



**REGULAR MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, February 11, 2021

7:00 p.m. Meeting

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

1. **Hall** called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Ms. Lisa Atchison	7:10pm Present-Zoom-Cedar Springs, MI
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem	Present-Zoom-Cedar Springs, MI
Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Molly Nixon	7:05pm-Present-Zoom-Cedar Springs, MI
Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Renee Race	<u>Present</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.

Donna Clark reported that she loves the community she lives in and is looking forward to the Summer Reading Program and the summer concert series.

Nixon arrived at 7:05pm

Kyle Wilson spoke on the behalf of City Impact's Group Missions Trip. He stated that they will be working with 60 families to offer free home repairs this summer. Donations for the cause can be sent to City Impact.

Atchison arrived at 7:10pm

Brynadette Powell promoted the Rotary/Women's Club Kettle Corn Fundraiser. She expressed that she wants to keep the Red Flannel logo on the water tower. She was not in favor of limiting marihuana businesses with at 100 ft setbacks because it limits the number of buildings that can be refurbished. She also referenced that she sent a letter from The Hawks Nest to the Manager, but didn't see it on the agenda.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Conley** seconded by **Race** to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call 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.

A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 14, 2021.

B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 43835 thru 43923 totaling \$2,002,027.35 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$1,088.03. The total of all checks and transfers is \$2,003,115.38.

C. Motion to approve the personal property tax listed in the Personal Property Tax Strike report be stricken from the tax roll.

D. Motion to approve Evoqua for the repairs of the gravity belt thickener at the Waste Water Treatment Facility for a price not to exceed \$9,114.00

E. Motion to reserve \$1500 from the 20/21 budget and add \$1500 into the 21/22 budget for community promotion-concerts at the amphitheater for a total of \$3000 in the 21/22 fiscal year.

~~F. Motion to approve Ordinance 226, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-14 Entitled "General Penalty For Municipal Civil Infractions" Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs—Second Reading.~~

G. Motion to approve allowing Main Street Restaurants in the B-2 Zoning district to "reserve" on-street parking spots for short-term takeaway parking only and allow the City Manager to act on it accordingly and to approve the city "take away" parking and signage policy. (08-13-2020)

H. Motion to approve of the Pool Filling sewer reduction policy. (09-10-2020)

I. Motion to approve 2020-2021 budget amendments as presented.

J. Motion to approve of the PUBLIC UTILITIES EASEMENT AGREEMENT at 417 N. Main St, Cedar Springs, MI 49319.

Motion by **Gross** seconded by **Atchison** to approve the consent agenda as amended moving item 6F to 7D.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to set Budget Workshop for March 18, 2021 at 6pm.

Motion by **Hall** seconded by **Conley** to set Budget Workshop for March 18, 2021 at 6pm.

Voice Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

B. Motion to approve of the Fire Inspection Services Agreement with Plainfield Township
a. Fire Code Update to IFC 2018 Edition
b. CM Memo

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Conley** to approve of the Fire Inspection Services Agreement with Plainfield Township as presented.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

C. Motion to approve Ordinance 227, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-90 Definitions, Section 38-114 Rates, Fees And Charges, Section 38-115 Billing And Payment, Section 38-116 Lien And Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-163 Definitions And Section 38-306 Established Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs-Second Reading.

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Race** to approve Ordinance 227, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-90 Definitions, Section 38-114 Rates, Fees And Charges, Section 38-115 Billing And Payment, Section 38-116 Lien And Chapter

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

- D. Motion to approve Ordinance 226, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-14 Entitled “General Penalty For Municipal Civil Infractions” Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs – Second Reading.

Motion by **Race** seconded by **Atchison** to approve Ordinance 226, An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 1, Section 1-14 Entitled “General Penalty For Municipal Civil Infractions” Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs – Second Reading.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Social Districts
a. Cadillac Social District

Hall, Powell, Nixon, and Gross were in favor of having a designated area for alcohol at the Heart of Cedar Springs if social districts were permitted. **Womack** will provide additional information at the next meeting.

- B. Water Tower/Pedosphere Utility Service Contract

Hall reported that the Festival paid for the Red Flannel logo on the water tower. **Gross** didn't have any concern with allowing the logo to be repainted, but thought it should be opened up to other groups as well. **Race** questioned if the underside of the water tower could be cleaned regularly.

- C. Red Flannel Festival agreement discussion

Hall wanted to have a subcommittee review the agreements and present changes to the Red Flannel Festival. He suggested Nixon for the subcommittee. **Nixon** said she would be a part of the revisions and remarked that the festival is deeply rooted in the community and would like to see the City continue to assist in the success of Red Flannel Festival. **Womack** will make a list of possible revisions.

- D. Pine Street Drive Way

Straw Poll

Road: Conley, Atchison, Nixon, Race, Gross, Hall.

Driveway: Powell.

Consensus from the board to make no changes and keep Pine Street as a road/street.

E. Marihuana Ordinance 100-foot separation versus limited Retailer licenses.

Gross expressed concern with marijuana businesses taking over successful businesses and later leaving town. He was in favor of placing a moratorium on all new applications and only processing the applications already received.

Nixon suggested a 6 month moratorium on all applications, but to process what was already received.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Race** to repeal the initial 100 foot setback moratorium and replace it with a moratorium on marijuana licenses to no more than four in the B-2/B-3 district and three in the HC, with no limitation in the industrial zone for 6 months.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. 2020 Planning Commission Minute Index
- B. 2020 Planning Commission Attendance Report
- C. 2020 Downtown Development Minute Index
- D. 2020 Downtown Development Attendance Report
- E. 2020 City Council Minute Index
- F. 2020 City Council Attendance Report
- G. Electric Car Charging Station- Juice Box Pro & Pedestal

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. City Manager reported that thins are going well at City Hall and many projects are starting to come to fruition.
- 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:

- i. NKCE Minutes of November 2, 2020
- ii. NKCE Minutes of December 7, 2020
- iii. NKCE Minutes of January 4, 2021

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Conley thanked the DPW department for keeping the water going.

Nixon thanked everyone for their patience and she knows that not everyone will be happy with the decision made on the marijuana, but the council is doing their best.

Atchison appreciated that everyone can work together and thanked staff for their work.

Powell reported that the Blood Drive is Tuesday, February 16th and that the dog park is usually pretty busy.

Gross reiterated many of the comments stated and requested that some sand be added to the main intersections.

Race is glad that everyone works together well and has different ideas.

Hall thanked the council for doing what is best for the City and thanked city employees for their hard work as well.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

Gerald Hall, Mayor