

The Croswell City Council met in Regular Session July 18, 2016, at the Croswell Community Center, 124 N. Howard Ave., Croswell, MI. Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Michael McMillan, Mary Willis, John Geiger, Rob Butler, Cindy Fockler

Administration: City Administrator Sam Moore, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson

Guests: Elwyn & McEy Neaves; Shane Hernandez, Denise Slone, Gina Burton, Sandra Fischer, Art Rath

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of June 20, 2016 and Special Meeting of June 27, 2016.

Geiger moved to approve the minutes of June 20 & June 2, 2016 as presented, second by Fockler. Motion Carried.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

State Rep Candidate Shane Hernandez gave a presentation
Sandra Fischer regarding letter from City Administrator

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals minutes - 6/20/2016:
- b. Downtown Development Authority minutes - 6/16/2016:
- c. MEDC - 2016 Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Program: City Administrator still pursuing. Conference call this week.

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

VI. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Riverbend Park - Community Activity Box in place.
- Bike Path Croswell Rd. - moving forward
- Harrington Rd - waiting for blacktop

VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. McMillan: Commend Diane at the DPW & Parks & Rec on the flowers in town and in the parks
- B. Willis: No report
- C. Geiger: Flower watering system - Ans: not working like they thought it would; Recycle Bins; Boxes are not being taken with recycling.
- D. Butler: No report
- E. Fockler: There is a resident in a wheelchair that gets stuck on railroad tracks when trying to get into town. He has to cross railroad tracks in order to get to the downtown area. This may help in getting the tracks fixed.

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Tax Foreclosure - 153 Ward St.: Discussion on purchasing the house for Neighborhood Stabilization. Demolition of the home, but keeping the barn.

McMillan moved to approve the Purchase of Foreclosed Property located at 153 Ward St., Crosswell, MI for the purpose of Neighborhood Stabilization, second by Butler.

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

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Crosswell Truck Show - Street Closure:

Request to hold a Truck Show for Semi's in downtown Crosswell and for a street closure from Nehmer's Alley to Wells St. on August 13, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fockler moved to approve the Truck Show event and the street closure on August 13th, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

- b. Police Dept:

1. Ken Western - Retirement - Final Pay:

Fockler moved to approve the final pay for Officer Ken Western for the amount of \$21,083.68, second by Willis.

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

2. Police Vacancy:

Police Chief requesting to hire a full time police officer.

Council discussion - Position to be posted to the public and a committee for the interview process.

McMillan moved to hire a full time police officer, with the condition of posting the position to the public and the City Administrator having a interview process, second by Butler.

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

3. Speed Sign Purchase:

Received prices for two speed signs. The one on the trailer is preferable. Funds available are \$5,000 Police; \$5,000 Tifa; \$5,000 Local Streets.

Butler to approve for an Request For Proporsal contingent upon approval of the Tifa funding, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

c. Vehicle Purchase:

1. Fire Dept. Pickup:

Fire Dept pickup was damaged while blocking down power lines. Report has been submitted to the insurance and awaiting the damages and coverage. Request to purchase a replacement truck.

Holding off until all information has been received from the insurance carrier.

d. Committees:

Discussion of establishing three committees: Budget/Personnel; Goals/Projects; Marketing/Public Relations.

McMillan moved to table committees, second by Butler. Motion Carried.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Art Rath - School Complaint

Elwyn Neaves - Compliment on Diane cleaning streets.

Colsanti - Harrington Rd. - Neighborhood Improvement Authority

Gina Burton - Lack of follow up and loose ends

XI. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Willis moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$577,054.18 and the bills be paid, second by Fockler. Motion Carried.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMMC
Crosswell City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor