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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24TH, 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 April, 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 posting at City Hall, Absalon's Food Center and the Post Office as shown by the affidavit 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 April 10th, 2012 regular council 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.

The Golf Board will be meeting on 05-07-12. Ponderosa Villa reports 25 residents in the Villa and 11 in Assisted Living. They have received a worker's comp refund check of \$11,543.00. SWANN reports that their rates will remain the same for the coming year. Brian Prosser thanked those that attended the Administration and Elected Officials classes at Fort Robinson.

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

Public Works Commissioner Bob Absalon reported that the city received a violation letter resulting from inadequate contact time with the chlorine, due to the high volume of water lost when repairing a leak. 100% response is required from the backflow surveys which are in the process of being sent to the residents of Crawford. Attorney Edmund will investigate the legal possibility of a \$5.00 charge to those that do not return the survey, to be refunded when the survey is returned. The back-up sewer pump has been installed. Source Gas will be replacing pipes in the area of 1st Street by BNSF to Harris Ave.

There was no update on the nuisance property issues.

Deputy Swickard reported the hiring of Deputy Austin Smith, an unofficial sighting of a mountain lion, and the Enduro that will be held the following weekend. Council Member Kennedy and Street Supervisor George Serres will develop a proposal and plan for establishing a school zone and speed limits. Ordinances may need to be created or modified to allow for any changes in the speed zones.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to introduce Ordinance 624 and suspend the rule of three readings. The 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.

Ordinance No. 624 was introduced as follows: an Ordinance of the City of Crawford, Nebraska, amending Section 2-108, of Ordinance No.552, the City of Crawford; repealing the ordinance in conflict and providing for an effective date.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to pass and publish Ordinance 624. 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.

Brooke Bass from the Rodeo Board and Bruce Lemmon from Motocross were available to discuss park, rodeo and motocross areas allowed for overnight camping. If the area is not cabled or fenced off, it is available for camping. However, people are not allowed to drive on the large dirt pile southwest of the arena.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the City of Crawford's application for two Special Designated Licenses for open container for June 30, 2012 and July 2-4, 2012. The 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. The SDL for the Alumni gathering on June 30, 2012 will be from 7 pm until midnight in the area behind the fish hatchery building. The SDL for July 2-4, 2012 will be from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. Both will request exemption from fencing.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the city's lease with Helen Cozzini and Larry Norton. The 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.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Keno funds of \$100 for Crawford High School MORP. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adams. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Adams, Clark and Kennedy. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Clark and City Clerk Jane Dailey will research the issue of the rise in costs for electricity at the Medical Clinic that may be partly due to the Food Pantry that is located there.

Discussion was held concerning the old City Hall Building located at 209 Elm Street. The deteriorating conditions and pigeon population are becoming an increasingly serious problem. Comments and suggestions from the public are requested.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the curb-cut permit for First Congregational Church. The 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.

Approval for repairs to the Library was tabled until next meeting. An engineer will be contacted to investigate the Library for any needed repairs and maintenance.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to increase the lead Public Transportation driver's wage to \$10.00/hr. 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.

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

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. 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.

The April 24th, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes by: _____

Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____

Terrence Haugen
Mayor