



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Cedar Springs City Council**

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

Thursday, April 10, 2014

**Workshop
6:15 p.m.**

Members Present: Ken Benham, Ashley Bremmer, Daniel Clark, Robert Truesdale, Patricia Troost, Mark Fankhauser.

Also Present: City Manager Thad Taylor, City Clerk Linda Christensen, DPW Director Tom Stressman, Police Chief Roger Parent, Fire Chief Marty Fraser.

Members reviewed agenda items with the City Manager. Also discussed at length were changes to the Professional Leadership Policy as proposed by Councilor Clark.

**Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

1, The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor **Mark Fankhauser** at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ken Benham	Present
Mrs. Ashley Bremmer	Present
Mr. Daniel Clark	Present
Mr. Gerald Hall	Absent
Mr. Robert Truesdale	Present
Mrs. Patricia Troost, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Mr. Mark Fankhauser, Mayor	Present

3. PUBLIC FORUM.

- A. **Connie Steenwyk** and **Pam Chrusciel**, Senior Meals on Wheels, presented information on the August 5, 2014 Senior Millage Vote. The group's primary purpose was to help seniors to stay in their own homes by providing necessary services to do so. Approximately 17,000 senior citizens in Kent County were provided services last year, with many more on waiting lists. The group is seeking an eight-year renewal on the senior millage tax. Approximately 113 persons with Cedar Springs addresses were served last year, **Steenwyk** said.
- Brent Bonstra** introduced himself as a candidate for district court judge.
- Rose Powell**, 350 Cherry St., stated she appreciated the information provided at the goal setting workshop held the previous week.
- Pam Morris**, thanked the City Council and the code enforcement officer who addressed her concerns.
- Kathy Bremmer**, 205 Maple St., applauded the City Council's action in voting to have an investigation regarding a potential violation of the Open Meetings Act. She cited several examples of wrong doing regarding certain councilmembers. There was so much negativity in the City, she said and certain people were acting on an agenda put forth by the Red Flannel Festival. What happened was done and they were beating a dead horse, she said.

4. PUBLIC HEARING.

- A. **Motion by Troost, supported by Benham, to open a public hearing on Ordinance No. 187, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10. Buildings and Building Regulations; Article IV. Rental Dwelling Units, Section 10-68, Definitions; Section 10-69, Violations; Penalty; Section 10-70, Registration Required; Section 10-71, Rental Registration Form; Contents; Procedure; Section 10-72, Fees; 10-73, Rental Registration Form; Time for Filing; Notice of Changes; Removal from Registration and adding Section 10-74, Compliance with Legal Requirements and Section 10-75, Inspections.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:27 p.m.

- B. Staff Comments.
- City Manager **Thad Taylor** stated that the City has received complaints from people who rent mobile homes relative to the condition of the mobile home. Since mobile homes were currently not a part of the City's Rental Inspection program, this ordinance amendment would allow the City to inspect mobile homes if they were being used as a rental unit.
- C. There were no public comments.
- D. **Motion by Bremmer, supported by Clark, to close the Public Hearing.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

5. **Motion by Bremmer, supported by Truesdale, to approve the agenda.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

6. **Motion by Benham, supported by Clark, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:**

- A. **approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2014 and the Special Meeting of April 3, 2014.**
- B. **approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 36377 – 36438 totaling \$246,785.46; the April Accounts Payable #s 36439 – 36466 totaling \$27,545.88 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$3,602.54. The total of all checks and transfers was \$277,933.88.**
- C. **approval of the Speedway Lease Agreement.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

7. A newsletter from Right Place was offered as Correspondence.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- A. **Motion by Troost, supported by Bremmer, to approve revisions to the City's Sprinkling Meter and Professional Leadership Policies.**

VOTE: 5 – 1 (Clark,) Motion Carried.

- B. There was no Mayoral Business.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. **Motion by Benham, supported by Troost, to approve Resolution No. 2014 – 11, a resolution in support of placing the Main Street Bridge Structure Number 5185 on the MDOT Local Agency Program Priority List.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

- B. **Motion by Troost, supported by Bremmer, to approve Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber to perform the City's semi-annual bridge inspection in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,100.00.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

- C. **Motion by Troost, supported by Clark, to approve Ordinance No. 187, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10. Buildings and Building Regulations; Article IV. Rental Dwelling Units, Section 10-68, Definitions; Section 10-69, Violations; Penalty; Section 10-70; Registration Required; Section 10-71, Rental Registration Form; Content; Procedure; Section 10-72, Fees; 10-73, Rental Registration Form; Time for Filing; Notice of Changes; Removal from Registration and adding Section 10-74,**

Compliance with Legal Requirements and Section 10-75, Inspections, as a first reading.

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

- D. Motion by Clark, supported by Troost, to grant permission to Trout Unlimited to make planned improvements to the portion of Cedar Creek by Riggle Park and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to draft an appropriate permission form.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried,

- E. Motion by Troost, supported by Bremmer, to approve the Mayor's signing Form RD 1942-46 "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions" and Form RD 1940-1 "Request for Obligation of Funds" to further proceed with the City's application to USDA Rural Development for loans to finance the proposed sewer and water improvement projects.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- A. General information and special projects discussed include the following:**
- City did not receive SAW Grant funding.
 - City will be receiving funding from the State to deal with additional costs for snow removal and pot holes from the hard winter we had experienced.
 - The National Center for Health Statistics will be conducting a health survey in Kent County.
 - City offices will be closed on Good Friday.
 - He is receiving applications for a Police Chief.
 - Ads are out for an administrative assistant.
 - The Governor had signed bills that guarantee 100% replacement of personal property tax revenue.
 - A budget workshop will be held April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Monthly Department Reports were offered from the following:**
1. Department of Public Works.
 - a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational & 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.
 7. Minutes from the following were reviewed:
 - a. the March 10, 2014 and March 11, 2014 Board of Review Meetings.
 - b. the March 12, 2014 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting.
 - c. the February 24, 2014 CS Public Library Board Meeting.

d. the March 4, 2014 and April 1, 2014 CS Planning Commission Meetings.

11. **Motion by Troost, supported by Benham, to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss collection bargaining negotiations.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

The Council adjourned to Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

12. **Motion by Troost, supported by Bremmer, to return to Open Session.**

VOTE: 6 – 0, Motion Carried.

The Council returned to Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Benham – thanked the Police Department for the great work they had done in catching the vandals that had been painting graffiti throughout the town.

Fankhauser – thanked everyone who had come out to the meeting that evening.

14. The Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Linda Christensen, City Clerk

Mark Fankhauser, City Mayor