

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Thursday, January 4, 2024

5:00 PM

Conference Room 317

Work Session

Mayor R.J. Crawford
Mayor Pro Tem Rob Harrison
Council Member Scot Shanks
Council Member Art Gernt
Council Member Mike Turner
City Manager Greg Wood
City Clerk Valerie Hale

Call to Order

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly work session on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Crossville City Hall to discuss items to be voted on at the monthly business meeting. Mayor R.J. Crawford was present and presiding and called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Rollcall

Present 4 - Council Member Scot Shanks, Council Member Mike Turner, Mayor Pro-tem Rob Harrison, and Mayor R.J. Crawford

Absent 1 - Council Member Art Gernt

Others present were City Attorney Randy York, City Manager Greg Wood, City Clerk Valerie Hale, Terry Potter, Fred Houston, Joe Kerley, Victor Torasso, Bob Ross, Nick Hedgecoth, Bryan Srock Sr., Bryan Srock Jr., Tim Begley, Ethan Hadley, Chris South, Jessie Brooks, John Conrad, and Sophie Helton.

Public Comment

Victor Torasso addressed the City Council on behalf of the Crossville Cruisers to explain their request on the agenda and to state he wishes to be cooperative with the City and that the route last year worked well.

Bryan Srock, owner of Crossville Hydraulics and The Toy Box Storage, addressed the City Council to present his offer to purchase 4.94 acres on Wyatt Court for \$10,500/acre. He doesn't have an specific plan nailed down, but has many ideas and understands that something would need to be built within two years. He has considered additional storage units and/or RV spots with a dump station.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison suggested that an appraisal be completed. The City Attorney advised that the previous offer with Forbus Investments (Butch Smith) would need to be rescinded and a plan of action to move forward established.

1. Approval of temporary street closings for Crossville Cruisers

The Crossville Cruisers have submitted applications for cruise-ins April through July 2024. They request the closures on the 4th Saturday from April to July from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. They request the same approved route for 2023.

All application fees have been paid.

This Permit was recommended for approval.

2. Discussion and action on sale of Wyatt Court Property

The City Council approved an offer from Forbus Investments (Mr. Butch Smith) in 2020 in the amount of \$210,000 for ±21.8 usable acres for a total acreage of ±25.0 acres on Wyatt Court. The transaction never took place.

During the public comment period, Bryan Srock, owner of Crossville Hydraulics and The Toy Box Storage, addressed the City Council to present his offer to purchase 4.94 acres of the property on Wyatt Court for \$10,500/acre. He doesn't have an specific plan nailed down, but has many ideas and understands that something would need to be built within two years. He has considered additional storage units and/or RV spots with a dump station.

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This Contract was recommended for approval.

3. Discussion and action regarding Ordinance amending Title 14, Chapter 5 of the Crossville Municipal Code-Business Signs and Outdoor Advertising

City Attorney Randy York recommended the item be reviewed further by the Sign Committee.

This Ordinance was withdrawn from agenda.

4. Approval of Waterline Extension on Highway 127 North

The City of Crossville is proposing a two-inch water main extension along the Right-of-Way of US Highway 127 North and the North Main Street Access Road for approximately 405 feet.

Several years ago, a two-inch water line serviced the properties along Highway 127 North from Old Jamestown Highway. The line was abandoned by the City and was replaced as a private service line for Tax Map 87 parcel 050.03. In lieu of replacing the private cross-country line with a public line, the best option would be to extend a two-inch line down the Right-of-Way of North Main Access Road and Highway 127 North to service both properties from the front.

This Resolution was recommended for approval.

5. Approval to repair Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for Holiday Hills Water Treatment Plant

Staff requests retroactive approval to repair VFD unit at Holiday Hills Water Treatment Plant. Repairs were estimated lower than the invoice and total project exceeded the \$25,000 threshold.

This Bids/Purchases was recommended for approval.

6. Approval of grant application for Urban Forester

The City Manager requests permission to apply for the Urban and Forestry Assistance Grant. The City falls within the eligible area. Funds would be used for potentially hiring an urban forester (either on contract or temporary employee) to train Recreation and Maintenance staff in proper care and pruning of trees, establish tree plan for Garrison Park, and work on an elimination and replacement plan for Bradford Pears throughout the City.

This Resolution was recommended for approval.

7. Lake Commission

The term of Lake Commissioner George Marlow expires January 31, 2024. The Lake Commission requests the re-appointment of George Marlow and he has agreed to serve.

This Appointment was recommended for approval.

8. United Fund of Cumberland County 2024

An application for a Solicitation Permit has been filed by the United Fund of Cumberland County. They are beginning their fundraising campaign to assist 30+ different 501(c)3 organizations in the community. Copies of all attachments are available in the City Clerk's office.

This Permit was recommended for approval.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Crawford adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.