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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8TH, 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 8th day of May, 2012, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. The following individuals were present: Mayor Terrence Haugen, Council Member Ed Kuhnel, Council Member Phyllis Clark, and Council Member Dave Kennedy. Absent: Attorney Adam Edmund and Council Member Karla Adams.

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. It is also available in pamphlet form.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24th, 2012 regular council meeting and the minutes of the April 25th public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board reports: Brian Grove reports that the pool will be opening Saturday May 26th for opening day with free swimming. Panhandle Public Health will award up to \$500 to be applied toward a shade structure. The Board is considering a structure for the baby pool. Fire: three fire personnel are requesting matching funds to attend training in Grand Island. Golf, Ponderosa Villa, Hospital, SWANN: no report.

Sheriff's Office reported incidents of gas siphoning, traffic violations, dogs at large, possession of drug paraphernalia and medical calls. The drug-take-back effort produced no results. There was also a drug collection at the senior center on the same day. The Council clarified that the ball fields and park area around the pool are subject to regular park hours (close at 10 pm) with the exception of ball games.

George Serres requested to post twelve "15 mph" signs in the school area and six "no hunting / no vehicles beyond this point" signs to be placed in the rodeo grounds and old golf course area. The signs will be placed in existing zones and should not require modifications to the ordinances. Two fishing signs have been placed at the pond at the park. The sign at the entrance to the park still needs replaced or refurbished.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the posting of twelve "15 mph" signs and 6 "no hunting"/"no vehicles beyond this point" signs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The decision to assist the Medical Clinic with electricity expenses related to the Food Pantry was tabled, pending more information.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve Workforce Inc. to perform sewer-cleaning services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Kennedy and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The decision was tabled on library repairs, pending more information from the engineer. Council Member Kennedy will contact the engineer for further development.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the addition of up to \$150,000 to the existing interim loan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Clark and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to accept the proposal by Brad Goff for repairs to the concrete at the curb and sidewalk area in front of the Medical Clinic and 2nd & Annin Streets. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Clark and Kuhnel. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried. George Serres will contact Brad Goff. The city of Crawford will supply a jack hammer and a truck so the concrete can be recycled.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to approve the building permits as submitted by the Planning Commission for Forbes, Finley and Wendland. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel, Clark and Kennedy. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve \$500 for fire school training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The decision on the Keno request for students to attend national History Day was tabled. The applicant will be invited to the next council meeting to provide more information. Criteria for Keno requests may be updated and/or revised. Service acts in return for Keno funds may be considered.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere front-end loader with the 7-year plan and extended warranty. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the additional ½ percent sales tax allowed to cities. Currently, the state sales tax is 5.5 percent and the city sales tax is 1.5 percent. If passed, this would raise the city sales tax to 2%.

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

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kennedy, Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The May 8th, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes by: _____
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____
Terrence Haugen
Mayor