



**SPECIAL MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, July 15th, 2021

6:00 p.m. Meeting

**Cedar Springs Fire Station
38 North Second St.
Cedar Springs, Michigan**

1. **Hall** called the meeting to order at 6:19pm 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>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 citizen are allowed to address the Council. Please state your name and address for the record if you would like.

A. Special Meeting Public Notice

Sue & Tim Wolfe thanked the City Council for their service and their work towards updating the city plans. They would like to see the community enhanced by adding sand volleyball courts and pickle ball courts. The estimated plan for pickle ball courts are completed and they can be provided to the board. They are proposing a \$45,000 budget and plan on repurposing the existing tennis courts at Hilltop.

Erick Baculy explained the importance of pickle ball and that he supports the endeavor to build pickle ball courts in the city.

George Waite reported that he supported pickle ball courts in the City.

Sue Spark explained that she has been a member of the community for 30 years and also supports the pickle balls courts.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

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

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Strategic Planning Session with Al Vanderberg and John Shay

Al Vanderberg and John Shay lead the group in a short activity, completed a SWOT assessment, created a list of goals, and assisted the City Council in prioritizing those goals.

The goals were separated into 5 categories and then ranked by each council member.

Infrastructure 32 pts.

- Install crosswalk (Main and Maple) 11/2
- Install Fire Department Traffic Safety Light 18/2
- Plan to loop Pine Street Water Main 43/4
- Complete Plan for Cherry St Extension 15/2
- Develop water/sewer replacement plan 59/5
- Continue Road Repaving 21/5
- Renew DDA Focus on Infrastructure
- Sewer System Upgrades 42/5
- Complete Parking Configuration Analysis 6/3
- New PA 425 Agreement with Nelson Township 7/1
- Develop Sidewalk Replacement Plan 42/5

Organizational Development 31 pts

- Hire Assistant City Manager 55/7
- Hire DPW Director 65/7
- Develop Talent Recruitment Plan 11/1
- Complete Strategic plan 9/1
- Hire Grant writer 8/1

Facilities 15pts.

- Install historical photos on buildings 0/0
- Develop plan for Community Center 9/2
- Construct DPW Garage 22/5
- Develop City Hall Feasibility Plan 13/3
- Expand Election Activity Space 21/5

City Services 14pts.

- Digitize city records and processes 21/3
- Transition to one licensed trash hauler 0/0
- Begin spring cleanup each year 2/1
- Develop plan to address blight issues 4/2

Parks and Recreation 13pts.

- Upgrade playground equipment 11/2
- Develop plan for Recreation Center 9/3
- Develop Plan for Splash Pad 0/0
- Develop plan for Pickleball Courts 1/1
- Develop plan for sand volleyball courts 0/0
- Develop plan for boardwalk along trail/creek 0/0
- Construct public restrooms 14/5
- Develop new vision for North Park 0/0
- Purchase Hilltop Building 7/1

B. Discussion on Recreation Plan update

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Powell** to table Discussion on Recreation Plan update.

Roll Call Vote	7-0	Motion Carried.
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6. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Nixon arrivederci.
Atchison good night.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

Gerald Hall, Mayor