



**REGULAR MEETING  
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 08, 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 7pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. <u>ROLL CALL:</u>	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>Arrived at 7:08pm</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.*

**Sherri Drake** requested that the City Council reconsider the chicken policy. She reported that she lives in the city, but has an acre of land. She wanted the board to consider allowing 4-6 chickens.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

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

**Roll Call Vote**                      **6-0**                      **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 June 10, 2021.

B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 45316 thru 45403 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$115,995.11.

C. Motion to approve of the Second St. and Cherry St. extra paving for a price not to exceed \$17,750.

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

**Roll Call Vote**                      **6-0**                      **Motion Carried.**

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-16 A Resolution To Revise The 2021 Fees And Charges For Municipal Services.

**Nixon arrived at 7:08pm.**

Motion by **Conley** seconded by **Atchison** to approve Resolution 2021-16 A Resolution To Revise The 2021 Fees And Charges For Municipal Services.

**Roll Call Vote**                      **7-0**                      **Motion Carried.**

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Marihuana Moratorium - Expires August 11, 2021



- E. Discussion on Request for Proposal on removal/demolition of old fire station building.

**Womack** reported that he initially wanted to try to save the concrete of the former Fire Station building, but after several discussions he does not think that the concrete cannot be saved. **Powell** asked about the Community Building Development Team and offered \$130,000 for relocation of the Fire Station building. **Hall** will talk with the Mabie family and the CBDT for additional clarification. The council agreed that the building should be removed.

- F. Strategic Planning Session July 15, 2021 at 6pm at the New Fire Station Building

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. MML 2021 Convention
- B. 2021 Public Meetings Notice
- C. Cedar Springs Industrial Parcels potential tax liability
- D. SECOND AMENDMENT TO CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS DISPATCH AGREEMENT

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. City Manager reported that he will have pizza, cheese bread and salad for the strategic planning event.
- B. Department of Public Works.
  - a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.
- C. Police Department
- D. Fire Department.
- E. City Clerk reported that she was recently appointed to the board of directors for the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association.
- F. Finance Director/Treasurer reported that taxes were printed and mailed and that she is working on the wrapping up the last fiscal year. She also reported that the City audit will be the last week in August.
  - a. Cash Summary Report.
  - b. Revenue/Expenditure Report.
  - c. Balance Sheet
- G. Code Enforcement.
- H. Building Inspection.

- I. Board and Commission Minutes:
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11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

**Powell** remarked that the music in the heart has been wonderful. She is glad that things are starting to return to normal.

**Atchison** thanked staff for everything that everyone does and would send city staff pictures of the Fire Station Grand Opening.

**Conley** thanked the Fire Station for engaging the community as a whole and appreciates everyone for going above and beyond reaching out to the whole community.

**Gross** thanked everyone for what they do. He also remarked that the community events that the Fire Station put on are equally rewarding to the staff and the community. He thanked the board for how everyone works together.

**Race** thanked everyone for what they do and was glad to see everyone again.

**Nixon** remarked that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year that the DPW has been short staffed. She wanted the board to consider how to attract talent to the City.

**Hall** also reported that this is a great board. There is no I in team and in the end the board does what is best for the community. Keep moving forward.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

**Hall** adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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**Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk**

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**Gerald Hall, Mayor**