

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 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 Valerie Hale
City Clerk Baylee Rhea

Call to Order

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly work session at Crossville City Hall on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent 1 - Council Member Mike Turner

Others present were City Manager Valerie Hale, City Clerk Baylee Rhea, City Attorney Randy York, Lee Lawson, Nathan Clouse, Larry Kidwell, Kevin Music, Jessie Brooks, Chris Kendrick, Jason Taylor, Shea James, Keith Johannes, Bill Bires, Cheryl Duncan, Cheryl Estey, Joshua Gray, Steve Powell, Ethan Hadley, Roy Berard, David Brockway, and Tim Begley.

Public Comment

Keith Johannes and his neighbors on Deerfield Road petitioned for the speed limit to be lowered. he lives on Deerfield Road and speeders are a problem. He stated problems need solutions and suggested three options. For option one, he is proposing a 20-25 mph speed limit with 3 way stop sign at Capital and Deerfield and another 3 way stop sign at Deerfield and Whitetail. He also stated more speed limit signs down the road would be helpful. For option 2, he suggested a sidewalk be put in so it is not as dangerous when his neighbors are out walking. For option 3, he suggested portable speed bumps. He stated he doesn't want anyone to get hurt and that this is a serious issue needing to be addressed.

Roy Berard lives on Deerfield Road and has hard time getting out of driveway. He has almost rear ended several times. He stated he will look before backing out and no one is there but within seconds someone is coming down the road going 70 mph. He has requested stop signs. He went on to inform Council that many mail boxes have been knocked down. He stated this is a bad situation.

Joshua Gray is a Park Ranger at Obed Wild & Scenic River in Morgan County. He has been attending different areas to inform the public of a regional collaboration he is spearheading. His goal is to promote and take care of the dark skies program. Park Rangers host multiple events at the park and everyone is invited to attend and there is no age limit. He discussed multiple events specifically the shielded light program, which he stated can be eye opening.

David Brockway spoke regarding the recreation center. He stated government has no business in recreation or in private business. His next talking point was the "meth lab house" near his house. He stated the house has no legal owner and the foreclosure process was started by Regions Mortgage, but they ceased legal proceedings once they discovered it was a "meth house." He wants the City to do something about this house because it devalues his home by \$50,000. Mr. Brockway informed Council it had been raided and condemned since 2012. He stated previous Commissioners told

him to set it on fire, but he did not want to be charged with arson. He acknowledged that his property taxes are lower here than in Ohio, but he wants residents to be taken care of. He went on to say that Codes enforcement needs to take care of this before his neighborhood turns in to an inner city.

1. Discussion regarding traffic on Deerfield Rd

Council member Scot Shanks discussed the issue of speeding on Deerfield Road. He stated that Nashville has been implementing speed cushions in residential areas that are seeing problems with "cut through" traffic. One of the Deerfield Road residents spoke up and stated they do not want speed cushions/bumps installed for fear of slowing down emergency responders. They would prefer to see stop signs installed.

Kevin Music stated Council recently denied installing a stop sign on Holiday Drive to enforce traffic control and instead decided to install a curb. He does not think a curb will help in this situation though.

City Manager Valerie Hale stated she and Kevin Music were working on a sidewalk list, much like the paving list, for areas like this one. Sidewalks would take a lot of time to install because easement would need to be acquired and the construction can be lengthy.

Mayor Crawford suggested rumble strips like the ones at Myrtle Avenue and Spruce Loop be installed as well.

This item was discussed.

2. Discussion regarding the fee proposal for the spec building

Attachments: [2024-03-26 PER Report \(SDG - Crossville Spec Building\)Optimized.pdf](#)
[2024-09-06 Professional Services Agreement \(Interchange Business Park - Crossville TN\).pdf](#)

CT Consultants has submitted a proposal to assist in the professional civil engineering and architectural services for the proposed construction of a spec building on Interchange Drive. Staff recommends approval of the proposal.

This item was recommended for approval.

3. Discussion and action regarding the recreation center

Larry Kidwell updated Council on a timeline for closing on the bonds for the recreation center. He explained the Sports Authority of the City of Crossville will need to hold a special called meeting in the near future to approve all documents. After the special call, he will be able to move forward with submitting for a credit rating. He estimates that the bonds can be closed by mid-October.

This item was discussed.

4. Approval of Joint Funding Agreement with USGS for a stream gage located on Basses Creek below Lake Tansi

Attachments: [USGS agreement.pdf](#)

The City has had a joint funding agreement with USGS for a number of years for a

stream gage on Basses Creek that fulfills one of the requirements for the water harvesting line permits. Extension of the attached agreement is requested, which is for a three-year term, ending December 31, 2026. USGS will provide \$18,900 and the City will provide \$32,409 over the term of the agreement.

This item was recommended for approval.

