

Council meeting that citizens are allowed to address the Council. Please state your name and address for the record if you would like.

Kamey Howe reported that several library programs have done very well including the blood drive, national chocolate day, toddler sensory bins, winter reading bingo and story time.

Katie Wladischkin said that she is attending the meeting for the non-conforming unit's discussion.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

None.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Powell** to approve the agenda with the addition of 6D
Motion to set a fee for a replacement Marihuana Licenses at \$50 per license effectively immediately.

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 February 10, 2022.

B. Approval of the Checks Paid Prior #s 46056 thru 46138 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$570079.57.

C. Motion to Approve and Authorize the City Clerk to sign the Consumers Energy Authorization for in Standard Lighting Contract (Pioneer Trail & Tannenbaum Trail).

D. Motion to set a fee for a replacement Marihuana Licenses at \$50 per license effectively immediately.

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Powell** to accept the consent agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote

6-0

Motion Carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to approve of the Red Hawk Drive Water Main Construction bid in an amount not to exceed \$218,871.50

- i. Notice of Award Davis Construction
- ii. Fishbeck recommendation on Notice of Award
- iii. Bid Tab
- iv. Red Hawk Utility Easement
 - i. Easement Map

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Race** to approve of the Red Hawk Drive Water Main Construction bid in an amount not to exceed \$218,871.50.

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

- B. Motion to approve \$1500.00 to the Cedar Springs Community Library for their proposed 6-week senior citizen programming

Conely thanked the library for filling in the need for senior programming within the community. Kamey Howe reported that the library put a survey out to the community to assist the library in determining what kind of programming to offer for the pilot program. Responses included programming about food/drink, arts and crafts, games, health and fitness, and themed travel parties.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Race** to approve \$1500.00 to the Cedar Springs Community Library for their proposed 6-week senior citizen programming.

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

- C. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-XX A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMITTING THE PROPOSED HEART OF CEDAR SPRINGS PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO COMMIT TO MATCHING FUNDING

- i. Heart of Cedar Springs Park preliminary estimate of costs
- ii. Heart of Cedar Springs Park Conceptual Plan D

Powell wanted to make sure that changes could be made to modify the plans that were presented.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Powell** to approve Resolution 2022-06 A Resolution To Approve Submitting The Proposed Heart Of Cedar Springs Park Improvements Project To The Department Of Natural Resources And To Commit To Matching Funding.

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

- D. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-XX A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$700,000
 - i. Proposed 10-year bond information
 - ii. Proposed 15-year bond information

Hamel arrived 7:39pm.

Powell inquired if there were still buyers that showed interest in the property. **Nixon** questioned if the city could make a profit on the sale of the land. **Falcon** reported that the city must sell the property at the market rate per the grant requirements.

Motion by **Nixon** seconded by **Race** to approve Resolution 2022-07 A Resolution To Authorize Issuance Of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$700,000 for a 10 year bond.

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

- E. Motion to approve of the Easter Extravaganza Community Event for April 16th, 2022

Womack reported that this event had been previously held at the Heart of Cedar Springs, but it had some difficulties at that location. He is hopeful that Morley Park is a better option for the program. He will work on purchasing the event in progress signs for future use

Motion by **Race** seconded by **Atchison** to approve of the Easter Extravaganza Community Event for April 16th, 2022

Roll Call Vote

7-0

Motion Carried.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Sidewalk Policy
i. Sidewalk Initial Volunteer Policy

Hamel would like to see the discount higher for people who volunteer first. **Nixon** thought that funding would be spent very quickly if the city paid a higher percentage to start. **Atchison** hopes that the sidewalk fund will increase over the years. **Gross** had some concern for the individuals that cannot afford new sidewalks and would like to see the cost to be spread over several years to help lessen the financial burden. **Conley** summarized the conversation by reporting that the council wants a sidewalk policy, a list of volunteers, 50% match up to 60% if you have more than one person on your street, and have staff begin taking volunteers on a list, staff can determine the areas that are in need of repair and begin with those areas. Council members can provide additional feedback at the next meeting. **Womack** will bring back the policy for final approval.

