



**REGULAR MEETING  
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 10, 2021**

**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 7pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	Ms. Lisa Atchison	<u>7:02pm</u>
	Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem	<u>7:01pm</u>
	Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Present</u>
	Mrs. Molly Nixon	<u>Present</u>
	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.*



Contributions.

- E. Motion to approve Ordinance 229 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 40, Article III, Division 13 Section 40-~~409~~-~~408~~ Entitled “~~Commercial And Industrial Side And Rear Setback Reductions~~— Table of District Regulations” Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs – Second Reading
- F. Motion to approve Social District Revisions as presented.
- G. Motion to approve of the 05-25-21 updated COVID19 preparedness plan as presented.

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Race** to approve the consent agenda as amended.

**Roll Call Vote**

**7-0**

**Motion Carried.**

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Oath of Office
  - a. Tracey Blackmer Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Clerk

**Clerk Johnson** issued Tracey Blackmer the Oath of Office.

- B. Motion to approve the presented budget amendments for the 2020-2021 budget.

Motion by **Gross** seconded by **Atchison** to approve the presented budget amendments for the 2020-2021 budget.

**Roll Call Vote**

**7-0**

**Motion Carried.**

- C. Motion to approve resolution 2021- 15 A Resolution Approving City Water And Sanitary Sewer Service To And Affecting The Conditional Transfer Of Certain Real Property From The Jurisdiction Of Solon Township To The Jurisdiction Of The City Pursuant To The Development Cooperation Agreement Between The City And The Township Dated As Of December 30, 1999 For ~~4191 17 Mile Rd Cedar Springs, Mi 49319.~~ – 14122 White Creek Avenue Ne Cedar Springs, Mi 49319.

Motion by **Conley** seconded by **Atchison** to approve resolution 2021- 15 A Resolution Approving City Water And Sanitary Sewer Service To And Affecting The Conditional Transfer Of Certain Real Property From The Jurisdiction Of Solon Township To The Jurisdiction Of The City Pursuant To The Development Cooperation Agreement Between The City And The Township Dated As Of December 30, 1999 For– 14122 White Creek Avenue Ne Cedar Springs, Mi 49319.

**Roll Call Vote**

**7-0**

**Motion Carried.**

- D. Motion to approve of Cherry St. paving by Dean's Excavating at a cost not to exceed \$24,544.00.

**Womack** remarked that the planned paving came in under budget and they wanted to add on additional areas. **Conley** reported that this was not sent out for bids because it saved a considerable amount of money using the same vendor due to mobilization costs.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Race** to approve of Cherry St. paving by Dean's Excavating at a cost not to exceed \$24,544.00.

**Roll Call Vote**

**7-0**

**Motion Carried.**

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Continued Virtual City Board Zoom Meetings

The board reached a consensus to permit staff and public to participate via Zoom until the end of 2021.

- B. Strategic Planning Session

**Womack** reported the event would be July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. **Hall** wanted the candidates for City Council to be invited to attend the strategic planning session.

- C. Fire Station Grand Opening and Summer Music in the Heart concerts-council participation

- D. Site Plan Initial Review Policy

The board reached a consensus to require Special Land Uses to have review by the City Planner before the Planning Commission reviews it. **Conley and Nixon** expressed that they wanted to make sure that one person does not have the power to block projects from coming to the Planning Commission.

- E. Medical Marihuana caretaker regulations

- a. Sec. 40-461 Home Occupations ordinance

**Womack** explained that there were three marijuana laws: 2018 (Recreational-city permitted), 2016 (Medical-city prohibited), 2008 (Caretaker-unaddressed by the city). He reported that the City discovered that there was someone growing 72 caretaker plants and there are no regulations currently. He will write and ordinance in conjunction with the City Attorney for the council to review to address the issue. **Powell** questioned if home based caretakers could grow marihuana plants in a shed/garage? **Womack** commented that individuals may grow marihuana plants in their shed/garage for personal use only.

- F. Red Flannel Day Community Event Application
  - a. 5k/10k and chili cookoff 9-25-21 7:30am to 2:00pm
  - b. Grand Lodge Beer Tent at Amphitheater 10-01 and 10-02, 2021 7pm until Midnight
  - c. Sandwich Board Sign, Crosswalk Banner and Sidewalk Display Applications

**Womack** requested clarification if all fees are waived for the several Amphitheater and banner fees. **Nixon** reported to waive fees in compliance with the signed contract with the festival.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirement (AMAR) – Perfect Score

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. City Manager reported that the Planning Commission is moving forward on many projects and they continue to have many marihuana applications. He is looking forward to the summer concert series. He reported that Lume has not had any problems. He reminded everyone that the security at Lume is private security hired by Lume.

B. Department of Public Works reported that Main Street will be closed beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> and will last 2-3 weeks.

- a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.

C. Police Department

D. Fire Department is looking forward to the grand opening.

**Nixon** requested an update on the old fire truck. Mr. Fraiser reported that he hopes to have it in July.

E. City Clerk welcomed Tracey Blackmer to the front office and that the Clerk's office will be working over the next several weeks for the August election. She also reported that she is the second Cedar Springs Clerk to earn the Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

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. Library Board Minutes

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

**Atchison** thanked city staff and reported that she is looking forward to this weekend. She is glad that we will be able to have Red Flannel Festival and that we continue to work together.

**Powell** reported that the community garden has been planted. She thanked the DPW department for helping trimming the tree. She remarked that the downtown flower beds and baskets look phenomenal. The Cedar Springs Women's Club recently awarded some scholarships to community members.

**Conley** is excited for this weekend and is looking forward to giving two speeches. She would like to do a 150 year celebration of some kind.

**Gross** thanked city staff and the city council for the work they do. He was very glad to have everyone back in City Hall. He was very happy with the discussions that were had.

**Race** also mentioned that she was very glad to see everyone again. She hopes that the City Council can help make things easier for the Planning Commission.

**Nixon** thanked everyone and wished everyone a goodnight.

**Hall** requested an update on the trash bins on Main Street. **Womack** reported that the current trash company does not feel safe due to COVID to pick up standard bins. He reminded everyone to attend the July 15<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Session. He reminded everyone to do what is best for the community. He reported that the City is growing very fast and there will be some growing pains.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

**Hall** adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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**Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk**

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**Gerald Hall, Mayor**