

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session August 1, 2011, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 111 N. Howard Ave., Crosswell, MI. Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: M. McMillan, M. Willis, J. Geiger, L. Krawczyk, R. Butler

Administration: City Administrator John Espinoza, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: Ed McLane, Al Bartley, Jerry Cook, Jon Lusher, Harley Wright, Kim Hartman

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of July 18, 2011
Butler moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2011 as presented, second by Geiger.
Motion Carried.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Kim Hartman – Sidewalk by steps in the Park looks nice; would like to move a rock into Riverbend Park and put a plaque on it. Ans: Contact City Administrator
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Geiger moved to accept the agenda as presented, second by Krawczyk. Motion Carried.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. MERS – Minimum Funding Requirements: As of July 1, 2012 the City will have to be 100% actuarially funded in order to increase pension benefits. Receive and file.
- VI. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**
 - Sidewalks are completed for the year.
 - State St. should be blacktopped by the end of the week
 - Gielow's should be operational by the end of the week
 - Conference was very informative
 - Tree went down this evening, tree trimmers were already scheduled to come to town tomorrow to remove trees.
- VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**
 - A. McMillan: 1. Loan status Ans: Rural Development says it is looking good, no final word at this time; 2. Electric Employee Ans: no action at this time
 - B. Willis: No report
 - C. Geiger: Trees should be inspected each year, they should also be cabled-off. Tree inspection should also be made available to the residents.
 - D. Krawczyk: No report
 - E. Butler: Web Site – discussion of the current site and school developed site.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Retirees Cost of Living for 2012: Received the cost to give the retirees a COLA for 2012 and it would be \$55,788.

Discussion of the budget, Supervisor wages being frozen.

Questions – Does the city need to have another valuation performed to lower the percentage or to just give a flat rate. Discussion Supervisor wages and COLA at the next meeting.

Geiger moved to table the Retirees COLA until the August 15, 2011 meeting, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

- b. Floodplain Management – Ordinance - Schedule Public Hearing:

Willis moved to schedule the Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance #320 for September 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. second by Butler. Motion Carried.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

XI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Add two invoices from Hinojosa Construction for the sidewalks and the sidewalk in the park for the total amount of \$10058.00.

Willis moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$294,206.55 as amended, second by Krawczyk. Motion Carried.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor