

The Croswell City Council met in Regular Session July 17, 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: Cindy Fockler, Nick & Nancy Letwinski, Curt Soule, Jeffersonian Reporter Margaret Whitimer, Mary Lou Stocker

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of July 3, 2006

Hugdahl moved to approve the minutes of July 3, 2006, as presented, second by O'Vell.
Motion Carried.

3. Public Comments:

Cindy Fockler - discussion of the Historical Society letter - utilities, parking, maintenance, lease. City Administrator to present a lease at the next regular meeting.

Cindy Fockler - Grainery - looking for letter of support regarding the complaints at the grainery. Council members will drive through the area. Process of having the road named so the city may receive Act 51 money for the maintenance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Wm. Aitkin Library Minutes - July, 2005 to May 25, 2006: Receive and file.

b. SEMCO Energy - Communication: Receive and file.

c. Cros-Lex Eagles - Community Center: Macklem moved to approve the use of the Community Center for the Cros-Lex Eagles Quilt show during the Swinging Bridge Festival August 11 & 12th and the rental fee to be waived, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

VI ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- District Library meetings are held weekly and is moving forward.

- Will be out of the office this week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

VII COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:

A. Black: compliments on blacktopping

B. Macklem: 1. Wish Dave Wood well at his new job; 2. Black River Rd. junk yard.

Ans: No answer from Lexington Twp.; 3. Croswell Mill is a mess; 4. When will we have an

ambulance meeting; Ans: Need to discuss a date tonight; 5. Need to review the form for Administrator Evaluation; Ans: Special meeting July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

C. Willis: 1. Railroad tracks on M90; 2. Need to look at heating & cooling for the Community Center.

D. Hugdahl: Agree with heating and cooling for community center.

E. O’Vell: 1. Update on State St. extension; Ans: We have been denied the railroad crossing.

VIII **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. Ambulance Service: Mayor Black scheduled a special meeting to discuss the offering of ambulance service to the other entities, July 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

b. Blight Ordinance: Attorney Wilson submitted recommended additions for the Blight Ordinance. Chief Hall discussed some of the changes.

Chief Hall to submit the blight ordinance back to the Attorney to compile all of the recommendations together for a proposed ordinance to be submitted to Council at the August 7th meeting.

IX **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Electric Rate Study Bids: Request to table until the August 7th meeting.

Macklem moved to table Electric Rate Study bids until the August 7th meeting, second by O’Vell. Motion Carried.

b. Chlorine/Sulfur Dioxide Scale Bids: Received 2 bids:
RS Technical Services, Lowell, MI - \$3,754.00
Peterson and Matz, Inc., Farmington Hills, MI - \$3,940.00

Recommendation to award the bid to RS Technical Services for \$3,754.00

Macklem moved to accept the bids and to award the bid to RS Technical Services for the amount of \$3,754.00, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

c. Fireworks Display Permit: Permit to hold fireworks during the Swinging Bridge Festival August 11th with a rain date of August 12th.

O’Vell moved to approve the fireworks permit for August 11th with a rain date of August 12th, second by Willis.

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

d. Croswell Historical Society:

Historical Society has questions and concerns.

- Who is in charge of the electricity/water/sewer bill?
- Who will finance building improvements/repairs?
- What rights to parking property are there?
- Rough draft of the actual lot size?
- Where is the fountain that was given to Parks & Rec to store?
- Who is responsible for the furnace?
- Will there be a lease? Donation? Contract?

Basement needs to be cleaned out. At the Depot the Society paid for the utilities. Need to check on the furnace. Lease agreement for \$1.00 - must be renewed every 5 years. Check rules for handicap accessibility.

Macklem moved to table until the August 7th meeting, second by O'Vell. Motion Carried.

e. Lot Splits - Curt Soule: Request by Curt Soule for property splits located on Hannah Ave. and Annie St.

O'Vell moved to approve the Lot Splits for Curt Soule for property located on Hannah Ave and Annie St. Property #76-310-390-002-007-01 & 76-310-390-005-001-00, second by Hugdahl.

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

f. EMS Director Compensation: Jeff Dawson has been assisting with the ambulance director duties, council needs to approve compensation until a contract is negotiated. Recommendation from City Administrator is to compensate Jeff Dawson his hourly rate that he was making before retirement and medical.

Macklem moved to approve compensation for Jeff Dawson as determined by the City Administrator until a contract is negotiated, second by O'Vell. Motion Carried.

X PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Letwinski - discussion of a child swing for Gingersnap Park.

City Administrator stated he spoke with some Park & Recreation members and there are State laws on these swings that will have to be check into.

XI APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Macklem moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$133,552.78 and the bills to be paid, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

XII CLOSED SESSION - No need to go into closed session, waiting for Union.

a. Union Negotiations:

XIII **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor Black adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Suzanne Dobson, CMC
Croswell City Clerk

Carl Black, Mayor