

The Crosswell City Council met in Regular Session January 20, 2014, 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, R. Butler, C. Fockler

Absent: J. Geiger

Administration: City Administrator Sam Moore, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: EMS Director Jeff Dawson, Tyler Martin, Kim Hartman, Heather Gordon

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2014  
Butler moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2014 as presented, second by Willis.  
Motion Carried.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Add item d. T.R. Pieprzak Payment #6 under New Business.

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

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. MSU Extension – Sandusky – Mineral Rights Sales & Oil & Gas leasing meeting:  
Butler moved to receive and file, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

VI. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Speed of beet trucks – company has been contacted – zero tolerance
- Four water main breaks in 7 days.

VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. McMillan: Commend city workers on storm cleanup
- B. Willis: No report
- C. Geiger: Absent
- D. Butler: No report
- E. Fockler: Business at Depot Dr and Wells St. is blocking Depot drive at times with vehicles; Consider brooming downtown on Sunday when there has been a snow; Remove answering machine from city hall.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Jeff Dawson – EMS:
  - Licensed EMT since 1975
  - MERS – Pension – Dawson and Williams small part of unfunded liability

- Ideas for Accounts Receivable or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party billing
- Budget as of December report is 77,000 to the good

b. Removal, Trimming & Stump removal 2014 bids:

Kappen Tree Service – Cass City, MI

- Tree Trimming - \$90 per hour
- Tree Removal - \$120 per hour
- Stump Grinding – \$1.50 per inch

Paterson Tree Service, Port Sanilac, MI

- Trimming & Removal - \$120 per hour
- Stump Grinding - \$2.50 per inch

Raymond's Tree Service, Brown City, MI

- Tree Trimming - \$100 per hour
- Tree Removal - \$150 per hour
- Stump Grinding - \$150 per hour

Butler moved to accept the bids and award the Removal, Trimming & Stump Removal for 2014 to Kappen Tree Service, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

c. Power Purchase Contract 2017-2020:

The City along with Thumb Electric, and Sebewaing have been pursuing power purchase agreements with the assistance of DaCott from Houston Texas. We are currently trying to lock in pricing. Our hope is to lock in pricing through June 2020. The Electric market has been fluctuating recently and the two bidders keep refining the offers. They have been reducing price over the last few weeks. By giving the City Administrator the authority to execute the power contract it gives us an aggressive advantage in the next few weeks. Our hope is to lock in a contract the same day as Thumb and Sebewaing.

Willis moved to authorize the City Administrator to Execute a Power Purchase Agreement through 2020, second by Fockler. Motion Carried.

d. T.R. Pieprzak – Payment #6:

Butler moved to approve Payment #6 request to T.R. Pieprzak for the amount of \$64,598.61, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lyle Bialk – What is the new direction of the EMS?

Bill Parsell – Doing wrong by replacing Jeff Dawson

Dave Phetteplace – worked for city for 4 years also work for Tri. EMS service is not going to work like a business. Support Jeff Dawson.

Christopher Dawson – Hometown, small town feeling

Lindsay Hanzinger – Status of Croswell EMS?

Carl Hanzinger – Other communities paying their share of services.

Mayor McMillan stated that the City of Crosswell is not removing the EMS Service from Crosswell.

XI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Butler moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$428,391.14 and the bills to be paid, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.