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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2012

Members of the City Council of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, met in special session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 135 Elm Street, Crawford, Nebraska on the 7th day of March, 2012, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Terrence Haugen, Attorney Adam Edmund, Council Member Phyllis Clark, Council Member Dave Kennedy and Council Member Karla Adams. Absent: Council Member Ed Kuhnel.

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. Notice of the meeting was also given in advance thereof by posting at three locations, City Hall, Absalon's Food Center and the US Post Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notices 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 February 14th, 2012 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The public hearing for the 1 and 6 year street plan as presented by M.C. Schaff was opened at 6:35 p.m. There are no major improvement projects proposed in the 1 year plan. All money will be used for maintenance.

A financial report for Crawford Golf Club Inc was available. Council Member Clark reported for the Ponderosa Villa. The census consists of 27 residents in the Villa, 9 in assisted living and 2 more moving into assisted living in March. There are 43 employees. The annual audit reflects a decrease of \$100,000 from last year due to a decrease in cash flow and residency, but there has been a positive turn-around since September 2011. They are addressing some concerns relating to supplies, documentation and reporting. Council Member Adams reported for the Hospital Board. They are still addressing computer problems, the heating system lawsuit, Medicare payments and accounts receivable issues. The outpatient census is high. In Chadron, the hospital owns one piece of property they plan to improve and sell. They also need to renew the MOU. The MOU will be placed on the agenda for Tuesday March 13, 2012. City Clerk Jane Dailey read the Library Report.

Park, SWANN, Fire, Rodeo: no report.

The hearing for the 1 and 6 year street plan was closed at 6:50.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to adopt the 1 and 6 year street plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion that for the fiscal year of October 2010 – September 2011, the annual audit for the City of Crawford pertain to the primary government only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Adams made a motion that the City of Crawford give Golf Club Inc. a 30-day notice of the cancelation of the current MOU. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. Council Members voting AYE: Adams, Kennedy and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Deputy Skeens reported additional graffiti on the walls under the railroad tracks. Deputy Swickard has investigated fishing regulations concerning the river and the pond at the old hatchery. The pond, being on city property without flow in or out of the river, can be regulated by the city. The sign at the entrance of the park needs to be replaced. Loud explosions from the gun range and large cat tracks were also reported.

The treasurer's report was presented by City Clerk Jane Dailey, along with a supplementary version of the state of the current funds in each department as of the current date. A few ideas were explored that could lower expenses or increase revenue. A citizen opened discussion on the plan for repayment of the interim loan. Another citizen opened discussion on how easily Keno funds are granted and cautioned the council for the need to better manage the Keno funds. The importance of returning the income survey was also stressed.

Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. Council Members voting AYE: Adams, Kennedy and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Chris Swickard presented a copy of the rules and regulations proposed by some friends and him concerning the sport of AirSoft. He will provide Attorney Edmund with a copy for further development.

More discussion was held on city utility deposits and penalty rates. City Clerk Jane Dailey will poll other towns as to their rates and policies.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to use Keno funds to pay Baker & Associates the first payment of \$20700.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Clark and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Keno request by the Chamber for 4th of July activities. The Chamber was asked to provide a letter to explain how the Chamber helps the City of Crawford and the businesses located within the city of Crawford.

Approval of the contract with Viaero was tabled for further investigation into the number of cell phones needed and the option of any pre-paid SIM cards.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to increase the capital outlay threshold from the current \$500 to \$1500. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the applications of Sam Holmgren and Luke Norman for the volunteer fire department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the cemetery deed to Larry Rittenhouse. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A citizen questioned the process of board appointments, particularly the recent appointment to the Ponderosa Villa Board.

Virginia Fleming relayed a request from a citizen that the Library open at 2:00, instead of 2:30. Mayor Haugen will talk to the Library.

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

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voting AYE: Kennedy, Adams and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The March 7, 2012 special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes by:

Approved by:

Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Terrence Haugen
Mayor