City Council Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2022, 6:00pm

Minutes

Council Members Present: Mayor Kostik
Council Members: Lawrence, Novak, Schommer, Stevens
Others Present: Attorney Ruppe, Engineer Nelson, Planner Nash, Treasurer Hill, Clerk Donovan

Broadcast via Credit River YouTube Channel

Mayor Kostik called the February 22, 2022, Credit River City Council Meeting to Order at 6:00pm, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve or Amend Agenda

   No changes to Agenda.

   Motion to approve Agenda as presented: Council Member Schommer
   Second: Council Member Lawrence
   Motion Passed: 5-0

2. Consent Agenda Those items on the City Council Agenda which are considered routine or non-controversial are included as part of the Consent Agenda. Unless a Council Member specifically requests that an item on the Consent Agenda be removed and considered separately, items on the Consent Agenda are considered under one motion, second and vote. Any item removed from the consent agenda shall be placed on the agenda under Old Business.

   1) ORDINANCE 2022-01 GOVERNING THE “MONTEREY HEIGHTS, SOUTH PASSAGE, STONEBRIDGE AND TERRITORY” ENVIRONMENTAL SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICTS WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS
   2) 2.2 Resolution 2022-06 A Resolution Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority
   3) Resolution 2022-07 Approving a Preliminary and Final Plat for a Development known as Robin View
   4) Resolution 2022-08 Approving a Development Agreement for a Development known as Robin View
   5) Check Summary 2.22.2022

   Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated: Council Member Stevens
   Second: Council Member Novak
   Motion Passed: 5-0

3. Open Forum The public forum is intended to afford the public an opportunity to address concerns to the City Council. The public forum will be no longer than 30 minutes in length and each presenter will have no more than five (5) minutes to speak. Topics of discussion are restricted to local
governmental topics rather than private or political agendas. The City Council may discuss but will not take formal action on public forum presentations.

- **Tom Wolf - Commissioner,**
  - Approved ½ gas sales tax for 10 years.
  - Redistricting
  - Markley Lake: A study is being considered to look at continued cost sharing and long-term recommendations.

4. **Presentations**
   1) **Prior Lake Fire Staffing Model Presentation (CK)**

   **Chief Steinhaus gave a presentation on the staffing Change** - Assistant Chief Jim Ruzicka and Jason Koske also attended from Prior Lake Fire.

   **Summary of Presentation.**
   - Background on history of the fire department.
     Have 37 Paid on Call (POC) fire fighters, 50 is an ideal number for coverage.
   - Staffing concerns: Inconsistence response from on call fire fighters so there is no concrete number to who is showing up, retention issues, recruitment - time commitment issues, Station 2 difficult to find firefighter
   - Response times: Career Dept. standard is 6 minutes, paid on-call Depart standard is 10 minutes. PL is averaging 8 min 57 seconds
   - 71 Sq Miles to cover with Prior Lake, Credit River, Spring Lake
   - Proposal: More of a hybrid model
     - Addition of 12 full-time firefighters
       - 3 FTE captains
       - 9 FTE firefighters
     - 3 shifts for 24/7 coverage
       - 1 captain and 3 firefighters per shift
     - Keep current paid-on-call (POC) level of staffing
       - Large-scale and simultaneous incidents
       - 150 responses or about 22% of total calls (estimate on current average)
       - Backfill full-time employees that are out sick, vacation, etc.

   - **Funding**: Applied for SAFER Grant. Grant is still pending, decision possibly in April - Aug. Haven't reached a decision until SAFER grant status is known. Need plan for both with and without grant to meet what is expected as a community.

   - Federal SAFER Grant - Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant
     - Year 1 – 100% of salaries and benefits for new positions
     - Year 2 – 100% of salaries and benefits
     - Year 3 – 100% of salaries and benefits
   - Fire contracts with City of Credit River and Spring Lake Township beginning 2026
   - General fund tax levy beginning 2026
Questions:

1. Why is the Duty Crew Model not being considered? Chief Steinhaus explained that this works well at first. Tried similar model during Covid. Nights and weekends were easier to fill but days hard to fill with full time jobs during the day.  
2. How many Credit River residents are Paid on Call fire fighters? Chief Steinhaus advised of the 37 POC Fire Firefighters: 3 fire fighters are from Credit River and 4 are from Spring Lake.

5. Public Hearings

6. General Business
   1) None

7. Council Member Liaison Updates/Council Member Reports
   1) Council Member Lawrence- Nuvera- Met with representative from Nuvera. Discussed plans for fiber.  
   2) Mayor Kostik- The new building permit online system with Citizen Serve was launched.

8. Adjourn

   There being no further business before the City Council, a motion to adjourn was heard.

   Motion to adjourn the February 22, 2022, City Council Meeting: Council Member Stevens  
Second: Council Member Schommer  
Motion Passed: 5-0

   The February 22, 2022, City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

   Recorded by:  
   Chris Kostik  
   Mayor- Credit River

   Approved by:  
   Karen Donovan  
   City Clerk-Credit River