

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session July 16, 2012, 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: Jeffersonian Reporter Margaret Whitmer

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of July 2, 2012
Butler moved to approve the minutes of July 2, 2012 as presented, second by Krawczyk.
Motion Carried.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Willis moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Parks & Recreation minutes – June 25, 2012:
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals minutes – July 12, 2012:
- c. T.I.F.A. minutes – July 11, 2012:
- d. Downtown Development Authority minutes 6/21/12; 6/29/12:
- e. Sanilac County Jail – Groundbreaking Ceremony:
- f. Breakfast on the Farm:

Willis moved to receive and file all correspondence, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

VI. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

No report

VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. McMillan: 1. Splash Pad water meter? Ans: Meter was to see how much was used. Consensus of Council for no fund to be billed for this usage; 2. Older groups of kids hanging out in the late hours; 3. Fireworks ordinance.
- B. Willis: Boards on the bridge to be checked. Ans: they were checked and repaired.
- C. Geiger: Reports about the cement strip into the splash pad slippery.
- D. Krawczyk: ORV Ordinance
- E. Butler: No report

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Bricker Building:** Baseline assessment to be performed; cost for the demolition; are the taxes up to date.

McMillan moved to approve for the Baseline Environmental Assessment to be performed, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Croswell EMS Service Agreement – 2012/2013:** EMS Service Agreement for the fiscal year 2012/2013 for the amount of \$30,747.

Geiger moved to accept the Croswell EMS Service Agreement for the 2012/2013 year for the amount of \$30,747, second by Krawczyk.

Roll Call Vote: Geiger, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Butler, yes; Willis, yes; McMillan, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

- b. **Swinging Bridge Road Closures & Sanitation:** Request for street closure for the Swinging Bridge Festival from July 20th through midnight on July 21st and the city to cover the sanitation.

Willis moved to approve the street closures July 20th and July 21st and the city to cover the sanitation cost for the Swinging Bridge Festival, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

- c. **MERS Delegates:** McMillan moved appoint City Clerk Sue Dobson as Officer Delegate and City Administrator John Espinoza as Officer Alternate for the MERS Annual Meeting, second by Butler.

Roll Call Vote: McMillan, yes; Butler, yes; Willis, yes; Geiger, yes; Krawczyk, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

- d. **WWTP Improvements:**

Met with USDA-RD, MDA-RD, MEDC, and Sanilac Economic Development on Monday in Lansing. Wastewater Treatment was the issue and specifically dealing with food processing businesses. The issue is that almost all of the food processing plants have to have pre-treatment plans in effect before they can discharge into local sewage facilities. This is costly for these businesses and those communities that make it easier are more attractive to locate in. We have four usable lagoons that we do not use currently, never had a need to. Now we have Gielow, and soon I hope the cheese factory. We have always had Michigan Sugar who treats their own waste (along with the smell, money and jobs smell) and is costly for them to operate.

We have an opportunity to apply for loans and grants to the tune of 4 million dollars to rehabilitate some of the lagoons and put in an anaerobic digester. The grants available are ½ million from MEDC, and more from USDA and possibly MDA. For the digester we can enter into a public/private agreement with the food processing plants to pay for it. We would finance at about 2.5% and roll one existing loan of 900 thousand currently financed at over 4% into the same loan

and with interest savings reduce our debt substantially. Croswell according to USDA is in a good position to do that as we do not have high debt. I have to let them know soon so I will put on the agenda to discuss. Preliminary cost would be engineering work for pre-app so I would have to do a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Geiger moved to moved forward with the Request for Proposal and to submit a request to the Economic Development Corporation if they would pay for the study cost, second by Willis.

Roll Call Vote: Geiger, yes; Willis, yes; Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes; McMillan, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None

XI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**
Butler moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$301,326.54 and the bills be paid, second by Geiger. Motion Carried.

XII. **UNION NEGOTIATIONS:**
Butler moved to go into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. for the discussion of Union Negotiations, second by Willis.

Roll Call Vote: Butler, yes; Willis, yes; Geiger, yes; Krawczyk, yes; McMillan, yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Geiger moved to adjourn from Closed Session at 8:49 p.m., second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**
With no further business Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
Croswell City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor