

The Croswell City Council met in Regular Session July 2, 2007, at the William Aitkin Memorial Library, 111 N. Howard Ave., Croswell, MI. Mayor Macklem called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: G. Macklem, M. Willis, D. Hugdahl, M. O’Vell, M. McMillan  
Administration: City Administrator Dave Tait, City Clerk Suzanne Dobson  
Guests: Donna Hall, Robert Grabbitt, Michael Russell

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

2. **Approval of Minutes** from the Regular Council Meeting of June 18, 2007  
O’Vell moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007 as presented, second by Willis.  
Motion Carried.

**3. Public Comments:**

Donna Hall - Brine on Claridge; Siren; Speed limit sign on Claridge to be moved closer to corner.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a. Downtown Development Authority minutes: Receive and file.

b. Visiting Nurse Association - Flu Shots - Use of Community Center: Request to use the Community Center and the rental fee be waived for October 16<sup>th</sup> for flu shots.

Hugdahl moved to waive the rental fee for the Visiting Nurse Association on October 16<sup>th</sup>, second by Willis. Motion Carried.

**VI ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- Siren - presented a map showing the distance for the four sirens that are located in the city. Two only go off for tornadoes.

**VII COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT:**

A. Macklem: Bike path resurfacing - Ans: Will do a section when the pavers come to town.

B. Willis: Theut truck

C. Hugdahl: No report

D. O’Vell: No report

E. McMillan: No report

VIII **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

IX **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Sewer Rate Increase: Request for increase of .50 to the sewer rate. This increase was included as a revenue in the 2007/2008 budget. Rates are above middle average.

Willis stated for the record that she is fundamentally against the increase but the city has no choice. Next year if there are any increase in service fees, council requests that they be adopted before the budget is finalized.

McMillan agreed with Willis's statement and wanted to make sure that no services are being decreased.

McMillan moved to adopt Resolution #07-02-07, a .50 cent increase to the sewer rate effective August 1, 2007, second by Willis.

Roll Call Vote: McMillan, yes; Willis, yes; Hugdahl, no; O'Vell, no; Macklem, yes. 3 yeas, 2 nays.  
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION  
SEWER RATE  
#07-02-07

McMillan moved and Willis seconded a motion that a Resolution be passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell Council adopted an Ordinance to regulate and establish fees for sewer service, being Ordinance Number 257, on June 3, 1991,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Ordinance the City of Croswell Council has voted to amend said fees to ensure sufficiency of revenues in meeting operation, maintenance and replacement costs, as well as debt service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the rates for sewer service be increased as follows:

\$ .50 per 1,000 gallons beginning August 1, 2007. Total billed amount to be \$7.95 per 1,000 gallons.

CERTIFICATION

I, Suzanne Dobson, Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #07-02-07 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council held at the William Aitkin Memorial Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2007.

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

AYES: McMillan, Willis, Macklem

NAYS: Hugdahl, O’Vell

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City Clerk

Gary Macklem, Mayor

b. Water Rate Increase: Request for increase of .25 to the water rate. This increase was included as a revenue in the 2007/2008 budget. Water rates are low compared to surrounding area.

McMillan moved to adopt Resolution #07-02-07 #2, a .25 cent increase to the water rate effective August 1, 2007, second by Willis.

Roll Call Vote: McMillan, yes; Willis, yes; O’Vell, no; Hugdahl, no; Macklem, yes. 3 yeas, 2 nays. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION  
WATER RATE  
#07-02-07 #2

McMillan moved and Willis seconded a motion that a Resolution be passed as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Croswell Charter, Chapter XII Municipal Utilities, Section 12.3 Rates states “the Council shall have the power to fix, from time to time, such just and equitable rates as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants of the City and others with water...”

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Croswell City Charter the City of Croswell Council has voted to amend said fees to ensure sufficiency of revenues in meeting operation, maintenance and replacement costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the rates for water service be increased as follows:

\$ .25 per 1,000 gallons beginning August 1, 2007. Total billed amount to be \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Suzanne Dobson, City Clerk of Croswell, do hereby certify that Resolution #07-02-07 #2 was adopted by the City of Croswell at a Regular meeting of the City of Croswell Council held at the Community Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2007.

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

AYES: McMillan, Willis, Macklem

NAYS: O’Vell, Hugdahl

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c. MERS Delegates Certification:

O’Vell moved to designate the MERS Officer Delegate as Dave Tait and Officer Alternate Suzanne Dobson and to certify the Employee Delegate as Kevin Gardner and Employee Alternate as John Peck, second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

d. Swinging Bridge Festival Committee - Fireworks funds:

Request by the Swinging Bridge Committee to solicit funds for the Croswell fireworks. Members would like to stand on Howard Street on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon.

McMillan moved to approve for the Swinging Bridge Committee to solicit funds on July 14<sup>th</sup> for the Croswell fireworks, second by O’Vell. Motion Carried.

e. 2007/2008 Budget Amendments:

1. Water Amendment: Request by Jack Williams, Water Superintendent to amend the 2007/2008 budget to add the cost of pulling a well, \$20,000.

Willis moved to amend the 2007/2008 budget to add \$20,000 in water line maintenance for the pulling of a well, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

2. Library Amendment: When the original 2007/2008 budget was adopted the Wm. Aitkin Memorial Library did not submit a budget due to becoming District. After the Clerk spoke with the Auditors, the city is still fiscally responsible for recording the budget so it needs to be added to the 2007/2008 City budget.

Willis moved to amend the Library 2007/2008 budget - Revenue \$248,362.00; Expenditure \$211,486.00, second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

3. Creation Library Dept in General: Library Dept. needs to be created in the General fund for the Library maintenance that the City will be responsible for since the Wm. Aitkin Memorial Library has been changed to a District Library.

McMillan moved to amend the General fund budget and add the Library Dept - Revenue of \$4,500.00 and Expenditures of \$4,500.00, second by Hugdahl. Motion Carried.

X **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Hall - Sewer plant repairs

XI **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

O’Vell moved to approve the Accounts Payable for the amount of \$93,629.40 and the bills be paid, second by McMillan. Motion Carried.

XII **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business Mayor Macklem adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Suzanne Dobson, CMC  
Croswell City Clerk

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Gary Macklem, Mayor