



**REGULAR MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:00 p.m. Meeting

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

1. **Hall** called to order at 7:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Lisa Atchison		<u>Excused</u>
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem		<u>Present</u>
Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.		<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Molly Nixon		<u>Present</u>
Ms. Rose Powell		<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Renee Race		<u>Excused</u>
Mr. Gerald Hall, Mayor		<u>Present</u>

Motioned by **Conley**, seconded by **Powell** to Excuse Atchison and Race.

Roll Call Vote 5-0 Motion Carried.

Womack reported that the City of Cedar Springs is coordinating with the Schools and Kent County to take appropriate caution concerning the COVID 19.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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 this 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 the 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 if you would like.

Shawn Kiphart, Friends of Skinner Field, apologized that the organization was overdue for a statement because of a breakdown in communication. Kiphart submitted to Council fourteen (14) months of bank statements and cancelled checks. He reported that their budget was four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) annually and that the organization relied heavily on donations and volunteer labor. Kiphart reported in a five (5) year review, they have replaced the tower windows, motion lights, plumbing fixtures, restroom stall doors, sprinklers, new controls, hot water heater, refrigeration/deep freezer, windows/ self-closing screens, screen doors, deadbolts, and steel grates on windows. These measures have secured the building, preventing future breaking entering incidents and theft. Projected five (5) year goals are to include updated locker rooms and entry way, track repair and/or resurfacing, improve playing surfaces and revitalize volleyball sand courts, and concrete concourse seal. The Friends of Skinner Field coordinate youth football, but also provide space for soccer tournaments and public use.

Taylor Mrozinski, Rouge Racing Promotions stated the Cedar Blitz, a gravel bicycle race, will occur on May 30th. In it's inaugural year, they are looking for support and funding for this community event. As the event grows annually, less assistance should be needed. They are coordinating with CS Brewery, the Kent County Sheriff Department, and the City of Cedar Springs.

Sonya Cronkright, local business owner at 40 S Main, Cedar Springs, Michigan, she reported that she felt that the businesses were not in the loop of Marijuana in the city. she conducted an anonymous poll of fourteen (14) local businesses concerning the recreational marijuana business topic. Overall, Cronkright asked two (2) questions in the poll. First, she wanted to know if they knew of the four meetings and the upcoming language to be determined. Of the fourteen (14), two (2) had somewhat heard of the meetings. The others thought it was a dead issue. Second, she asked if they were for, against, or abstaining from marijuana businesses coming into the community. Two (2) were for, one (1) undecided and the rest numbering eleven (11) were against. Many felt that a single sided vision had been presented to the City Council. Cronkright concluded that the effects of drug use and it's devastation to families has not been considered.

Perry Hopkins, local business owner Kin of Hope Natural Health and Perry's Place LLC, 90 N. Main, wanted to respond to the previous marijuana comments. Hopkins wasn't certain which fourteen (14) business owners were polled. Hopkins stated that people are addicted to sugar, starches, etc. Marijuana is not only viewed as a drug; some use it as medication. People will abuse it the same way they abuse other things, such as alcohol, tobacco gambling. As a business owner, it would be a shame to lose out on this tax caption. That would increase walkability downtown if we allow it in our community.

Janice Boyd expressed that she attended two of the meetings at the library had not been aware of two of the marijuana informational meetings. Boyd stated that marijuana

is a drug. As such it affects the brain and does kill brain cells. She feels it will make the City worse, is not for it.

Brynadette Powell, business owner, 21 E. Maple, Solon township resident inquired when the drain commission would be moving forward, to get it back on the agenda and wondered where the City is being drained.

Conley responded that the City Council doesn't have authority over that topic. It is the County, specifically the Kent County Drain Commission.

Ann Krajewski, has children and grandchildren in the Cedar Springs school system. There are many medical reasons to not have marijuana. Just because it is legal, it does not mean it is right to have it. Krajewski asked, "Why make accessibility easy?"

Joyce Strickland stated that community members like Byron Olson can tell you the impact of marijuana on families. Kids get into trouble, go to juvenile detention. She also asks why would the Council want that here. It's not good for our area.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Womack asked to add 8F Rouge Racing Promotions Community Event Application.

Motion by **Nixon**, seconded by **Powell** to approve the Agenda with the addition of 8F Rouge Racing Promotions Community Event Application.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carries**

6. CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmembers 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 councilmember and does not require the support of other councilmembers.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 13, 2020.
- B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 42895 thru 44968 totaling \$329,271.87 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$2,214.52. The total of all checks and transfers is \$327,057.35.
- C. Motion to approve and authorize the City Clerk and the Mayor to execute the 2020-2021 Nelson Township Fire Protection Services Agreement.

