



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

**Thursday, May 28, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

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

1. The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor Pro Tem **Pamela Conley** at 6:35 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. ROLL CALL:

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

Motion by Conley, supported by Nixon, to excuse Hall's absence.

VOTE: 5 – 0, Motion Carried.

3. PUBLIC FORUM.

Kathy Bremmer, stated there was a special meeting tonight and asked why another special meeting had been called for the next night.

Conley stated the meeting the following night had been requested by the Red Flannel Festival.

Bremmer asked if this was the same festival that issued a cease and dissist order against the City instructing the City to destroy anything that had the red flannel logo; the same festival that called another city and wanted to move out of town etc. The people on the City Council have a single agenda to promote the Red Flannel Festival, she said.

Mark Laws, said the results in November say otherwise. He asked why there was no notice ahead of time issued for the water being turned off over the weekend.

4. No vote was taken on approval of the agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS.

A. City Council/City Staff Training Session on Open Meetings Act and Parliamentary Procedure.

Bill Mathewson, General Counsel, Michigan Municipal League, presented training on the Open Meetings Act which included the origin, policy, key definitions and requirements of an open meeting, when an open meeting should be held, technology including the use of email as a means of communication, committees, sub-quorums, consequences of a violation and key decisions of Michigan courts.

Eleanor Siewert, professional registered parliamentarian, conducted training on conducting effective meetings through the use of Roberts Rules of Order.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

An evaluation form of the presentations was handed out to councilors.

Motion by Nixon, supported by Powell to excuse the absence of Clark.

VOTE: 5 – 0, Motion Carried.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Hopkins – the training that evening was very informative and should be kept in mind as we move forward.

Powell – agreed with Hopkin’s comments.

Truesdale – the training had been very informative.

Nixon – thanked the presenters for coming; there was a lot to digest.

Conley – thanked the presenters, the training had been exceptionally informative.

8. **Motion by Conley, supported by Hopkins to adjourn.**

VOTE: 5 – 0, Motion Carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Linda Christensen, City Clerk

Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem