

The Crosswell City Council met in Public Hearing - Regular Session August 1, 2016, at the Crosswell Community Center, 124 N. Howard Ave., Crosswell, 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: Lino & Allison Mendoza, Denise Slone, Walt Reini, Kyle Wood Patrick Colasanti, Anna & Brad Beneker, Chris Brandt

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Regular Council Meeting of July 18, 2016

Willis moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2106 as presented, second by Geiger.
Motion Carried.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lino Mendoza - Interest in property at 153 Ward St., that the city has purchase. Ans: After the City obtains possession of the property and cleans up the property it will be put up for bid to the public.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

V. **PUBLIC HEARING - NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY:**

Butler moved to open the public hearing for the Neighborhood Improvement Authority at 7:34 p.m., second by Willis.

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

Mayor McMillan and Clearzoning representative Jill Bahm explained what a Neighborhood Improvement Authority is.

- Capture a portion of tax monies that would go to the County would be used to improve residential neighborhoods. If approved, the base value will be established and the county will continue to receive tax from that value, then as the values increase the city would receive that portion.

- Neighborhood Improvement Authority will be the area of the city that is not located in the Downtown Development Authority or the Tax Increment Finance Authority districts. D.D.A. and T.I.F.A districts capture county taxes and that is how projects are paid for in those areas.

- Improving streets, sidewalks, loans for home facade, low interest loans

- The NIA has to have a plan of what they want to do and has to be approved and what is in the plan is the only things the money can be spent on.

- The City would have no more authority than what they have now, this would be establishing funds for the improvements.

- A committee would be established to oversee the Neighborhood Improvement Plan.

Mayor McMillan asked for any questions or comments.

Lino Mendoza - Improvements to homes raises the taxes, so that tax amount would stay with the city? Ans: Yes.

Elderly gentleman from Harrington Road was not in favor. Did not want the city telling him what to do with is property. Ans: The City would have no more authority over your property than what they do now.

Patrick Colasanti, 287 Harrington Rd. submitted the following letter:

Dear Sam, as per our phone conversation on July 27, 2016, I am submitting to you i writing, my objection of including the property where I reside at 287 Harrington Rd in proposed Neighborhood Improvement Authority Zone, pursuant to Public Act 61 of 2007. My property #310-120-300-090-00 is five acres of land which includes a pond and wooded area. It is habitat to a lot of wildlife and my only intentions for my property is to keep it that way, as well as continue to naturalize the interior. I have had the county plant over three hundred trees on three sides of property border to one day provide a natural scenic border instead of a fence and to provide protection from soil erosion, and a wind break, to my land as well as surrounding lands.

I have no intentions of using my property for any business interests, or subdividing for development. Therefore I respectfully ask you, the mayor, and the counsel to remove my property from the proposed N.I.T. zone.

With no further questions or comments Geiger moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m., second by Fockler. Motion Carried.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Parks & Recreation minutes June 27, 2016:
- b. Board of Review minutes July 19, 2016:
- c. 153 Ward St. - Request to purchase:

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

VII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Harrington Rd. paving will begin Wednesday

VIII. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

- A. McMillan: No report
- B. Willis: No report
- C. Geiger: Recycling bins - Ans: going to check Westbrook Hardware to see what bins they have for recycling with lids; Why is cardboard not being recycled? Ans: Will check with Jeff's Rubbish.
- D. Butler: No report
- E. Fockler: Railroad crossings; Trees on bike path. Ans: Tifa has approved funds for landscaping; Report from Police Dept.; Ordinance Committee; Main Street businesses - store fronts owned by not filled - MSHDA Incubator project.

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Vehicle Purchase:

1.Dept. of Public Works:

2.Fire Dept.:

3.Wastewater Dept:

Have not received information for all the vehicles.

Willis moved to table, second by Fockler. Motion Carried.

- b. Committee/Police Hiring: Mayor McMillan appointed a committee of Police Chief, City Administrator, Council Members Butler and McMillan and Alternate Council Member Geiger for the Police Officer Hiring Committee.

X. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

XI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Denise Slone - Bike Path completion date? Ans: No date

Patrick Colasanti - How many Police Officer Applications have been submitted? Ans: 6

XII. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Fockler moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$315,029.25 and the bills be paid, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMMC
Croswell City Clerk

Michael McMillan, Mayor