- B. An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 40, Section IV. Division 2 to Modify Sec. 40-446 Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs Entitled "Walls and Fences."- Second Reading

Motion by **Hamel** seconded by **Nixon** to adopt the newly revised walls and fences ordinance and to authorize staff to revise the section numbers to comply with recent recodification.

- C. Non-Conforming Multi-Family Dwellings in R1 zoning district
 - i. Code Enforcer Memo

Womack reported that the City has been made aware of several single family homes that have been converted into multifamily dwellings in the R-1 district. He also stated that complying with rental inspections is not granting zoning approval. He stated that you can never make an illegal use a permitted legal use if it was illegal at its inception. **Conley** wants to ensure that safety concerns are met including, minimum size, egress windows, etc. **Atchison** expressed that all rentals should be kept to the same minimum standards. **Powell** wants to find a way to permit the existing homes if they meet the minimum safety standards. **Hamel** stated that safety of families is the top priority. She wants to make it fair for people who have been following the rules and providing safe housing for residents. **Nixon** wanted to permit landlords to have an opportunity to come forward without penalty. **Hamel** thought the offer should only be extended to the homes that are currently complying with rental inspections.

- D. Curb Bumpouts

Womack reported that he would prefer bumpouts on both sides of the road. **Powell** is in favor of the bumpouts, but would like to see a drawn up option before approving and to get MDOT approval. **Nixon** would like to see bumpouts on both sides on the North side of Cherry and South side of Maple. **Race** would like to see bumpouts on both sides.

- E. An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 32, Article III-Sidewalks, Division 2- Construction And Repair, Section 101 Through Section 104 Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Cedar Springs – Second Reading.

- F. Cedar Blitz Community Event Application for May 21st, 2022

Womack reported that this is the second largest community event and that it is growing each year. He will bring the event back at the next meeting after their event organizer meeting.

- G. 2022 Cedar Springs Social District Plan update

Womack reported that the DDA has suggested modifying the social district and the hours of operation. **Conley** thought the change would benefit the community and increase comradery. **Gross** preferred to restrict the hours to special events rather than permitting the social district daily. **Powell** also would like the social district to be limited to special events.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Community Event Calendar

- B. 2022 Calendar
- C. Reminder Budget Workshop Meeting March 17, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88393229515> Meeting ID: 883 9322 9515
- D. DDA 17 N. Main F/v Proposal
- E. Water/Wastewater System Cyber Security
- F. City Hall Accessibility Report
- G. Alpha Family Women's Center Community Event Application Approved June 18th, 2022

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. City Manager.
- B. Department of Public Works.
 - i. Infrastructure Alternative's operational and maintenance report.
- C. Police Department reported that he has the gravel bike race and Red Flannel planning meetings next week.
- D. Fire Department thanked the City Council for the recently purchased fire truck. He also would like to see the old truck be donated to a needy department.
- E. City Clerk reported that nominating petitions are available for anyone interested in running for City Council. Nomination Petitions and Affidavit of Identity are due April 19, 2022 at 4pm.

Nixon left the meeting at 9:37pm.

- F. Finance Director/Treasurer will review the budget at the next meeting and offered if the board had any questions she is available.
 - i. Cash Summary Report.
 - ii. Revenue/Expenditure Report.
 - iii. Balance Sheet
- G. Code Enforcement.
- H. Building Inspection.
- I. Board and Commission Minutes:

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Powell sent her best wishes to Mr. Gross's wife. She thought that the last Planning Commission meeting went very well. She also reminded everyone that the blood drive is coming up at the library.

Atchison reported that she loves the staff here at City Hall and wanted the public to ask questions and collect facts before accusing someone of something.

Gross missed quite a bit because he wasn't at the last meeting. He intends to stay on the board. He thought there was some good dialogue, but sometimes the board gets sidetracked.

Hamel thanked the board for their patience.

Conley reported that she is very supportive of the City Clerk and that she has 100% faith in the voting process in the City. She also thanked the Finance Director for her work on the budget and the extra time she provides to the community. She is proud of the community as a whole.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Conley adjourned the meeting at 9:44pm.

Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

Pam Conley, Mayor