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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2012

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 24th day of January, 2012, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Terrence Haugen, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Phyllis Clark, Council Member Dave Kennedy and Council Member Karla Adams. Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing in The Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice of the Mayor and City Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Haugen called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 6:30 p.m. and announced to the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2012 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Adams, Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel reported that the Golf Board is working on financial statements and they should be available by next council meeting. Council Member Clark reported 25 residents at Ponderosa Villa and 9 in the assisted living. Insurance has been purchased from a different provider. Council Member Adams reported that the Hospital Board is still working with the situation concerning problems with some of the equipment, they are continuing health services to their employees, and they are analyzing the impact of the probable closing of the VA Hospital in Hot Springs. No bills went out this month due to computer program problems but hope to have the problems corrected this coming month. Chadron Public Schools requested a donation to help with the advertising to pass the school bond. The Hospital Board has given donations in the past but since the money was not going directly to the school but for advertising, the request was denied at this time. Council Member Kennedy reported for SWANN on an abundance of tires picked up at Crawford's collection site and the corresponding \$494 fee was waived due to the mutual working agreement. They are applying for a grant for tire disposal. Park Board, Fire Department, Rodeo Board: no report.

Deputy Swickard reported the serving of a nation-wide felony arrest warrant, reports of sexting on cell phones in the schools, dog complaints and traffic incidents. Deputy Swickard presented photos of the graffiti under the railroad bridge. Attorney Edmund will contact the railroad for assistance with removing the graffiti. Deputy Swickard has been approached by youth with inquiries about any area that could be utilized for Airsoft activities. Airsoft is a sport using replica firearms that fire plastic pellets by way of compressed gas or electric and/or spring-driven pistons and shoots round, non-metallic projectiles. Attorney Edmund will research state statutes concerning the definition of firearms, the discharge thereof and any applicable statutes and ordinances. Intransient people passing through town, speeding on 2nd street, clearing streets for snow removal and the growing pile of wood at the dump were other topics of discussion.

The appointment to the Ponderosa Villa Board has been tabled for further consideration. The appointment should be made in two weeks.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the lease with Moody Ranches, Inc. for the 2011-2012 year. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel, Clark and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haugen reported that the plans for the sewer plant are moving forward. Plans in progress include negotiations for property and financing options.

A letter is being drafted to address the curb and gutter repair project planned for sections of Main and Elm Streets.

City Clerk Jane Dailey reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield offered the best value for Health Insurance for city employees. Upon research it was discovered that there is another local agent. The decision of which agent to engage was tabled until next council meeting.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to continue with Source Gas as our natural gas supplier for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams, Kennedy and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Jane Dailey informed the City Council that some of the NPPD meters will be shut off until needed in the spring, resulting in a savings for the city as there is only a one-time fee of \$20 to turn them back on. The following meters will be turned off: cemetery, fountain, and possibly Memorial Park. The previous city hall location of 209 Elm has also been reduced to only one meter.

City Clerk Jane Dailey informed the City Council that the CD 45292 is reported as being \$1453 over the actual amount due to an entry error from the auditor's adjustment of 2011. This will be corrected upon instruction from the auditor next month in February. Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Kennedy, Clark and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Haugen reminded the City Council that the Sheriff's Office will deliver any council packets that aren't picked up by council members by Friday 5:00 p.m.

Bills and claims received approval of three Council Members as indicated by their signatures.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel, Clark and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The January 24, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes by:

Approved by:

Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Terrence Haugen
Mayor