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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 30TH, 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 30th day of October, 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 Terrence 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 Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9th, 2012 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Clark, Kennedy, Kuhnel and Adams. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports: Golf: The Clubhouse will be closing for the season on November 1, 2012. The City has requested the completed audit of the Golf Course by the end of November. Park: no report. The Ponderosa Villa has 23 in the Villa and 9 in Assisted Living, with a new couple moving into assisted living. Improvements include new flooring in the dining room for \$14,000 and a new computer system for \$32,000. There is discussion on converting some of the assisted-living rooms into skilled, which would offer more assistance. Hospital Board: reports excess of \$2,000,000 in the bank, accounts receivable as \$1,000,000 and bad debts at almost \$2,000,000. Fuller Construction will be putting in a new parking lot for the employees. The Chadron Medical Building will be asking for bids for a new roof. There is a 5% patient increase, 1.87% Medicare increase and 8% Medicaid decrease. In January, when the Obama Medicaid care goes into effect, it will cost the Hospital almost \$1,000,000/yr. They are also working on contracts with the doctors. SWANN, Fire, Rodeo: no report.

The Sheriff's Office reported some street lights out; skunks, raccoon, and porcupines have been trapped; they have informed the Park department of some tree limbs in the park that are about to fall; a pursuit; tire slashing; the RAM award will be presented to Security First Bank; the school, under John Jones, will be making the Airsoft signage.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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.

Jack Nemeth and Duane Rhembrandt were present to discuss SWANN issues and presented a 2012 fact sheet and current documents. The brush burn pile was discussed and it was determined that no additional accommodations would be needed at this time. When SWANN has investigated use of a wood chipper in the past, it was not feasible due to high maintenance costs.

The location of some of the trees, overgrowth and obstructions in the alleys will be listed by George Serres. Council Member Dave Kennedy will assist with the project by contacting the property owners involved. In cases of no response, City Hall may issue a 5-day notice to the property owners. NPPD could be contacted and coordination with Tree Doc during an alley clean-up was also discussed.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to disapprove the Keno request from Ponderosa Villa for carpet. 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.

Council Member Clark made a motion for the City to pay \$285 to Chris Turnbull to replace the sidewalk damaged when replacing a water meter in front of the Old Telephone Building. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kennedy. The following Council Members voted AYE: Clark, Kennedy and Adams. Kuhnel: abstained. Council Members voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Kuhnel made a motion to pay \$493 for the replacement of 29 linear feet of curb at 209 Elm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Clark. The following Council Members voted AYE: Kuhnel and Clark. Council Members voting NAY: Kennedy and Adams. Mayor Haugen, tie-breaking vote: NAY. Motion defeated.

Council Member Adams made a motion to accept the proposal from Stollendorf Electric Inc. for \$6,408.90 for wiring at the fire hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhnel. The following Council Members voted AYE: Adams, Kuhnel and Kennedy. Council Members voting NAY: Clark. Motion carried.

Since it could serve as a tornado shelter, Mayor Haugen will attempt repairs on the generator at Legend Buttes Health Services.

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to approve Brian Grove's attendance at the NeRWA Wastewater Certification Training Course in Wahoo, October 30- November 2, 2012. 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.

Public comment addressed the need to check into a couple of dangerous buildings within the city.

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

Council Member Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. 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 October 30, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes by: _____
Jane Dailey
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by: _____
Terrence Haugen
Mayor