



**SPECIAL MEETING
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Thursday, July 07, 2022

7:00 p.m. Meeting

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

1. **Conley** called the meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. ROLL CALL:

Ms. Lisa Atchison	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Ashley Hamel	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Molly Nixon, Mayor Pro Tem	<u>Excused</u>
Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Renee Race	<u>Excused</u>
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor	<u>Present</u>

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Hamel** to excuse Nixon and Race.

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.

A. Public Notice of July 7th, 2022 7pm Special Meeting of the City Council

Dan Spitzbergen thanked the City Council for calling the special meeting and hopes that there is a resolution.

Mark Laws appreciated the City Council and thanked them for serving on the board.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Powell** to approve the agenda as printed.

Voice Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion to approve entering into a 1-year marketing contract with Advantage Commercial Real Estate for the marketing of the West St. business park project and authorize the City Manager to undertake all actions necessary to market such properties for sale and development.

Womack explained that he has been working with The Right Place out of Grand Rapids to assist in marketing the industrial property on West Street. The firm is recommended by The Right Place. He explained all the proposed property lines may change in the future. **Gross** questioned if the proposed splits would create a flag lot?

Motion by **Hamel Atchison** seconded by **Hamel** to approve entering into a 1-year marketing contract with Advantage Commercial Real Estate for the marketing of the West St. business park project and authorize the City Manager to undertake all actions necessary to market such properties for sale and development.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Discussion on the proposed apartment complex development at 14300 White Creek Ave.

Womack reported that the developers were not ready at this time, but will be providing an update at the next City Council meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Motion to go into closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, exempts from public disclosure “[i]nformation or records subject to the attorney-client privilege.”

Motion by **Powell** seconded by **Atchison** to go into closed session under section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, exempts from public disclosure “[i]nformation or records subject to the attorney-client privilege.”

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

Closed Session began at 7:28pm

Motion by **Atchison** seconded by **Powell** to go into open session.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

8. OPEN SESSION:

Open Session began at 8:25pm.

A. Any discussion, motion or action related to the closed session.

Motion by **Hamel** seconded by **Atchison** to seek further clarification on the legal ramifications/legal structures with regulations and zoning ordinances with the City Attorney.

Roll Call Vote

5-0

Motion Carried.

B. Marihuana License Expiration

Womack reported that he needed to investigate to see if the license had submitted the application on time.

Straw Poll to support the Manager to investigate marihuana license.

Yes: Powell, Atchison, Gross, Hamel, and Conley

No: None.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Gross thought it was valuable to have the City Attorney present and is hopeful that progress had been made toward a resolution.

Powell glad everyone is here.

Atchison is thankful for to live in the city and for all the business owners in the city. She apologized that the issue got muddy.

Conley appreciate the city staff for making everything happen. She appreciated that City Attorney was present and was willing to get more information. She requested the City Manager review the salary schedule to make the salary competitive.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk

Pamela Conley, Mayor