



**REGULAR MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

Thursday, December 11, 2014

**6:15 p.m. Workshop
7:00 p.m. Meeting**

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

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mr. Daniel Clark	_____
Mr. Perry Hopkins	_____
Mrs. Molly Nixon	_____
Mrs. Rose Ellen Powell	_____
Mr. Robert Truesdale	_____
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem	_____
Mr. Gerald Hall, Mayor	_____

3. PUBLIC FORUM.

*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 that 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 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.

1. Presentation by City auditors, Vredevelde Haefner LLC, regarding audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

4. PUBLIC HEARING.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

6. CONSENT AGENDA.

Council Members 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 council member and does not require the support of other council members.*

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2014.
- B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 37192 - 37265 totaling \$154,172.04; the December Accounts Payable #s 37266 – 37288 totaling \$71,262.49 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$1,689.20. The total of all checks and transfers is \$227,123.73.
- C. Approval of Resolution No. 2014 – 34, a resolution to approve the regular meeting dates of the City Council from January, 2015 through December, 2015.
- D. Approval of Resolution No. 2014 – 35, a resolution to collect 100% of the Kent Intermediate School District property tax in the summer of 2015 as requested pursuant to Act 451, of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.
- E. Approval of Resolution No. 2014 – 36, a resolution to collect 100% of the Cedar Springs Public School District imposed summer property tax for 2015.
- F. Approval of \$5,000.00 disbursement to the Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation.
- G. Approval of the Evelyn Cossin annual disbursement to the Cedar Springs Ministerial Association to be used for needy families within the City limits.
- H. Approval of Thad Taylor appointment to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission for 2015.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

- A. November 17, 2014 Charter Communications Letter.
- B. The Charter Communicator Newsletter.
- C. Mark Laws Letter.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- A. Update on proposed amphitheater by Tom Holloway.
- B. Update on Skinner Field activities by the Friends of Skinner Field.
- C. Discussion on options for Recording Meetings and Posting to YouTube
- D. Discussion on draft policy to provide guidelines for the classification of and allowable action on items placed on City Council agendas.

- E. Discussion on the future operation of the City's Department of Public Works.
- F. Discussion regarding the restoration of the City's Model A fire truck and ownership.
- G. Mayoral Business Matters:
 - 1. Motion to approve the following mayoral appointments:
 - Local Government Liaison Committee:** (1 year terms)
 - Mayor Gerald Hall
 - Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Conley
 - City Manager Thad Taylor
 - Zoning Board of Appeals:**
 - Rose Ellen Powell (term consistent w/term of office)
 - Planning Commission:**
 - Clinton Conley (2015 – 17)
 - Lisa Atchison (2015 – 17)
 - Sherri Foster (2015 – 17)
 - Craig Owens (2015 – 17)
 - Perry Hopkins (2015 – 17)
 - Construction Board of Appeals:**
 - Keith Williams (2013 – 15)
 - Industrial Facilities Tax Advisory Committee:** (1 year terms)
 - Mayor Gerald Hall
 - Kathy Bremmer
 - Robert Truesdale
 - City Assessor
 - City Manager
 - City Finance Director
 - Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation Board:** (1 year terms)
 - Deb Brunett
 - Cedar Springs Public Library Board:** (5 year terms)
 - Amy Hall (2015 – 20)

9. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2014 – 37, a resolution accepting a Competitive Grant Assistant Program Grant and authorizing participation in the proposed project.
- B. Motion to approve moving forward with the refinancing of the sanitary sewer bonds.
- C. Motion to continue with City Council action of March 13, 2014 to cause an investigation to determine if the Council violated the Open Meetings Act by its actions on July 11, 2013.
- D. Motion to approve a change in the City's Personnel and Employee Handbook to allow full-time employees to have Christmas Eve Day off with pay.
- E. Motion to approve Public Sewer Utility and Access Agreement.
- F. Motion to approve second amendment to the 3W Development Agreement.
- G. Transparency in city government.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

A. General Information and Special Projects.

1. Council Goal Update.

B. Monthly Department Reports.

1. Department of Public Works.

a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.

2. Police Department.

3. Fire Department.

4. City Clerk.

5. Finance Officer/Treasurer.

a. Cash Summary Report.

b. Revenue/Expenditure Report.

6. Professional Code Inspections.

a. Rental Registration Report. *(nothing this month)*

7. Code Enforcement Log.

8. Boards and Commissions:

a. Minutes of the November 24, 2014 DDA Meeting.

b. Minutes of the October 27, 2014 CS Public Library Board Meeting.

c. Minutes of the November 3, 2014 CSAP&R Board Meeting and Director's Report.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

12. ADJOURNMENT.