- D. Motion to approve Ordinance 222 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 40- Zoning Of The City Code Of Ordinance- Rezoning Map- Second Reading.

Motion by **Gross**, seconded by **Powell** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-06 A Resolution To Adopt The Amphitheater Use Policy And Guidelines.
 - a. Amphitheater Policy and Guidelines
 - b. Amphitheater rental fees

Motion by **Conley**, seconded by **Powell** to adopt Resolution 2020-06 A Resolution To Adopt The Amphitheater Use Policy And Guidelines.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

- B. Motion to contribute up to \$1500 to the policing of the proposed gravel bicycle race.

Motion by **Conley**, seconded by **Nixon** to contribute up to \$1500 to the policing of the proposed gravel bicycle race.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

- C. Motion to approve the Cedar Springs Renaissance Faire Community event for June 19th through June 22nd

Motion by **Conley**, seconded by **Nixon** to approve the Cedar Springs Renaissance Faire Community event for June 19th through June 22nd.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

- D. March 28th CS Public Library Easter Egg hunt community event application

Motion by **Conley**, seconded by **Powell** to approve March 28th CS Public Library Easter Egg hunt community event application as presented.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Proposed Marijuana Ordinances
 - a. Regulatory Licensing Ordinance Draft
 - b. Zoning Ordinance Draft
 - c. Initial Zoning Proposal

d. 2020 Cedar Springs zoning map

Hall wanted to send to Planning Commission for Ordinance and table Regulatory Licensing until outlined. **Powell** reiterated that we have to discuss allowing it marijuana business in our community because that is what the people voted and majority rules. **Gross** referenced that community voice was skewed when Voters didn't come out to vote. **Conley** said the Recreational vs. Medical designation will go away with passing of law.

B. Skinner Field lease draft

Womack stated the draft is at 85-90%, the same as the previous lease with provisions for better communication. The Draft will be ready next month's meeting.

Hall remarked that we haven't pushed on the communication but feels like everyone is doing a good job moving forward.

C. Chamber of Commerce Start of Summer Celebration Community Event

- a. Morley Park Pavilion rental application for Tuesday June 16th
- b. Art in the Heart maps
- c. June 16th, 19th and 20th maps
- d. June 14th Rise Up Church Community Event Application

Conley clarified this is the same event as last year but with a different name.

D. Recommendation from Planning Commission to rezone 112 W. Muskegon from R1 to B3.

Motion by **Conley**, seconded by **Powell** to approve Recommendation from Planning Commission to rezone 112 W. Muskegon from R1 to B3.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

E. June 18th, July 16th, August 20th NKCE Summer Concerts in Morley Park Community Event Application

Motion by **Gross**, seconded by **Powell** to approve June 18th, July 16th, August 20th NKCE Summer Concerts in Morley Park Community Event Application.

Roll Call Vote **5-0** **Motion Carried.**

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Community Event Calendar
 - i. Renaissance Faire
 - ii. Life Walk
 - iii. Start of Summer Celebration

B. Sonya Cronkright communication

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. City Manager.

B. Department of Public Works.

a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.

C. Police Department

D. Fire Department.

Hall stated the City received bids today, will be announced soon.

E. City Clerk.

R. Johnson reported that the March election went well, even with same day registration. She will present results next meeting.

F. Finance Director/Treasurer.

a. Cash Summary Report.

b. Revenue/Expenditure Report.

c. Balance Sheet

Womack stated that a Budget Meeting will be on March 26th that is open to the public.

G. Code Enforcement.

H. Building Inspection.

I. Board and Commission Minutes:

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Conley directed a big thank you to the Clerk and Election Team for all the extra hours to make the election happen.

Gross thanked everyone for taking the time to come out. We do want input and that meetings and information is put out there for the public to keep informed. In a comment directed to the Council, Gross stated he would only run again if the Council understood that his family came first.

Nixon commented that at the issues at hand, attempting to be guided by the community as a whole, some unfortunately would be disappointed because not everyone has the same view.

Powell remarked it was good to see everyone that came out and hoped everyone stays healthy.

Hall thanked the staff and the Council for all the hard work they do.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Hall adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Shandell Napieralski, Deputy City Clerk

Gerald Hall, Mayor