

The Croswell City Council met in Regular Session July 15, 2013, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 111 N. Howard Ave., Croswell, MI. Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Absent: J. Geiger

Administration: City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: Jeffersonian Reporter Margaret Whitmer

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of July 1, 2013
Butler moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013 as presented, second by Krawczyk.
Motion Carried.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Add under New Business item c. New Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund.

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

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **Sanilac Co Board of Commissioners meeting:**
Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on July 23 at the Lexington Village Hall.

VI. **WORTH TWP – FIRE CONTRACT – Supervisor Phil Essenmacher:**

Worth Township Supervisor Phil Essenmacher requested for Council to review a request for the Croswell Fire Dept., to cover a portion of Worth Twp. that is covered by Village of Lexington.

Village of Lexington charges \$1600; Burtchville \$800; and Croswell \$950. Supervisor Essenmacher will submit more information that he has gathered.

Butler moved to have the City Administrator and Fire Chief meeting with Worth Twp Supervisor Essenmacher and to give a recommendation back to Council at the August 5th meeting, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

Worth Twp Supervisor Essenmacher to submit the 2012/2013 Fire Contract to the Board for approval. The City has received the 2012/2013 contract payment, but no signed contract.

VII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Absent

- The signal light at N. Howard and Sanborn will be a 4-way Stop during the construction.

VIII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. McMillan: Congratulations to City Administrator Sam and wife Kelly on the birth of their first child.
- B. Willis: Congratulations also
- C. Geiger: Absent
- D. Krawczyk: No report
- E. Butler: No report

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Sewer Usage Rate Fee – Resolution:

Discussion of looking at the amount commercial usage and residential usage. Commercial rate and then a residential rate.

McMillan moved to approve Resolution 07-15-2013 Sewer Usage Service fee increase of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons beginning August 1, 2013, with the amount being \$9.35 per 1,000 gallons, second by Willis.

Roll Call Vote: McMillan, yes; Willis, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Butler, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #07-15-2013
SEWER USAGE SERVICE

McMillan moved and Willis seconded a motion that a Resolution be passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell Council adopted an Ordinance to regulate and establish fees for sewer service, being Ordinance Number 257, on June 3, 1991,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Ordinance the City of Croswell Council has voted to amend said fees to ensure sufficiency of revenues in meeting operation, maintenance and replacement costs, as well as debt service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the rates for sewer service be increased as follows:

\$ 1.00 per 1,000 gallons beginning August 1, 2013. Total billed amount to be \$9.35 per 1,000 gallons.

CERTIFICATION

I, Suzanne Dobson, Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #07-15-2013 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council held at the Community Center on the 15th day of July, 2013.

Vote on this Resolution, 4 members being present was as follows:

AYES: McMillan, Willis, Krawczyk, Butler

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: Geiger

Suzanne Dobson, CMC

Michael McMillan, Mayor

b. Sewer Repair & Replacement Fee – Resolution:

Discussion

- Limit increase for designated amount of years
- Should increase be the same for residential, commercial and industry

McMillan moved to table Resolution for Sewer Repair & Replacement Fee, second by Willis.
Motion Carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Solicitor’s Permit – Mendoza – Swinging Bridge Festival: Did not receive application.

b. Tax Foreclosed Parcels: No action. No interest from the City.

c. New Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund:

Governor Snyder signed 2013 PA 95 creates the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) within the State Treasury. A fee to be established to be added to each residential meter to fund the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. Fee not to exceed \$1, at this time the fee is .91 cents.

The City has the option to “opt out” of collecting the fee, the city shall not shut off service to any residential customer from November 1 to April 15 for nonpayment.

Butler moved to “Opt Out” of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund, second by Krawczyk.

Roll Call Vote: Butler, yes; Krawczyk, yes; Willis, yes; McMillan, yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.
Motion Carried.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XII. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Willis moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$292,979.24 and the bills to be paid, second by Krawczyk. Motion Carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
Croswell City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor