



**SPECIAL MEETING  
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

**6:00 p.m. Meeting**

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

1. **Hall** called the meeting to order at 6:03pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Lisa Atchison	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Molly Nixon	<u>Excused</u>
Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Renee Race	<u>6:18 pm</u>
Mr. Gerald Hall, Mayor	<u>Present</u>

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.*

None.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Gross** to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

**5-0**

**Motion Carried.**

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.*

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-XX A Bond Authorizing Resolution to Finance Fire Station Construction

**Gross** asked if there were any purchases that are included in the bond that would not last 15 years. **Womack** reported that currently there are not any planned purchases that would not last 15 years.

Motion by **Powell** seconded **Atchison** to adopt Resolution 2020-07 A Bond Authorizing Resolution to Finance Fire Station Construction.

**Roll Call Vote**

**5-0**

**Motion Carried.**

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Budget Workshop 20-21 Fiscal Year

**Race remoted in at 6:18pm.**

**Falcon** reviewed the proposed budget.

**Race** clarified that the street lights in Prairie Run are maintained by Consumers Energy. **Hall** reported that any outages should be reported to Consumers Energy. **Powell** reported that she thought that the city had previously donated some money to the Garden Club.

**Falcon** reported that the dog park was budgeted twice, but she will fix this before the next meeting. As previously discussed, there is a needed transfer from the General Fund Balance to make the equipment fund balance. Since the

equipment isn't getting used as much the revenue brought in does not cover the maintenance required. Overall, the General fund has a net balance of \$5,505.

**Womack** reported that it is planned that June 2021 to redo 2<sup>nd</sup> from Muskegon to Cherry. The bridge is expected in 2021, but some money will likely need to be bond for a portion of both the Bridge and Main Street project.

**Falcon** we are reserving \$50,000 for the Main Street project in the Major Street Fund. She reported that the Major Street Fund is short, but the fund balance can easily cover the shortage. The Local Street Fund is setting \$115,000 to redo Park Street from Muskegon to Ash and the Corner by Riggle park (beech & 7<sup>th</sup>) in June of 2021. **Conley** inquired about redoing 5<sup>th</sup> street. **Womack** reported that the Department of Public Works would check on 5<sup>th</sup> Street after the bridge project was completed for the potential to complete the project in 2022.

**Falcon** reported that a 2.5% (or approximately \$20,000 yearly) increase in sewer rates would be necessary to cover the cost of depreciation and legacy costs. She also reported that replacing the drain field could be a larger project in the coming years. **Conley** clarified that the current drain field was about 25 years old.

**Falcon** reported that a 2.5% (or approximately \$60,000 yearly) increase in water rates would be necessary to cover the cost of depreciation and legacy costs.

B. Fire Station construction bid

**Womack** reported that he is working with the engineer to cut some costs and determine the best bid. He hopes to be able toward the bid at the April meeting.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Michigan Governor Executive Order 2020-15

B. Michigan Governor Executive Order 2020-21

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. None.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

**Conley** thanked Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Womack for their work on the Zoom meeting so that we can continue to allow business to continue and offer the public a chance to still participate.

**Race** was impressed with the set up of the meeting and thanked Darla for her hard work on the budget.

**Gross** thanked Darla and the department heads for their hard work.

**Powell** was impressed by the system and hopes others can use us as an example.

**Hall** thanked everyone for their hard work and reminded that if we work together we can get through this.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by **Conley** seconded by **Powell** to excuse Mrs. Nixon.

**Roll Call Vote**

**5-0**

**Motion Carried.**

**Hall** adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

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**Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk**

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**Gerald Hall, Mayor**