

The Croswell City Council met in Regular Session May 1, 2006, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 103 N. Howard Ave., Croswell, MI. Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: C. Black, G. Macklem, M. Willis, D. Hugdahl, M. O’Vell

Administration: City Administrator Dave Tait, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson, Police Chief Dave Hall, EMS Director Jeff Dawson

Guests: Kathleen & John Inman, Bob Armstrong from WMIC, Mary Schlichting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of April 17, 2006; Special Meeting April 24, 2006.

O’Vell moved to approve the minutes of April 17 and April 24, 2006 as presented, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

3. Public Comments:

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Macklem moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

5. **BOB ARMSTRONG - WMIC ACTIVITY GUIDE:** Mr. Armstrong will be late. Discussion was held after Unfinished Business.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Detroit Edison- Public Hearings: Receive and file
- b. Parks & Recreation minutes - April 24, 2006: Receive and file

VII ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Working on Ambulance contracts with outlying areas.
- Will be cutting some current year budget projects
- Working on lease agreement with Church for the Community Center

VIII COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:

- A. Black: apartments across from City Hall look like a hazard for children living in the building.
- B. Macklem: 1. Holes on edge of road by Neal’s Flowers. Ans: will be curbing that section from Neal’s to Croswell Corners; 2. Center St. burned home - ordinance violation of some kind to clean up. Ans: City Administrator will check the code.
- C. Willis: 1. Stop signs need to be replaced - pale - State St. and Croswell Rd. Ans: D.P.W. does regular inspection of the signs.; 2. Library going District, City Council needs to let Library know if there is any chance of down the road of supporting them and do they just

need to cut back, this is an expensive step to go District.

D. Hugdahl: Would the Michigan Municipal League lawyer be able to help with the Blight Ordinance? Ans: They will give you guidance, but you need your own lawyer for full review.

E. O’Vell: No report

IX **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Blight Ordinance: Request information from the Attorney by the May 15th meeting.

X. **BOB ARMSTRONG - WMIC ACTIVITY GUIDE**

Bob Armstrong gave a presentation for the city to continue promoting in the WMIC Activity Guide for the cost of \$1,045.00, 2% increase. This will also include 90 radio commercials.

Hugdahl moved to approve the expenditure to continue promoting in the WMIC Activity Guide for the cost of \$1,045.00, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XI **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Budget Transfers:

Hugdahl moved to transfer \$50,000 from Electric fund to General fund as budgeted, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

Willis moved to transfer \$50,000 from General fund to Library fund as budgeted, second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

b. Jay & Kay Mfg. - IFT request:

Request by Jay & Kay Mfg. for an Industrial Facilities tax exemption on a new forklift purchased.

Hugdahl moved to set a Public Hearing for Jay & Kay IFT request for May 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., second by O’Vell. Motion Carried.

c. Schedule Public Hearing Proposed 2006/2007 Budget:

Council would like to have another special meeting regarding the 2006/2007 proposed budget before the hearing.

Mayor Black called a Special meeting for Croswell City Council, May 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., to be held at City Hall for discussion of 06/07 proposed budget.

Macklem moved to schedule a public hearing for the proposed 2006/2007 Budget for May 15, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

d. Utility Workers Union - negotiation committee: City Administrator received a letter from the Utility Workers Union to begin negotiations. Mayor Black set a committee of Black & O’Vell to

meet with the City Administrator regarding union negotiations.

e. Assessor Contract: The Assessors contract is an automatic renewal unless the City is notified by the Assessor or the City notifies the Assessor of discontinuance before May 30th.

Macklem moved to table until the May 15th meeting, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

f. Electric Supervisor Contract: Discussion of the Electric Supervisor retiring during the Open Window period of April 1 to May 31st.

Macklem moved for the City Administrator to submit a recommendation to City Council of a contract for the Electric Supervisor Jack Williams, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

Macklem moved to add to the Special meeting of May 8, 2006, Electric Supervisor contract, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

g. Delinquent Utilities - Resolution:

O’Vell moved to adopt Resolution #05-01-2006 Authorizing the City Clerk to charge unpaid and delinquent public utility fees to the city tax roll, second by Hugdahl.

Roll Call Vote: O’Vell, yes; Hugdahl, yes; Willis, yes; Macklem, yes; Black, yes.
5 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #05-01-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO CHARGE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT PUBLIC UTILITY FEES TO THE CITY TAX ROLL.

WHEREAS, The City Clerk shall prepare and file with the City Council a statement of such public utility rates which on the said date have remained unpaid and delinquent for a period more than six (6) months;

WHEREAS, The City Council shall by Resolution direct the Clerk to charge such amounts and penalties thereon against the real property of such owners in the general tax roll of the city becoming due on the following July 1, as provided in Section 72 of the charter of the City of Croswell.

WHEREAS, Such amounts shall be collected, and charged with the same interest, penalties, and collection fees as other taxes until paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Croswell City Council directs the City Clerk to apply the unpaid and delinquent public utility fees, as listed on the attached statement, against the real property of such owners in the general tax roll of the city becoming due on July 1, 2006.

CERTIFICATION

I, SUZANNE DOBSON, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #05-01-06 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council

held at the Community Center on the 1st day of May, 2006.

Vote on this Resolution, 5 members being present was as follows:

AYES: O'Vell, Hugdahl, Willis, Macklem, Black

NAYS: _____

Suzanne M. Dobson, CMC

City Clerk

Carl Black, Mayor

XII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathleen Inman spoke on behalf of the Church that is interested in obtaining the Community Center.

XIII APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Hugdahl moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$347,632.88 and the bills be paid, second by Macklem. Motion Carried.

XIV ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Mayor Black adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC

City Clerk

Carl Black, Mayor