



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

**Thursday, July 10, 2014**

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

Workshop  
6:15 p.m.

Members Present: Ashley Bremmer, Gerald Hall, Patricia Troost, Mark Fankhauser, Ken Benham (arrived 6:20 p.m.), Robert Truesdale (arrived 6:20 p.m.), Daniel Clark (arrived 6:30 p.m.)

Also Present: City Manager Thad Taylor, City Clerk Linda Christensen, Finance Director Deb Brunett, Police Chief Roger Parent, DPW Employee Bill Larose, Fire Chief Marty Fraser.

The City Manager reviewed agenda items with Councilmembers.

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. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Mr. Ken Benham	Present
	Mrs. Ashley Bremmer	Present
	Mr. Daniel Clark	Present
	Mr. Gerald Hall	Present
	Mr. Robert Truesdale	Present
	Mayor Pro Tem Mrs. Patricia Troost	Present
	Mayor Mr. Mark Fankhauser	Present

3. PUBLIC FORUM.

**Kevin Green**, a candidate for State Senator in the 28<sup>th</sup> District, introduced himself.

**Perry Hopkins**, DDA Chairperson, brought the Council up to speed on Trout Unlimited's storm water practices and a rain garden being planted at CS Manufacturing on July 24.

**Carolee Cole**, a member of the Community Building Development Team, spoke on a meeting to be held July 22 with members of the North Country Trail in which the group will be presenting information to North Country Trail officials to seek inclusion of Cedar Springs on the Trail.

**Rose Powell**, 316 W. Cherry St., thanked the Council for helping the downtown businesses with their parking problems by limiting hours for parking in the downtown area.

**Kathy Bremmer**, 205 E. Maple St., stated that at the last council meeting a member of the audience had accused the mayor of giving out incorrect information. A video of the meeting indicated the mayor had not broken any rules, she stated.

4. There were no public hearings.

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

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

6. **Motion by Troost, supported by Clark, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:**

A. **approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2014 with corrections.**

B. **approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 36666 – 36745 totaling \$53,995.03 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$1,989.63. The total of all checks and transfers was \$55,984.66.**

C. **Resolution No. 2014 – 27, a resolution approving election inspectors for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

7. Correspondence was received from the following:

A. a notice from Charter Communications.

B. a public hearing notice from Consumer's Energy.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

A. Discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 188, an ordinance to amend Chapter 40, Signs, of the City of Cedar Springs' Code of Ordinances. It was the consensus of the Council to address the ordinance as a second reading at the August meeting and have the Section number added to the wordage under Section 40.542.

B. **Earla Alber**, Cedar Springs Library Board Chairperson, presented an update on proposed construction plans for a new library. Tentative plans call for a 10,000-square-foot building to be located at the east end of the property currently owned by the City. The board was in the process of interviewing architects and had held a preliminary meeting with the DEQ with regard to the location of the library and its close proximity to Cedar Creek. Plans call for the library to be placed diagonally on the site.

**Taylor** stated the actual placing of the library would come down to where the DEQ states it can be placed with regard to the location to the Creek.

**Alber** stated the DEQ was requiring an evaluation of the Creek as well as a wetland evaluation.

C. There were no mayoral business matters.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

A. **Motion by Clark, supported by Hall, to approve the purchase of a receipt printer for the front counter from BS&A Software at a price not-to-exceed \$750.00.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

B. **Motion by Troost, supported by Clark, to approve the purchase and installation of Wonderware Software from Alpha-Tran Engineering for the wastewater treatment plant at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,563.00.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

C. **Motion by Hall, supported by Benham, to approve Resolution No. 2014 – 28, a resolution recognizing the Red Flannel Festival as a Community Event.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

D. **Motion by Hall, supported by Clark, to approve waiving all fees for the Red Flannel Festival.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

E. **Motion by Hall, supported by Benham, to approve Real Estate Option No. 2 for the Cedar Springs Brewing Co. LLC for 95 N. Main St.**

**VOTE: 7 – 0, Motion Carried.**

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

A. General Information and Special Projects discussed included:

- The hiring of Carrie Rodwell as the part-time deputy Finance Director/Treasurer.
- Vacation time.
- Outpatient surgery.
- Resignation of code enforcement officer and possible new hiree.
- City Council goal update.
- 32 police surveys returned.
- Parking signs in the downtown.
- City received a check for \$19,500 from the State to be used for local road improvements.

- B. Monthly Department Reports were offered by 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.
  7. Minutes of the May 27, 2014 CS Library Board Meeting.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

**Troost** – thanked the Chamber of Commerce for its Renaissance Event. It was a great event.

**Fankhauser** – thanked the City Council for the opportunity to be out of the City for his trip to Alaska. He had the opportunity to do some networking and the opportunity to meet other people from out of state while he was there. He was impressed with one community he visited which had a strong sense of community. He reminded those in attendance to get fellow citizens to come to the special meeting July 22. The Council wanted feedback from the community regarding police outsourcing. Thanked the Fire Chief for his service and dedication. Thanked the Red Flannel Festival for its presentation that evening. Thanked Dave Ringler for his commitment to Cedar Springs and wished the City Manager well on his upcoming surgery.

12. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Linda Christensen, City Clerk

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Mark Fankhauser, Mayor