, Dickinson, and Negaunee townships for dispatch services. If the county decides to accept any of the RFPs, it would affect 6 full-time jobs.

Councilor Cudnohufsky explained that he was the councilor that motioned to name the new road in the western Valesano Way and gave reasons why and what the Valesano's have done for the Crystal Falls community. He also stated that the apartment complex is really needed. Nurses are

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staying at campgrounds in the area because there is no housing available.

Councilor Smith offered to extend Valesano Way to Fairbanks Drive to alleviate the safety concerns regarding the Fairbanks Road and Fairbanks Drive.

Mayor Bean adjourned this meeting at 5:51 p.m.

*PRESIDING OFFICER* \_\_\_\_\_

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