

A meeting of the Council for the City of Crystal Falls was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. Central Time.

Roll Call: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy and Hagglund.

Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Also Present: City Manager Olson, City Clerk/Treasurer Peltoma and City Attorney Lawrence.

Mayor Sommers led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. *Mayor Sommers temporarily adjourned the regular meeting at 5:31 pm to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Renewable Energy Plan.*

Comments: None

Comments from Council: City Manager Olson explained the Renewable Energy Plan.

Mayor Sommers closed the public hearing at 5:33 pm.

Councilor Sherby supported by Mayor Sommers moved to approve the City of Crystal Falls Renewable Energy Plan for 2015 as presented.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

There were not enough members to make a quorum for the DDA meeting held earlier in the day.

Sally Westphal and Mary Ann Harrington representing the Harbour House asked for assistance from the City for replacement of the front porch at the museum.

The opening of bids for the land sale of parcels located near the Western Pit will be postponed until next meeting so a notice can be put in the paper.

There was discussion regarding the retaining wall between Ken Santi's gas station and the Crystal View apartments. No action was taken because Mr. Ken Santi was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Sommers supported by Councilor McCarthy moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Crystal Falls and IBEW Local Union 219 (Local 906) as presented.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund.

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

Councilor McCarthy supported by Councilor Hagglund moved to authorize the Mayor and Manager to sign the POAM union contract for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund.

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

Mayor Sommers supported by Councilor McCarthy moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION ("MMEA") MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT & DESIGNATE PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST OR APPROVE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THEREUNDER.

WHEREAS, the City of Crystal Falls is a member of the Michigan Municipal Electric Association (MMEA); and

WHEREAS, from time to time it becomes necessary for members of MMEA to request emergency assistance in the form of equipment and personnel from other MMEA members in connection with the operation of their respective electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, MMEA has prepared a standardized written agreement entitled the "MMEA Mutual Aid Agreement" which sets forth requirements and conditions regarding the furnishing of emergency assistance by MMEA members to one another; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable and in the best interests of the City of Crystal Falls to have standardized requirements, obligations and conditions under which emergency assistance will be furnished to, or may be requested by the City of Crystal Falls; and

WHEREAS, all of the terms of the MMEA Mutual Aid Agreement are acceptable to the City of Crystal Falls and protective of the City of Crystal Fall's best interests.

WHEREAS, the Crystal Falls City Council desires to designate the persons authorized on its behalf to request emergency assistance or to act on the City's behalf in response to requests for emergency assistance as set forth in paragraph 3 of the MMEA Mutual Aid Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Crystal Falls to sign and enter into the MMEA Mutual Aid Agreement, and

The following persons are hereby designated and authorized to request emergency assistance on behalf of the [City] under the MMEA Mutual Aid Agreement and to approve requests made to the [City] for emergency assistance under that agreement. These persons are listed in the specific descending order in which they are authorized on behalf of the [City] to request emergency assistance or, alternatively in which they are to be contacted by another signatory to the agreement, if the person at the top of the list is not timely available under the applicable circumstances.

1. David Graff, Electric Dept Supervisor
2. Dan Graff, Electric Dept Foreman
3. Robert Fabbri, Journeyman/Lineman
4. Dorothea Olson, City Manager

The preceding list may from time to time be amended by the General Manager of the Crystal Falls electric utility as determined necessary by the General Manager by the preparation of a replacement list which shall be dated and which shall become effective upon its being filed with the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund.

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

Councilor Sherby supported by Councilor McCarthy moved to grant the non-union employees Tim Bean and Tara Peltoma (Police Chief and Clerk/Treasurer)

- 1. 1 ½ % raise per employee per year for 2 years.
- 2. Health insurance to remain the same as the current agreement for duration of 2 years.
- 3. A minimum of 2 hours pay at overtime rate to all employees called back for work after having been released from the regular day's work schedule (this would not include meetings that the clerk is required to attend).

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund.

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

City Manager Olson's request for, in lieu of any increase in her salary, a Medicare Supplement policy when she becomes Medicare eligible, will be postponed until the regular meeting on October 12, 2015.

Councilor Sherby supported by Councilor McCarthy moved to accept the proposal from Valley Mechanical, Inc. for the replacement of all steam traps, repair of cast iron radiators, replacement of all old radiator valves, removing the old piping traps around the building, the replacement of three control valves, performing the annual safety inspection to the boiler, and flush the entire system for the amount of \$56,740.47.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund.

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

Mayor Sommers supported by Councilor McCarthy moved to approve payment of the \$15 fee for any Councilor, DDA member, or the City Manager that is interested in attending the WUPPDR annual meeting held at the Paint River Landing on Monday, September 21, 2015.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund.

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

Councilor McCarthy seconded by Councilor Sommers moved that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as noted below:

- 1. The following reports for the month of August 2015:
 - A. Regular meeting minutes from August 10, 2015 and Special meeting from August 18, 2015.
 - B. Police report, as submitted by Police Chief Tim Bean, indicating 138 complaints, of which 4 were closed by arrest, 0 parking tickets, and logging of 1,449 miles on patrol duty.
 - C. Public Works Department activity report as submitted by Foreman Kelly Stankewicz.
 - D. Electric Department activity report as submitted by Chief Electrician David Graff.
 - E. Treasurer's Revenue Report as submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Tara Peltoma.
- 2. Payrolls and disbursements in the amount of \$443,320.75 be approved, and instruct the City Clerk to draw checks on the City Treasury in payment of same.

Ayes: Mayor Sommers, Councilors Sherby, McCarthy, and Hagglund

Nays: None Absent: Councilor Schiavo

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

PRESIDING CLERK _____