July 14, 2025

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on July 14, 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 Fabbri seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve the proposed agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Barbara Webb, Sue Wheeler, Ken Lamprecht, Emily Wickerham, David Wickerham, and Ian Vassar announced their disappointment in the new lots to the west of new road Valesano Way with no buffer which they said they were told they would have. Also, they were displeased with the prohibition to purchase the lots that are east of their homes without the clause that there has to be a home built within 2 years.

City Manager Valesano presented the City Manager's report.

Presentations:

City Manager announced that Tara Peltoma, Clerk/Treasurer has been named to the 2025 National Municipal Clerks Honor Roll.

Property Bid:

Iron County would like to purchase property near the ski hill for a garage.

A bid in the amount of \$6,000 was received. Minimum bid set by the Assessor, Tammy Hendrikson is \$5,200.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve bid from the Iron County sheriff's department in the amount of \$6,000 plus the cost of a survey and \$130 for recording/deed preparation.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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Public Hearings: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-30: Approving the City of Crystal Falls vote for Michigan Municipals League Workers Compensation Fund. Two appointees have agreed to seek election to their first term. Deborah Stuart, City Manager of Mason City, and Craig Stolsonburg, Village Manager of the Village of Middleville. Two candidates seek re-election for second and forth terms. Brian Boggs, City Council member of the City of Durand is seeking re-election to his second term. Maureen Donker, Mayor of the City of Midland is seeking re-election to her fourth term. All are running unopposed.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Smith moved to close regular session and move into closed session Pursuant to OMA 15.268 Sec. 8

(c) for the purpose of CEG and IBEW union contracts discussion at 5:35 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 5:38 p.m.

Councilor Fabbri seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution 25-31: Approving, Authorizing, and Directing the Mayor and City manager to sign the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreements with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 906 and the City Employees Association.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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Councilor Fabbri seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-32: Approving the application for a local governing body charitable gaming license for the Crystal Falls Musicale.

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 25-33: Approving the City's third quarter budget amendments.

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 25-34: Approving date and time for Budget Hearing of August 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Cudnohufsky seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-35: Approving the twenty fifth draw to GEI Consultants of MI, PC for City Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$508.25.

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 25-36: A resolution honoring retired department of Public Works foreman, Kelly Stankewicz.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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

- 1. The following reports for the month of June 2025:
 - A. Regular meeting from June 9, 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
 - $\begin{tabular}{ll} {\tt G.} & {\tt Payroll} & {\tt and} & {\tt Disbursements} & {\tt as} & {\tt submitted} & {\tt by} & {\tt Clerk/Treasurer} \\ & {\tt Tara} & {\tt Peltoma} \\ \end{tabular}$

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to close regular session and move into closed session Pursuant to OMA 15.268 Sec. 8 (c) for the purpose of City Manager and Clerk/Treasurer contract discussion at 5:48 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Bean read out loud a Thank you letter from Ms. Wollard for use of the ballfield for her graduation party.

Mayor Bean adjourned this meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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