



**REGULAR MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

Thursday, March 10, 2016

6:15 p.m. Workshop

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

Members Present: Dan Clark, Perry Hopkins, Rose Powell, Robert Truesdale, Pam Conley, Molly Nixon, Gerald Hall

Also Present: Interim City Manager Linda Christensen, Fire Chief Marty Fraser, Finance Director Deb Brunett, DPW Director Tom Stressman, Deputy Finance Director Carrie Rodwell, KCSD Sergeant Jason Kelley.

The Interim Manager reviewed agenda items with Councilmembers.

7:00 p.m. Meeting

1. The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gerald Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Mr. Daniel Clark	Present
	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, Mayor	Present

3. PUBLIC FORUM.

Shawn Kiphart- Skinner Field will be getting a new scoreboard. They planted grass seed and will be getting siding donated for the building-tower. They would like the City Manager to look at the lease to see if they need approval to put up the new scoreboard.

Ken Benham- 337 4th St. stated there is a lot of blight in peoples yards and wanted to make the Code Enforcer aware.

Mark Laws- Stated he is disappointed in how our water system is being supervised.

4. There were no **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

5. **Motion by Conley, supported by Hopkins to Approve Agenda on the terms to strike item 9A under “New Business and add item 9H- C.S. Brewing Co. Community Event April 2, 2016.**

VOTE: 6-0 Motion Carried

6. **Motion by Conley, supported by Hopkins to approve the CONSENT AGENDA consisting of the following.**

VOTE: 6-0 Motion Carried

A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2016.

B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 38566 – 38643 totaling \$331,997.92; the January Accounts Payable #s 38644 - 38659 totaling \$260,373.84 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$583.60. The total of all checks and transfers is \$592,955.36.

7. **Linda Christensen included:**

A. February 29, 2016 Charter Communications Letter.

B. Right Place Monthly Update.

C. GVMC Weekly Updates: Feb. 19, Feb. 26 and March 4, 2016.

D. January 19, 2016 CBDT Minutes.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion regarding Citizens United v. FEC (2010) as presented by Eric-John Szczepaniak at the February 11, 2016 meeting.

B. Continued discussion of City properties on the tax rolls as requested by Councilor Clark. Shila Kilander stated her opinion on the matter.

C. Update on status of antique fire truck as requested by Councilor Powell. Fire Chief Marty Fraser stated that is being worked on and will hopefully be done by the RFF parade in October 2016

D. . DPW Director Tom Stressman gave an update on status of Wastewater Treatment Plant funding projects.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

1. **Motion by Conley, supported by Hopkins** to approve the 2016–17 Nelson Township Fire Agreement and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

VOTE: 6-0 Motion Carried

B .Discussion regarding Resolution 2016 – 07, a resolution recognizing the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Events as Community Events. (first reading) Shawn Kiphart stated the upcoming events and was also reminded that the city would need the new “proof of insurance” June 1, 2016

C. Finance Director Deb Brunett Discussed the City’s current estimated Fund Balance.

D. Finance Director Deb Brunett Discussed the recommendations from the Michigan Rural Water and Sewer Rate Studies.

E. The Council had a discussion regarding the new agenda format stating their approval.

F. Discussion regarding current and necessary protocols for Councilmembers and citizens to visit City facilities like the Fire Barn and Waste Water Treatment Plant as requested by Councilor Clark. Currently there isn’t a written policy. The Interim City Manager will look into it.

G. Discussion regarding City email use and Facebook use as requested by Councilor Powell.

H. **Motion by Conley, supported by Hopkins** to approve Resolution 20-16-8 creating a Community Event by Cedar Springs Brewing Co. on April 2, 2016 called “Starkbierziet”

VOTE: 6-0 Motion Carried

10. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

A. General Information and Special Projects.

B. Monthly Department Reports.

1. Department of Public Works.
 - a. Infrastructure Alternative’s operational and maintenance report.
2. Police Department (*none this month*)
3. Fire Department.
4. City Clerk.
5. Finance Director/Treasurer.
 - a. Cash Summary Report.
 - b. Revenue/Expenditure Report.
6. Imperial Municipal Services. (*none this month*)
7. Code Enforcement Log. (*none this month*)

8. Board and Commission Minutes:
 - a. March 1, 2016 Planning Commission Minutes.
 - b. February 22, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes.
 - c. January 25, 2016 CS Library Board Minutes.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Clark- Would like all the Council Members to have a picture and a Bio on our city website.

Powell- Had a delightful time at the Skinner Field Meeting. Congrats to Linda Christensen on her retirement.

Hopkins- Thanks to everyone for showing up to tonight's meeting.

Truesdale- Would like to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Nixon- Thanks to everyone who voted and thanks to all the city employees.

Conley- Stated her city email does not work and to send emails to her "gmail" account. Thanks to all the department directors.

Hall- Thanks everyone for showing up to tonight's meeting.

12. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Carrie Rodwell
Deputy Finance Director

Gerald Hall
Mayor