



**SPECIAL MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 25th, 2018

7:00 p.m. Meeting

**Cedar Springs City Hall
66 S. Main St.
Cedar Springs, Michigan**

1. **Conley** called the meeting to Order at 7:02pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Mrs. Lisa Atchison	<u>Present</u>
	Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem	<u>Present</u>
	Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>7:06pm</u>
	Mr. Perry Hopkins	<u>Present</u>
	Mrs. Molly Nixon	<u>Excused</u>
	Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
	Mr. Gerald Hall, Mayor	<u>Excused</u>

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

The Council welcomes and encourages the public to speak during the public comment and public hearing portions of the agenda. However, Council policy is to hear the public comment, not to act on the public comment at this time. Concerns brought before the Council during the Public Comment portion of the agenda will be referred to the City Manager for action. If, after communicating with the City Manager, no resolution is reached, the concern will be elevated to the Mayor and then eventually to the Council for action.

Those citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda items will be allowed a maximum of four minutes each to address their concerns. This is the only time during the Council meeting that citizens are allowed to address the Council. Please state your name and address for the record.

None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

A. None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Hopkins** supported by **Atchison** to approve the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

4-0

Motion Carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmembers may request that any or all items be removed from the Consent Agenda. A motion is then in order to adopt all items not removed from the Consent Agenda. Requesting the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda is a prerogative afforded each councilmember and does not require the support of other councilmembers.

N/A.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. None.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Capital Improvement Plan 2017-2028

Fire Department- A regional grant was submitted for new SBCA equipment. The decision of who received the grant will likely come in late fall/early winter. In 3-5 years the current equipment will become unserviceable. The grant match would be approximately \$10,000.

General Fund- GO Bonds will be paid off in 2020 and will allow for approximately \$23,000 for other projects that will require bonds. **Powell** was under the impression that the older banners would still be used if they were in good shape. She stated she thought the banners would be alternating light poles if there weren't enough. She also stated that Amway might have some grants available for park equipment.

Major Street Fund- **Womack** stated that funds will be sought for the Main Street Bridge, White Pine Trail Bridge, and Cherry Street Bridge. **Falcon** proposed to earmark

\$40,000, \$45,000, and \$50,000 for the next 3 fiscal years of ACT 51 funds in Major Street fund for bridge repair instead of transferring to local street fund each year

Local Street Fund- **Conley** inquired if there could be a millage for city residents. **Womack** stated that he hopes to see West street extension and the industrial park coming soon. He hopes the added tax revenue can be used for some of the needed road repairs. He also stated that he hopes to cover some of the expense of the West Street expansion with the sale of the 50 acres and to apply for a 50% EDA grant.

Sidewalk Fund- \$27,000 needs to be spent in the next 3 years. Planned projects include: ADA Sidewalks and a Pocket Park at City Hall.

Motor Pool Fund- Planning to pull \$100,00 from the fund balance and to finance the remaining \$80,000 for the new Peterbuilt Plow truck.

Sewer Fund- Slowly making needed repairs. The sewer is a long term project that will continuously need repair.

Water Fund-**Womack** stated that AI has been working towards finishing installing the first round of the new water meters. He would like the council to consider accelerating the water meter replacement schedule. **Falcon** reported that a rate change would likely be needed in order to keep up with the repairs/maintenance needed for the Water and Sewer system.

B. MERS unfunded liability

Falcon reported that in 2017 Governor Snyder enacted new legislature for retirement funding. In 2015 the MERS retirement was 87% funded. In 2016 the MERS retirement was only 82% funded. She would like to reserve \$50,000 from the General fund to keep the percent funded above 80%. She stated that she would like to do this each year to keep the MERS retirement above 80%.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Atchison- Enjoyed and learned a lot at the Newly Elected MML Training in Coldwater.

Conley- Thanked staff and stated that she was very excited about the CIP workshop.

She also reported that she has visited local meetings on behalf as the communication liaison.

Gross- Apologized for being late and missing the last meeting. He stated that he has had some family struggles this month. He stated that the residents are voicing the concerns that the taxes are too high and that the council needs to consider that.

Hopkins- Thanked staff for the all of the work that happens behind the scenes.

Powell- Thanked everyone for their hard work.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Conley adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Rebecca Newland, City Clerk

Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem