



**SPECIAL MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, November 19th, 2020

7:00 p.m. Meeting

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

1. Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Ms. Lisa Atchison	<u>Present- Zoom- Cedar Springs, MI</u>
	Mrs. Pamela Conley	<u>Present- Zoom- Cedar Springs, MI</u>
	Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Present</u>
	Mrs. Molly Nixon	<u>Present- Zoom- Cedar Springs, MI</u>
	Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present- Zoom- Cedar Springs, MI</u>
	Mrs. Renee Race	<u>Present- Zoom (7:06pm) Cedar Springs, MI</u>
	Mr. Gerald Hall	<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.

Brynadette Powell reported that she receives \$65 per hour from Solon Township for being a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. She is glad that the Council is discussing the moratorium on marihuana applications. She reported that she didn't think the public WIFI was needed for a special meeting. She also described that she has a difficult time finding the Zoom information for the meetings and previous videos on YouTube.

Mike Gates wants to keep business moving and the moratorium on accepting marihuana applications does not promote businesses. He suggested still date and time stamping applications once they are received.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Conley** to adopt the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

7-0

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.

None.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion to approve ordinance #225, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3 SECTION 2-186 ENTITLED "MEMBERSHIP" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS
 - a. Michigan Zoning Enabling Act MCL 125.3301

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Atchison** to approve ordinance #225, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 2, Article Iv, Division 3 Section 2-186 Entitled "Membership" Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

- B. Motion to modify the marihuana application moratorium to allow the City to start accepting marihuana applications that would not be affected by the proposed 100-foot separation ordinance.
 - a. Only accept X of applications at a time.

- b. Only accept 1 application per zoning district at a time.

Hall reported that the City Manager would be meeting with applicants before receiving any applications to explain the process. **Nixon** was under the impression that the 100 feet would not extend across the road, but rather just on the same side of the road. **Womack** will interpret the ordinance as written as a 100 ft radius for the purpose of the moratorium and the council may choose at a later date to amend the proposed ordinance.

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Race** to modify the marihuana application moratorium to allow the City to start accepting marihuana applications that would not be affected by the proposed 100-foot separation ordinance and to only accept X applications at a time and Only accept 1 application per zoning district at a time.

Powell modified her motion to: Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Atchison** modify the marihuana application moratorium to allow the City to start accepting marihuana applications that would not be affected by the proposed 100-foot separation ordinance and to only accept and process 3 applications at a time.

Race did not second the modified motion because she expressed concern with overwhelming the Planning Commission and she would prefer to only accept and process 2 applications at a time. **Conley** remarked that she would prefer only one application be reviewed at a time, but could be willing to compromise to two applications at a time. **Gross** thinks that the Manager could receive as many as needed, but limit the number presented to the Planning Commission at a time.

Powell modified her motion to: Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Atchison** modify the marihuana application moratorium to allow the City to start accepting marihuana applications that would not be affected by the proposed 100-foot separation ordinance and to only accept and process 2 applications at a time.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

- C. Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kent County for the installation and operation of public WIFI equipment and services at up to 2 locations in the City (Morley Park and the Staging Area)
 - a. Kent County will reimburse up to \$6000 per installed unit.
 - b. City would be responsible for \$40-50/month operation costs plus electricity and an obligation to operate for a minimum of 24 months
 - c. Free Public Wireless Powerpoint Presentation
 - d. Right Place E-mail

Tim Mroz explained the program as a grant program that brings WIFI to communities. He reported that the program does not have a required length of time, but it is encouraged that the program needs to stay in effect for two years. He explained that as the cost varies based on the type of service the community wants (Ex. Filtering Content).

Mayor Pro Tem **Conley** Took over the meeting due to technical difficulties.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Conley** to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kent County for the installation and operation of public WIFI equipment and services at up to 2 locations in the City (Morley Park and the Staging Area) in an amount not to exceed \$100 per month.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

Mayor **Hall** resumed the meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

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.
- E. City Clerk.
- F. Finance Director/Treasurer.
 - a. Cash Summary Report.
 - b. Revenue/Expenditure Report.
 - c. Balance Sheet
- G. Code Enforcement.
- H. Building Inspection.
- I. Board and Commission Minutes:
 - a.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Atchison thanked everyone and city staff for all the work they do.

Conley there is a possibility that City Hall may need to be closed and at this point it is up to the City Manager.

Gross was glad that there was a bit of work covered tonight. He appreciates everyone's thoughts and opinions that were shared tonight.

Nixon thanked City Hall staff and reported that if City Hall needs to close that she supports it fully.

Powell has had a COVID incident in her family and hopes that everyone stays healthy.

Race its nice to see that we can do a special meeting quickly and hopes everyone stays safe. Happy Thanksgiving.

Hall has asked everyone to do their part in stopping the spread COVID. If need be City Hall may need to close down.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Hall to adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

Gerald Hall, Mayor