

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

September 15, 2025

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the City Council Chambers on September 15, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Travis Cudnohufsky, Councilors Fabbri, Smith, and Maki.

Absent: Mayor Bean

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

Mayor Pro Tem Cudnohufsky led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Fabbri moved to approve the proposed agenda and excuse Mayor Bean.

Ayes: Mayor pro-tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Public Comment: Rick Herman presented a hand-out regarding the need to have a homeless shelter and or ideas on how to deal with the growing number of homeless in the Iron County area.

City Manager Valesano presented the City Manager's report.

Presentations:

Pursuant to OMA of 1976 PA 267 15.268 Section (e) Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to go to closed session at 5:11 p.m. to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

Ayes: Mayor pro-tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

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Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 5:23 p.m.

Councilor Maki seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve a public hearing at the next regular meeting on October 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to revise Ordinance NO. 4 Zoning for an addition of gas stations under permitted use within the Industrial-1 District, allow storage sheds with special use within Residential-4, and amend city Ordinance No 1.10 Real Estate Ordinance.

Ayes: Mayor pro-tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Maki and Fabbri

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-41: Approving the City's 4th quarter budget amendments.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Fabbri, Smith and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Fabbri seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution 25-42: Approving revisions to the City of Crystal Falls Employee Handbook.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

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Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-43: Approving a third draw payment to Danielson Contracting, Inc. and Change Order No. 3 credit to the City.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Fabbri seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution 25-44: Approving changes to MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Smith seconded by Councilor Maki moved to approve Resolution 25-45: Approving the purchase of a 2025 306-07 Caterpillar Excavator in the amount of \$114,250 in next fiscal year's budget.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Maki seconded by Councilor Fabbri moved to approve Resolution 25-46: Approving the City of Crystal Falls vote for members of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

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Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Maki seconded by Councilor Smith moved to approve Resolution 25-47: Approving change order No. 1 for contract 1 and change order No. 2 for contract 2 submitted by Bacco Construction Company for street improvements.

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

Councilor Fabbri 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 August 2025:
 - A. Regular meeting and Budget Hearing on August 11, 2025
 - B. Special meeting from August 14, 2025
 - C. Treasurer activity report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma
 - D. Police Department report as submitted by Sgt. Brian Zelakiewicz
 - E. Electric Department activity report was not submitted by Electrical Supervisor David Graff
 - F. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz
 - G. Assessor's report as submitted by Assessor Tammy Hendrickson
 - H. Payroll and Disbursements as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma

Ayes: Mayor pro tem Cudnohufsky, Councilors Smith, Fabbri, and Maki

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Bean

Motion carried.

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Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky read a thank you note from Kara and Bobby Woollard for the use of Runkle Lake ballfield for a softball tournament in August.

Mayor Pro tem Cudnohufsky adjourned this meeting at 5:31 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____