



**REGULAR MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, August 12, 2021

7:00 p.m. Meeting

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

1. **Mayor Pro Tem Conley** called the meeting to order at 7pm. 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>Excused</u>
	Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
	Mrs. Renee Race	<u>Present</u>
	Mr. Gerald Hall, Mayor	<u>Excused</u>

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Powell** to excuse Mayor Hall and Councilor Nixon.

Voice Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

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 reviewed the success of the summer reading program and the summer concert series. She was happy to see many projects moving forward for the City of Cedar Springs.

Marty Fraiser reported that the Nelson Township board recently moved their meetings to 5pm and asked the council to consider a 6pm start time for future meetings.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

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

Voice Vote

5-0

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 July 08, 2021 and Special Meeting July 15, 2021.
- B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 45404 thru 45498 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$359,328.39.
- C. Motion to approve Mike Womack to be the City of Cedar Springs official representative to cast the vote of the municipality and the annual MML meeting and to approve Renee Race as the official alternative.
- D. Motion to approve of the \$7,000.00 annual disbursement to NKCE (formerly Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation) (2021-2022 Fiscal Year).
- E. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-17 A Resolution Approving Possession And Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages On City Property By The Red Flannel Festival
- F. Motion to approve ordinance 330 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 32, Article III, Division 4 Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs Entitled "Soil Erosion And Sedimentation Control." -Second Reading

Motion dies.

Motion by **Race** seconded by **Atchison** to approve the proposal by Fleis and Vandenbrink for a price not to exceed \$9,300 to create a plan for a grant project.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Discussion on Pickleball Courts

- a. Hilltop 6 courts proposal estimated \$47,200
- b. Morley 2-4 courts proposal estimated \$50,000-\$100,000
- c. Patronicity Grant Opportunity ([HERE](#))

Womack reported that Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe have spearheaded the project. He is looking for feedback from the council on if they would like to pursue pickleball courts. **Gross** reported that he wanted to see a how the courts could be used once the fad ends. **Race** remarked that there is not a solid location for the proposed courts. She preferred to have the court on City property. **Powell** thought the two lots across from City Hall might make a good use of the space. **Atchison** was leery to put money into renovations on school property. **Conley** was not in favor of putting the pickleball courts on school property.

B. Chickens within City Limits

Powell reported that chickens are fun pets, but they are filthy and stink. **Atchison** remarked that if residents wanted chickens they should consider living in a rural area. **Gross** agreed that chickens belong in a rural setting. **Conley** would consider it but would want to limit the number to 4 chickens.

Straw poll to permit chickens in the City limits

- Yes- Conley and Race
- No- Powell, Atchison, and Gross

C. Strategic Planning Matrix from the July 15th, 2021 Special Meeting

D. Motion to place a personnel review of the City Manager onto the September Regular Meeting agenda.

The board would like the personnel review of the City Manager to be added to the September Agenda.

E. Discussion on Ordinance Sec. 16-46-Permitted open fires

Atchison thought that most apartment complexes do not permit grills near the residence. **Womack** will review and provide additional changes and bring back for the board to review.

F. Discussion on an Ordinance regarding Medical Marihuana Caregiver Operations-Second Reading

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE WHICH NEW ARTICLE SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 5 ARTICLE III OF SAID CODE AND ENTITLED "MEDICAL MARIHUANA CAREGIVER OPERATIONS."
- b. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE I, SECTION 40-5 ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS – K – M"; CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 12, SECTION 40-386 ENTITLED "PERMITTED USES" FOR THE I-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SECTION 40-461 ENTITLED "HOME OCCUPATIONS"; CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SECTION 40-468 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS.

Womack reported that the ordinance would address the 2008 law. The council needs to decide where to permit this type of use. A maximum of 72 plants can be grown.

G. Discussion on October 1st-2nd CS Brewing Company Community Event Application

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Community Event Calendar
- B. 2021 Zoom Meeting Credentials
- C. Annual MERS Report
- D. October 16th, 2021 APPROVED Community Event Green Family and Friends Pumpkin Giveaway
- E. September 6th, 2021 APPROVED Community Event Wolverine Skyhawks Model Aviation Club Annual Airshow

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. City Manager reported that he enjoyed the cake walk. Due to the weather, he rescheduled The Bootstrap Boys for August 25th. He would like to do a movie in the park before the end of the season. He has leadership institute in September and a vacation in October. He will bring the Halloween Spooktacular for October.
- B. Department of Public Works reported that the power has been restored.
 - a. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.

C. Police Department

D. Fire Department reported that there were two individuals that passed the MFR Medical Class. The department also received some personal protective equipment from Kent County Emergency Management. He reports that the Department has been very busy on calls recently.

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. NKCE Minutes of June 7, 2021
- b. Library Board Minutes May 2021
- c. Library Board Minutes June 2021
- d. NKCE Minutes of July 12, 2021

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Gross thanked everyone for all they do and for the great discussion. He thanked the DPW for the straw on Main and Oak.

Race thought it was a good meeting and that the board works well together.

Powell thanked the chamber for the new flags and the new trash cans.

Atchison thanked staff for all of their hard work. She reported that Cedar Springs is growing and is no longer Cedar Tuckey.

Conley thanked the DPW, Clerk, and Clerk for their work. She thanked the council for taking the time to discuss several items and for their forward thinking.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Conley adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

Pamela Conley, Mayor Pro Tem