5. Approval of Granicus Services Agreement

Attachments: [Granicus 3rd amendment.pdf](#)
 [Second Amendment - Granicus](#)
 [Granicus 1st Amendment](#)
 [Granicus Service Agreement](#)
 [Granicus 2024 renewal.pdf](#)

Approval is requested for renewal of the Granicus Services Agreement, which is the software used for Council meetings. This renewal is for one year and the cost is \$1,693.95 per month, which is an increase of \$110.82.

This item was recommended for approval.

6. Approval of a contract for delinquent water accounts

Attachments: [City of Crossville Contract 7-10-24.pdf](#)

Approval of a contract with CBC, LLC is requested by staff. CBC, LLC is a collections agency for utility departments. There is no cost to the City of Crossville to enter in to this agreement. Delinquent water account customers will pay any fees incurred. The fees outlined by CBC, LLC are minimal and less than the agency the City of Crossville has previously used.

This item was recommended for approval.

7. Approval of bid for sewer system improvements

Attachments: [ROA Package.pdf](#)

Three separate sealed Bids for the construction of the Sewer System Improvements for Item 1 - Little Obed Pump Station Mechanical Screen addition, Item 2 - Justice Center Mechanical Screen addition and Item 3 - Lake Tansi Emergency Station District 5 duplex sewer grinder pump station addition. These three (3) projects cover all materials, equipment, labor, connections, power and appurtenances necessary to furnish, completely install and operate these items together with all related work as specified, were received by the City of Crossville.

Staff recommends awarding the bid for the sewer system improvements to W & O Construction in the amount of \$1,242,000.00.

This item was recommended for approval.

8. Approval of a bid for the removal of the Colinx water tank

Request for proposals were received for the removal of the City's water tank located at Colinx off of Cox Avenue. Based upon the RFP's criteria for evaluation that was

included in the RFP, the Engineering Department staff recommends E. Luke Greene, Co. Inc. be awarded the RFP at the lump sum base price of \$10,700.00.

This item was recommended for approval.

9. Approval to amend the contract for Asbestos Abatement - 153 Livingston Rd

Attachments: [Structural Demolition with ACM Revised Proposal 08-12-24.pdf](#)

The City requested proposals for the asbestos abatement of the Transite roof panels in the old McGinniss Tile building. The plan was to have an asbestos abatement contractor to demo and haul off the asbestos associated debris from the roof to an approved landfill. We also planned on separating the concrete block materials from the walls, and using City employees to load and haul off this material for fill at the airport. The City Council awarded the only RFP received to Team Environmental Group LLC at the July Council meeting for \$37,000.00.

The contractor notified the state inspector with their Asbestos NESHAP program regarding project. At that time, the state inspector informed us that we could not separate the materials since they would be demoed at the same time. All materials would have to be loaded and hauled off by an asbestos abatement contractor to an approved landfill.

The following is a statement from the state inspector concerning separating the materials:

"There are no provisions in the Asbestos NESHAP Rule (40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M - National Emission Standard for Asbestos) that permits the segregation of the demolition debris or 'cleaning' of the debris."

After we received this information, we requested an updated proposal from the contractor for demoing the roof and wall materials, loading the materials into dumpsters, and hauling off to an approved landfill. Team Environmental Group LLC submitted an updated proposal in the amount of \$105,300.00. The increase is due to the additional debris from the walls, additional time in loading this debris, the availability of dumpsters, the turnaround time in hauling and returning the dumpsters to the site, additional equipment, etc.

The Engineering Department recommends to accept the revised proposal from Team Environmental Group LLC since they were the only contractor to submit a proposal for this project.

This item was recommended for approval.

10. Approval of temporary street closing for CCHS Homecoming Parade

Attachments: [Road Closure Map](#)

CCHS staff requests approval of a temporary street closure for its Homecoming Parade. Their request is for Thursday, September 12, 2024. They request the closure begin just before 1:30 p.m. and end as soon as the parade concludes.

CCHS's Homecoming Committee originally requested to have the parade at 6:30 p.m. The Police Department recommended moving it to the regular time of 1:30 p.m. due to the amount of overtime that would be used. Chief Brooks explained office staff can

work the street closure if it is held during the day rather than at night.

This item was recommended for approval.

11.

Approval to purchase the New Holland R.O.W. Mower

Attachments: [Maintenance Department R.O.W. Mower](#)

The Maintenance Department Manager obtained a price quote from Mountain Farm International for a New Holland R.O.W. mower for a purchase price of \$114,070.80. Mountain Farm International has a contract with Sourcewell for R.O.W. mowers. The Maintenance Department Manager has reviewed the quote and recommends purchasing the R.O.W. mower for \$114,070.80. This item was budgeted for and approved in the 2024-25 budget.

This item was recommended for approval.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.